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Artist and philanthropist Natasha Field is redefining successful aging and helping Judson Park curate a vibrant community with her generous gifts of art and unrestricted operating support.



**Dear Friends,**

When the women of Euclid Avenue Baptist Church purchased a home in 1906, they could have never imagined the history they were making. That home where older adults could live assured their needs would be met has evolved into Judson Senior Living. Today, three dynamic lifestyle communities and a continuum of services enable seniors to live where and how they wish confidently.

Judson's progress is a true testament to the power of philanthropy. Our success rests on a foundation of generous donors committed to helping older adults live their best lives with purpose, possibility, joy, and connection. Your steadfast support enhances our efforts to re-envision what senior living can be.

In these pages, we highlight some of the remarkable gifts leaving an imprint on the present and future of Judson. We are excited to share how an anonymous donor is helping shape a diverse and inclusive workforce, board members are fostering innovation, and grateful residents and families are transforming an underutilized greenspace into a vibrant garden. Having such ambitious champions and volunteer leaders committed to helping us reimagine our future is heartening.

Art and music have always held an important place in society, and research suggests that they may positively impact our health and well-being as we age. We are privileged to spotlight the role Creative Arts played in nurturing the minds and spirits of Judson Park residents Ted Shelton and Ken Nevadomi. Recognizing the power of art to enrich the senior living experience, the Shelton family and Ken's good friend George Mauersberger endowed funds to provide additional opportunities

for artistic expression. These impactful gifts and two wonderful bequests realized from the estates of Elle Frey and Roy Williams will allow generations of residents to experience life's fullness through art and music.

We are proud to recognize the visionary donors planting seeds for Judson's future with planned gifts. At the 8th Annual Celebration of Generosity, Judson Foundation announced the creation of the 1906 Legacy Society and welcomed its first members. In the following pages, you will meet this group of forward-thinkers and learn why Bob Brucken is following his own advice by earmarking an unrestricted gift to Judson in his estate plans.

Judson residents continually inspire and motivate us with their resolve to redefine what is possible as we age. We are honored to introduce you to Natasha Field, the talented artist and philanthropist featured on our cover, and Pauline Ramig, a 2023 Crain's Cleveland Business Eight Over 80 honoree. These extraordinary women are living life to its fullest and proving that age is really just a number.

Philanthropy truly offers boundless opportunities for shaping the Judson of tomorrow. There are no words to express fully our sincere gratitude for your generosity. Thank you for believing in us and our mission of *Bringing Community to Life*.

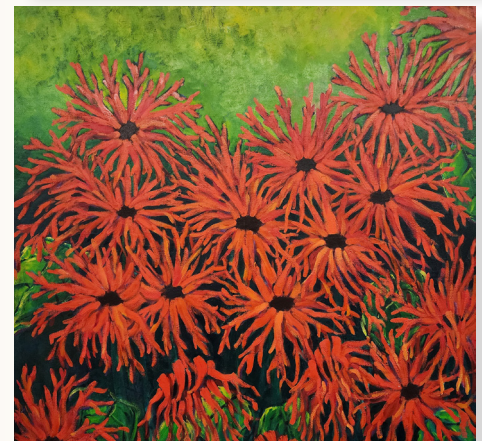
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# Philanthropy in Action



## The Art of Giving

Art is widely recognized as the universal language people of all cultures can appreciate. Art also impacts our well-being and has practical importance in creating an uplifting environment where people thrive. When Judson Park decided to refresh its Ambleside Lobby, it didn't have to look any farther than its second floor to find one-of-a-kind artwork that would elevate the space and help define the community's personality. Now, three vibrant, large-scale paintings by resident and professional artist Natasha Field greet guests and visitors in the lobby, and more of her paintings can be found throughout the buildings.

"Just as our residents set our community apart from other senior living organizations, Natasha's inspiring artwork contributes to our identity," said Kendra Urdzik, Judson President and CEO. "Artwork plays a central role in creating a place that brings joy and feels like home. Natasha's colorful paintings add to our story and are a source of pride. We are grateful to her and her daughter, Nelli, for donating these cherished paintings to be enjoyed by Judson Park residents and associates."



## Embracing Opportunity

An active lifestyle and an adventurous spirit define Natasha's personality. Born in Poland, Natasha was placed in the care of an orphanage. After the death of her adoptive parents, she returned to the nurturing environment of the orphanage, where she enjoyed learning and playing with her many friends. Despite having a gift for drawing at an early age, Natasha found playing sports more fulfilling. After earning a degree in physical education from a university in Poland, she married and moved to Sweden, then to New York City, before finally settling in Cleveland.

It was later in life that Natasha learned to paint. Her husband and tennis partner, Harold Weinstein, whom she met while ice skating, surreptitiously enrolled her at the Cleveland Institute of Art. Harold, a Cleveland attorney, had a deep appreciation and knowledge of art. After raising her two daughters, Natasha embraced the opportunity to take classes in art and design. She even studied for two semesters at Lacoste School of the Arts in southeastern France. The talented artist's resume lists annual shows and juried exhibitions at numerous galleries and museums, including the prestigious Butler Institute of Art.

Natasha's extensive art portfolio features a variety of subjects, from traditional and semi-abstract landscapes of mountains, rolling hills, and trees to still-life portraits in acrylic and watercolor. However, painting flowers was her passion. Her works of art are characterized by her expressive use of bold, intense colors and large canvases. Natasha's prolific and productive career as an artist came to an end when Harold experienced a paralyzing stroke at the age of 62. Her attention turned to providing full-time care to the love of her life. The couple had been married for thirty years when he passed away in 1996.

Amid her sorrow and the profound emotional loss of her husband, Natasha found joy by embracing new opportunities and experiences. With more time, she took the opportunity to explore the world and has visited 33 countries. At age 65, the adventurous traveler demonstrated her fearlessness by bungee jumping from a bridge in New Zealand. An avid table tennis player, Natasha competed in the 2008 and 2010 Northcoast Senior Games, bringing home a gold medal both years. She still enjoys a fierce game of ping pong with anyone up for the challenge.



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## Inspiration in the Next Chapter

Natasha made Judson Park her home in October 2018. She had learned of Judson years before from Harold, whose client list included several residents. With a passion for rescue dogs, she chose a hillside apartment with a patio that would give her beloved Chihuahuas, Toto and Macho, access to the outdoors.

"I appreciate that Judson Park supports my active lifestyle and provides peace of mind to my family," Natasha said. "What I like the most is that I don't have to worry about anything, and there are endless choices. I can do many activities or choose to relax and do nothing."

When Natasha's enthusiasm for painting faded with the passing of Harold, a new vocation took its place. At seventy, Natasha learned the never-too-late art of investing. Perfecting her skills and strategies, she found her niche as a stock trader. With a watchful eye for daily business news and fluctuating financial market conditions, Natasha has become consistently profitable.

Natasha's success as a savvy investor has allowed her to make philanthropic investments in the organizations she cares about, including dog rescue groups and Judson. In 2022, Natasha gave a \$35,000 gift to Judson Park, in addition to generously supporting the Associate Holiday Fund and providing funds to purchase birdseed. In 2023, Judson Foundation was honored to receive a remarkable \$100,000 unrestricted gift to enhance the quality of life at Judson Park.

Kendra described receiving the recent year-end gift as a humbling experience, explaining that it is rare for Judson to receive a completely unrestricted gift of this magnitude. "This gift reflects Natasha's compassion and character," said Kendra. "We value her flexibility and unwavering trust in our leadership team to decide how best to use the funds. This gift will tremendously impact our efforts to enhance the quality of life for residents at Judson Park."



# Philanthropy in Action

## Gifts Cultivate a New Chapter at Judson Park

In 2018, the Gardenview and Reinberger wings connected to the historic Bicknell Mansion were demolished, signaling the end of an era at Judson Park. Construction of a nearly 1-acre garden where the outdated buildings once stood is underway. A reimagined outdoor retreat featuring a curving walkway, beautiful flower beds, and a calming water fountain marks the start of a new chapter. Designed with accessibility in mind, the Mansion Garden takes an ordinary greenspace to a new level. Once finished, it will be an outdoor destination for education, recreation, relaxation, gardening, and wellness.

A significant enhancement to the outdoor environment is a new community garden area, optimized with raised beds, easy access to water, and other tools to make it easier, safer, and accessible for more residents to enjoy the rewarding benefits of growing flowers,

herbs, and vegetables. Adding a working fountain to the century-old basin now gracing the entrance to the stately mansion is a nod to the original owners and the prominent role the Bicknell family played in Cleveland's history. Beds planted with native flowers and foliage will enhance the efforts of Judson Park residents to increase the butterfly population.

"Bringing the Mansion Garden to life advances our mission and helps shape the Judson experience by providing a community-focused space where residents, their families, and associates can interact and enjoy the benefits of spending time in nature," said Kendra Urdzik, Judson President and CEO. "This exciting transformation is made possible entirely through private donations. We are extremely grateful for the many donors who have given generously to make this garden flourish. All of Judson Park will enjoy it for years to come."

## Patience and Lansing Hoskins Great Lawn



Judson Park residents Patience and Lansing Hoskins have provided a lead gift to support the garden's creation. In recognition of their generosity, the Patience and Lansing Hoskins Great Lawn will be named in their honor. A hiking enthusiast, Patience is the author of two widely popular local guidebooks, *Cleveland on Foot* (now in its fourth edition) and *Beyond Cleveland on Foot* (currently in its second edition).

Originally from Connecticut, Patience moved to Cleveland in 1977 after marrying Harry Cameron, a NASA engineer. They both shared a love for the outdoors and joined the Cleveland Hiking Club, where they documented their hikes for the publications. Patience worked as a public health nurse and nursing instructor at Yale University in Connecticut before finishing her career at the Frances Payne Bolton School of Nursing at Case Western Reserve University (CWRU).

Patience was among the first residents to move into the Mansion Courts when the Bicknell Mansion was converted into seven spacious suites in 1998. The following year, Patience was joined by Lansing, whom she had met at a St. Paul's Episcopal Church retreat following Harry's death. They enjoyed many common interests, including nature and bird watching. The couple wed at St Paul's Episcopal Church on May 1, 1999.

Lansing was born and raised in the picturesque town of Geneva in the heart of New York's scenic Finger Lakes region. He graduated from Princeton University with honors in Chemistry and the University of Rochester School of Medicine. After completing a research fellowship and serving as a medical officer in the U.S. Navy, Dr. Hoskins moved to Cleveland in 1964, taking positions as Assistant Chief of Gastroenterology at the Louis Stokes Cleveland Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center (VAMC) and Senior Instructor at CWRU School of Medicine. He became Chief of Gastroenterology at VAMC before retiring from full-time staff in 1998. Until recently, he continued to practice part-time and conduct research as Professor Emeritus at CWRU School of Medicine.

The Patience and Lansing Hoskins Great Lawn is the centerpiece of the Mansion Garden. All garden features are positioned around the lawn. This versatile space can be used for exercise classes, picnics, concerts, and games. Walkways encircling the Hoskins Great Lawn offer easy access to the grass and unobstructed views.



## Lou Anne Rayburn Pathway



Lou Anne Rayburn was a strong, independent, creative teacher, wife, mother, and grandmother. With hands that were never still, she enjoyed knitting, needlepoint, and baking. She volunteered her time, knowledge, and heart to numerous organizations. However, her primary passion was her family — her husband, Richard; her children, Tom, Nancy, and Anne; and their three beagles.

In 2012, Lou Anne moved from Sunnymeade, her family's farm in Frederick, Maryland, to Cleveland to be closer to her son and three granddaughters. The family selected Judson Park for its excellent reputation, convenient location, welcoming atmosphere, and strong resident support. At Judson Park, Lou Anne was affectionately known to her neighbors and friends by her first name, Joyce.

Following their mother's lifelong example of giving back, Tom and his sister, Anne Rayburn Smith, wanted to help Judson Park. Inspired by a garden to be enjoyed by residents, families, and associates, they made a generous \$50,000 gift to support the project. The Lou Anne Rayburn Pathway is a wide concrete sidewalk that loops around the garden and a secondary pathway of exposed aggregate concrete that weaves under giant oak tree canopies. The circular nature of the sidewalks eliminates dead ends that could confuse people with dementia and supports fitness goals for everyone.

"With the activities, transportation to events, health care, and all the other amenities, Judson Park became more than just a residence for our mom," said Tom and Anne. "It was her home for almost ten years. The associates took amazing care of her. The caregivers became her friends and ours, too. Even during the pandemic, we were confident that Judson was providing her the increasing care and attention she needed and deserved."

"Our wish is that everyone who walks the path enjoys moments with nature," added Tom and Anne. "Perhaps their journey will evoke lovely memories and even create new ones."

## Ilse and Herman Strnisha Meditation Garden



A gift from Judson Foundation board member Stephen Strnisha will create a serene area for people to connect with nature and find inner peace. The Ilse and Herman Strnisha Meditation Garden is named in memory of his parents. Stephen's mother, Ilse, lived at Judson Park from 2003 until her passing in October 2019. The Strnisha Meditation Garden will be situated away from the

main pathway. Lush shrubs and blooming flowers will provide privacy and help separate the intimate garden.

"When I saw the garden plans, I knew my mother would enjoy this space, not only for solitude and prayer but also for a quiet stroll with a friend," Stephen said. "My mother greatly appreciated nature, having grown up in Germany during World War II and witnessing so much destruction. She enjoyed the beauty of Judson Park and its walkable neighborhood. I think my parents will look down and see this garden as food for the soul."

In addition to strolling the Chestnut Hills neighborhood with her good friend Gretchen, Ilse enjoyed walking her dog on the tree-lined streets. She would often collect cherries to make jam. As a tribute to Ilse, the plantings in the meditation garden will include a *Cornus mas*, commonly known as the Cornelian cherry dogwood tree.

### Honor a Loved One with a Garden Bench

Join us in bringing life to the garden at Judson Park! You have a unique opportunity to make an impactful gift by dedicating a bench in honor or memory of a loved one. Your generous gift of \$5,000 or more will allow you to dedicate a bench where residents, families, and associates can relax and enjoy the changing seasons in the garden. The bench will have a plaque inscribed with your chosen message. The dedication will last for the life of the bench.

**For more information about dedicating a bench or other tribute opportunities in the garden, please call Judson Foundation at 216.791.2013 or email [foundation@judsonsmartliving.org](mailto:foundation@judsonsmartliving.org).**



# Philanthropy in Action



Tom Brick, Kevin Shaw, Davis Young, Tracey Lind, Rick Bamberger, John Schneider, Tom Nobbe, Roger Kallock, Tim Reynolds, Georgianna Roberts, and Doug Wang representing the board of directors.

## Board Giving Accelerates Ideas into Action

A philanthropic investment by Judson Board members is shaping the future of Judson by accelerating new solutions to top challenges. The recently established Judson Innovation Fund was created with gifts totaling more than \$200,000 from Judson Board members. Used at the discretion of Judson's leadership team, the fund is a catalyst for mission-aligned initiatives with the potential to have a transformational impact.

"Judson Board members give of themselves in many different ways," said Kendra Urdzik, Judson President and CEO. "Their impact goes well beyond leadership, governance, and budgeting. Their personal backing of a fund devoted to advancing innovative ways of providing care and services to seniors is another example of their deep commitment to the residents we serve."

The first project funded is a pilot study in collaboration with software developer Arena Analytics to address the staffing shortage in critical front-line positions. Arena applies predictive analytics, data science, and artificial intelligence to reliably source, screen, and match job

candidates possessing the appropriate interests, character traits, skills, and values to succeed in a role. The technology platform leverages organizational knowledge, candidate information, proprietary and public data, behavioral insights, and the collective experience of more than 400 associated healthcare organizations to generate customized algorithms and statistical models for each position. Machine learning continuously analyzes information, including performance data from recent hires, to identify patterns and improve the algorithms that predict candidate engagement and retention.

"For years, technology has offered limitless opportunities to enhance safety, augment care, and improve outcomes for seniors," explained Kendra. "Now, we are interested in exploring if artificial intelligence can play a role in our efforts to close the talent gap and build a stable and diverse workforce. This new partnership will enhance our recruitment efforts by enabling us to transform data into action that will allow us to reach new candidates, improve time to hire, and minimize human error and bias in the hiring process."



## Philanthropy Creates DEI Roadmap

Thanks to a generous philanthropic gift, Judson is intentionally and collaboratively working to fully realize its mission of *Bringing Community to Life* by creating a culture of belonging where residents and associates can thrive. The anonymous gift to develop a diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) program was awarded in 2021. Since then, significant progress has been achieved, including developing and implementing an actionable roadmap.

“This generous gift is enabling us to prioritize the important work of building a more diverse, equitable, and inclusive organization,” said Kendra Urdzik, Judson President and CEO. “There is much to do in this area, and we are incredibly grateful that this donor had the foresight and vision to empower Judson to approach DEI in a thoughtful, strategic way — increasing our chance of achieving lasting change.”

Judson began by selecting a DEI expert to lead the journey. The consulting partner conducted organization-wide focus groups and surveys to assess key strengths and areas for improvement. A cross-functional working group

of associates, residents, and board members helped draft a vision statement and build a plan of action. Training rolled out this past summer, and Judson introduced a three-year DEI plan with timelines, objectives, and measurable outcomes. A newly established DEI committee of employees and residents across the organization led by the consultant will monitor progress and help foster a culture where everyone feels valued and embraced.

“The most crucial part of DEI for philanthropy is the inclusion part — the feeling of belonging. It’s important for all parties — residents, staff, management, and board — to be effective in making Judson a place of choice,” said Doug Wang, Judson Board Chair. “Residents have a choice of where they want to live, staff has the choice of where they want to work, and we want them to choose Judson.”

“However, the DEI plan is not something we can check off a list and say we are finished,” emphasized Doug. “It is a philosophy. It is how we run our business and establish lasting relationships with and within the organization. To the extent that we do it well, happy staff will stay longer and build closer relationships with residents. Deep, lasting relationships benefit us all both spiritually and financially.”

“We want to build a culture where you can be your true authentic self and feel valued,” added Kendra. “There is strength in diverse thinking and differing perspectives. A successfully implemented plan and fully embraced DEI culture will make Judson a stronger organization and a more exciting place to live and work. Thanks to the philanthropic support of a forward thinking donor, we are uniquely positioned to invest in a program that will enhance our quality of life and work and impact our long-term success.”

Judson strives to enhance the experience of living and working in a diverse, inclusive community that values the uniqueness of each person.

Judson’s DEI Vision Statement





## Philanthropic Gifts Are Bringing Creativity to Life

New endowed funds dedicated to the Creative Arts program commemorate two beloved Judson Park residents. The first fund was announced on May 5, 2023, at a special event celebrating the life and legacy of Theodore Wesley Shelton, Sr., a long-time Judson Health Center resident. When Ted passed away on January 24, 2023, his children established the Theodore Wesley Shelton, Sr. Guest Artist Workshop Series as a meaningful way



Cathy Bryan, Creative Arts Coordinator (l) and Kendra Urdzik, President & CEO (r) with Ted's children (l to r) Shelle Towns, Bonnie Shelton Carter, Julia Travis, and Theodore Shelton Jr.

to honor the memory of their father and provide Judson Park residents with additional hands-on opportunities to tap into the therapeutic benefits of creating art.

A second fund was launched in August 2023 in tribute to the life and distinguished career of Judson Park resident Ken Nevadomi, a prominent Cleveland artist and admired art professor. Sadly, Ken passed away from the degenerative effects of dementia on September 8, 2023. The Ken Nevadomi Visiting Artist Program will provide practicing, professional artists the time and space to extend their reach beyond the gallery walls and share the vision and techniques behind their art with Judson Park residents.

"The Creative Arts program at Judson Park is a major attraction for many older adults looking for an environment that contributes positively to the aging experience," said Tom McGraw, Executive Director of Judson Park. "These exceptional gifts bring to the forefront the profound impact art-making plays in fostering a sense of purpose, belonging, and well-being. We are incredibly grateful to the visionary donors who are bringing creativity to life with gifts to support arts-inspired programs."

## Celebrating the Inspiring Life of Theodore Wesley Shelton, Sr.

In 1992, Theodore "Ted" Wesley Shelton, Sr. suffered a massive stroke that robbed him of the ability to speak and left him with significant impairments. Despite challenges and setbacks, the 49-year-old father of five and avid Cleveland sports fan persevered, overcoming incredible odds to rebuild his life.

In 2009, Ted made Judson Park his home, winning the hearts and adoration of his sixth-floor care team and neighbors with his warm demeanor and easy laugh. Ted regained his voice while working with Judson Art Therapy Coordinator Cathy Bryan, ATR-BC, LTC. Cathy's persistent efforts to engage Ted in creating art reignited his passion for watercolors. Swirls of brightly colored paint became his visual language and new communication tool.

"At first, Ted wouldn't even get out of bed," said Cathy. "So, I sat on the side of his bed, and we painted together. It wasn't long before Ted was a regular in the art studio — often the first to arrive and the last to leave."

Ted's art journey with Cathy started with small watercolor paintings. He transitioned to acrylics, and his distinctive painting style of colorful brush strokes on giant pieces of black paper became easily recognizable.

"Ted considered art a vital part of his life and found tremendous joy and freedom through the creative process," added Cathy. "Through painting, Ted expressed his ideas and connected to his friends and family. He was much admired and an inspiration to me and many residents."

During his time at Judson Park, Ted created more than 1,000 art pieces. Ted's final dramatic painting graces the entrance to the Audra L. Rose Creative Arts Studio, a reminder of his inspirational legacy and the power of art to transcend barriers.



Theodore Wesley Shelton, Sr.



## Commemorating Artist Ken Nevadomi's Life and Work

Ken Nevadomi moved to Judson Park in 2021. Despite an Alzheimer's diagnosis, the nationally recognized local artist and educator never lost his passion for painting. At Judson Park, Ken spent much of his time in the Audra L. Rose Creative Arts Studio. Instead of producing his signature large-scale figurative paintings and drawings, Ken focused on creating smaller pieces with themes of influence from his life.

"It was an absolute honor to watch Ken come alive in the art studio," recalled Creative Arts Coordinator Cathy Bryan, ATR-BC, LTC. "His eyes sparkled with joy! Ken was thrilled to continue his daily routine of drinking coffee and creating art in Judson's expansive studio environment. With complete artistic freedom, unlimited supplies, and professional staff support, Ken was in command — and able to continue his art career until the end of his life. As always, the teacher, Ken, inspired and encouraged others to create from the heart, just as he did."

In early 2023, Ken showed pieces from his extensive personal collection alongside artwork he created in the studio at Judson Park. His Streeter Gallery solo exhibition, *Nevadomi: An Intimate Look*, highlighted the depth of Ken's artistry and mastery as a Neo-Expressionist. Ken's show also demonstrated that while dementia may slowly strip you of your memories, creating art as the disease progresses can help sustain your identity.

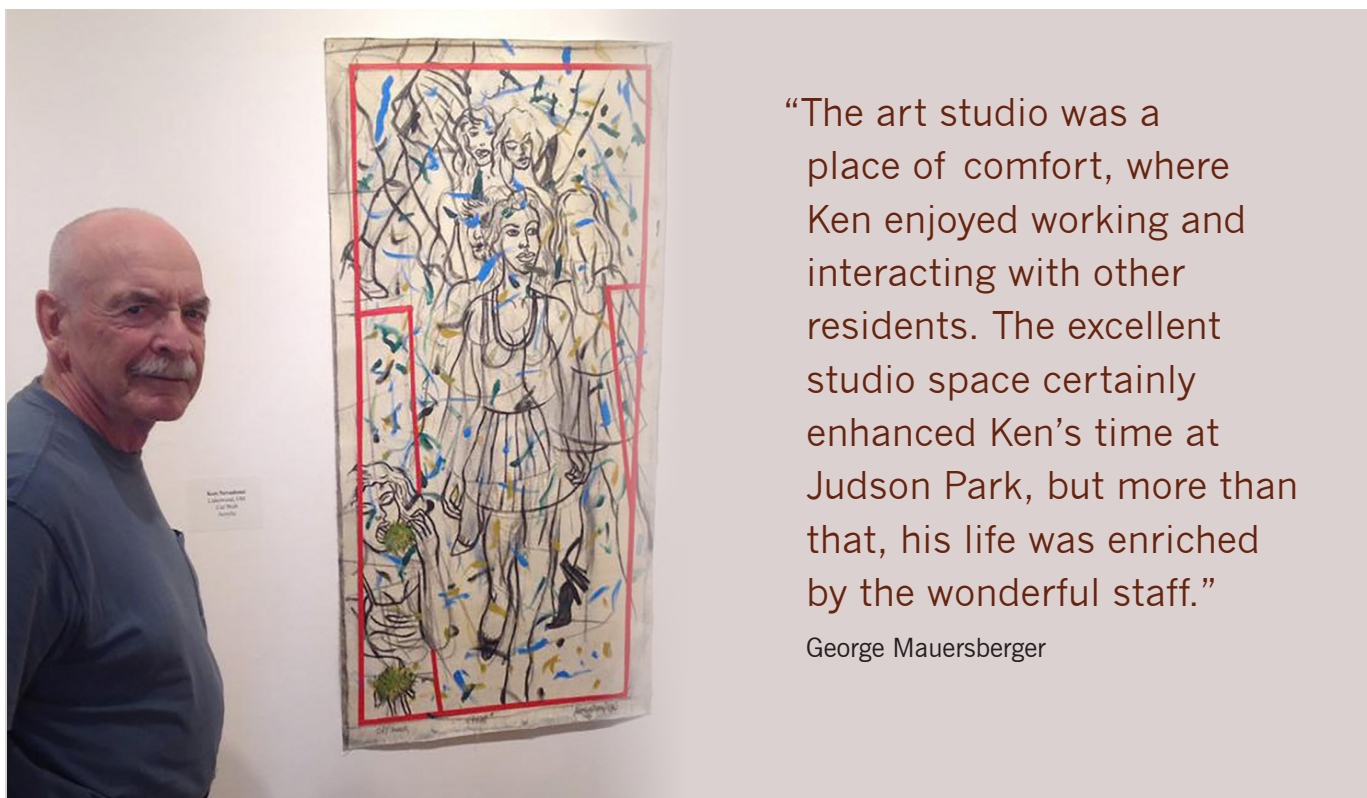
Ken's prolific career as a professional artist had an unexpected start. At 17, Ken left Cleveland to join the United States Air Force, where he earned his GED. After receiv-

ing an honorable discharge in 1961, he enlisted with the United States Army, serving as a surveyor with the 41st Artillery Brigade. During this time, he discovered his talent for drawing and painting and began making portraits of fellow service members and their families. When his service commitment ended in 1964, Ken returned to Cleveland with an honorable discharge and a commendation as a sharpshooter.

With new career intentions, Ken enrolled at the Cooper School of Art, receiving an Associate Degree in Fine and Commercial Art in 1967. He worked for American Greetings and the Cleveland Municipal School District before continuing his education at the Columbus School of Art and Design, where he earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in Studio Art in 1972. He graduated from Kent State University with a Master of Fine Arts in Painting in 1975 and joined the faculty at Cleveland State University.

Throughout his long teaching career, Ken never stopped painting. His work has appeared in over 40 juried exhibitions and 16 one-person shows. His many accolades include the top award for painting in the 1986 Cleveland Museum of Art's May Show, the prestigious Cleveland Arts Prize for Visual Arts in 1988, and three individual artist grants from the Ohio Arts Council. Ken retired as Professor Emeritus at Cleveland State University in 2011.

The Ken Nevadomi Visiting Artist Program was established with an endowed gift by Ken's good friend and long-time colleague, George Mauerberger, and his wife, Christine, in gratitude for the care team that ensured all of Ken's needs were met.



Ken Nevadomi

"The art studio was a place of comfort, where Ken enjoyed working and interacting with other residents. The excellent studio space certainly enhanced Ken's time at Judson Park, but more than that, his life was enriched by the wonderful staff."

George Mauerberger



# Portrait of a Leader

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## An Interview with Thomas Nobbe, Vice Chair of the Judson Services Board

Judson board members play a very real role in the organization's success. As champions of Judson, these business and community leaders share their wisdom, time, and resources to ensure Judson effectively and efficiently delivers on its mission of *Bringing Community to Life*. In April 2024, Thomas Nobbe, vice chair of the Judson Services Board, will begin his tenure as board chair. He succeeds Doug Wang, who is completing a successful two-year term in the chair's seat. We recently caught up with Tom to learn more about his passion for board service and dedication to making a difference in the lives of older adults and their families.

**Judson has benefited from your service as a board member for several years. Tell us how you first came into contact with Judson and what it is about the Judson mission that inspired you to volunteer at the board level.**

As a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Cleveland Heights, I have met several members of our congregation who have chosen to move to Judson over the years. I have admired many of these individuals for their interesting backgrounds and active engagement with the life of both the church and the greater community. While working at communications consulting firm Dix & Eaton, I became aware of an opportunity to serve on Judson's board. I met Cyndy Dunn, Judson's president and CEO at the time, and the rest is history.

Judson's mission of *Bringing Community to Life* aligns with how I view successful aging. I believe Judson stands apart from other senior living communities because of how the organization reinforces and lives its mission and purpose. Modeling the mission starts at the top. Kendra and the entire leadership team are mission-driven leaders who demonstrate this through their daily actions and the energy they bring to work. This helps attract and inspire associates and residents with the same enthusiasm for living life with purpose and connection. If you spend time in any of our three communities, you will see a stimulating, engaging environment and an unending passion for *Bringing Community to Life* where all are welcome.

**Since becoming a Judson board member in 2014, have your views on aging changed? Are there any particular older adults who have been influential in your life?**

The senior years are not the time to begin throwing in the towel. It is actually the opposite, as exemplified by so many Judson residents. You may ask yourself, "Can I really stay active and engaged as I get older?" From what I have witnessed at Judson, the answer is a resounding "Yes!"

Henry Eaton, one of the founders of Dix & Eaton, had an incredible influence on me when I was working at the firm. When I got to know him, he was in the sunset of his career, and I enjoyed his insightful, worldly advice. His level of wisdom is similar to that of our residents.

**Senior living is experiencing unprecedented growth as 10,000 baby boomers age into the market daily. How will the industry change over the coming years to meet this demand? What are the most significant challenges that Judson must address to succeed?**

I believe the industry will continue to be less institutional, allowing seniors living independently at home to seamlessly transition to a community setting that provides all the support elements necessary to promote successful aging. This is where Judson is already a leader.

For-profit independent and assisted living facilities, notice that I did not say communities, are popping up all over Northeast Ohio. At first glance, these new facilities and their for-profit business model seem attractive and affordable. However, I believe the jury is out on how they will promote and sustain successful aging.

Judson will continue investing in its communities to remain competitive and attract new residents. At the same time, we must be inventive and find new ways to be accessible to seniors desiring to live among interesting, engaged, and active older adults. For me, this is a significant measure of success. Judson has a deep soul to it. As we continue to prioritize diversity, we will also expand all that is so special about Judson to more seniors.

**Finally, tell us what you would like us to know about you and how your successful career as a communications professional and non-profit leader will inform your work as Judson's newest board chair.**

I reside in Cleveland Heights and have deep Cleveland roots — my great-great-grandfather is buried in Woodland Cemetery. I also have a deep emotional connection to Cleveland, including its sports teams. I am a diehard fan of Michigan State University, where I earned a master's degree in English with an emphasis on Teaching English as a Second Language.

I have spent most of my career as a communications professional at Northeast Ohio organizations, including University Hospitals and the consulting firm Dix & Eaton. The highlight of my career was serving as Executive Director of the 2014 Gay Games. I oversaw all aspects of planning and implementing this international sporting event that brought more than 30,000 participants, visitors, and volunteers to Northeast Ohio, the smallest region ever to host the games.

Currently, I am the Director of Communications and Development at Greater Cleveland Congregations, a nonpartisan collective of faith communities and partner organizations working together to build power to create social change. I am excited to bring all of my experience to the Judson board and continue empowering this wonderful organization to grow into the future.



“I believe Judson stands apart from other senior living communities because of how the organization reinforces and lives its mission and purpose.”

Thomas Nobbe



## Thank You to our Board Members

Judson extends its appreciation to the volunteer leaders and thought partners serving on one or more of Judson's boards in 2023-2024. Thank you for committing your time, talent, and resources to the relentless pursuit of Judson's mission of *Bringing Community to Life*.

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# Celebrating the Spirit of Philanthropy

## *Celebration of Generosity*



Natasha Field, Gretchen Butkus, Theresa Pretlow



Alice and Alex Taylor



Enda Strnad and Pauline Ramig



Julie and Drew Clemens

On September 27, 2023, Judson Foundation honored its most dedicated donors at its 8th Annual Celebration of Generosity. More than 120 members of Judson Foundation's Benefactor Society, Legacy Society, President's Circle, and friends gathered at Chagrin Valley Country Club to enjoy dinner and hear about the profound impact of giving on the organization. John G. Johnson Construction Company returned as presenting sponsor for the yearly donor recognition event.

"It is truly an honor to come together annually and recognize the many ways your generosity and unwavering support contribute to Judson's success," said Kendra Urdzik, Judson President and CEO. "As we look to our future and the emerging opportunities and challenges that lie ahead, philanthropic support carries even more significance in sustaining our efforts to ensure every Judson resident has access to programs and services to support their well-being and help them enjoy a lifestyle that contributes to successful aging."

At the heart of the evening's program was the unveiling of a newly named recognition society. "Since the establishment of Judson Foundation in 2003, more than 170 legacy gifts have been realized, totaling more than \$12 million," announced Kendra. "These inspiring gifts remind us of the power of philanthropy to transcend generations and are the spark that has led to Judson Foundation's efforts to create a new way of recognizing and celebrating legacy donors."

Named for Judson's founding year, the 1906 Legacy Society pays tribute to visionary donors committed to ensuring the future of Judson with gifts through their wills, trusts, or other types of charitable planned giving. Seventeen donors were introduced and celebrated as founding members of the 1906 Legacy Society. Three charter members shared in a video why they want to help shape the Judson experience for future residents. "I've always been inspired to support the institutions that are close to my heart," explained Roger Ellsworth, who has named Judson as a beneficiary of his estate. "Judson Manor is that."

## Thank You 2023 *Celebration of Generosity Sponsors*

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# Events and Happenings

"We anticipate that after we are gone, our assets will help future residents," shared Judson Park resident Dottie Kuhn, who established a charitable gift annuity with her husband, Don. "We also wanted to do it now rather than waiting until the end," added Don. "Because the gift is in the giving."

"Thinking back on the legacy gifts that have been given to Judson," concluded Judson Foundation Board Chair Kevin Shaw. "I am so appreciative. They have delivered for this generation and will deliver for the next generation, making Judson a better and better community."

Judson's founders were the organization's first philanthropists, and philanthropy continues to provide the financial footing that makes Judson an exceptional place to live. Judson Foundation's Celebration of Generosity was established in 2015 to highlight the significant role philanthropy plays in Judson's success and to recognize and thank donors for their philanthropic investment.



Molly Downing, Carol Markey, Dot Bambach



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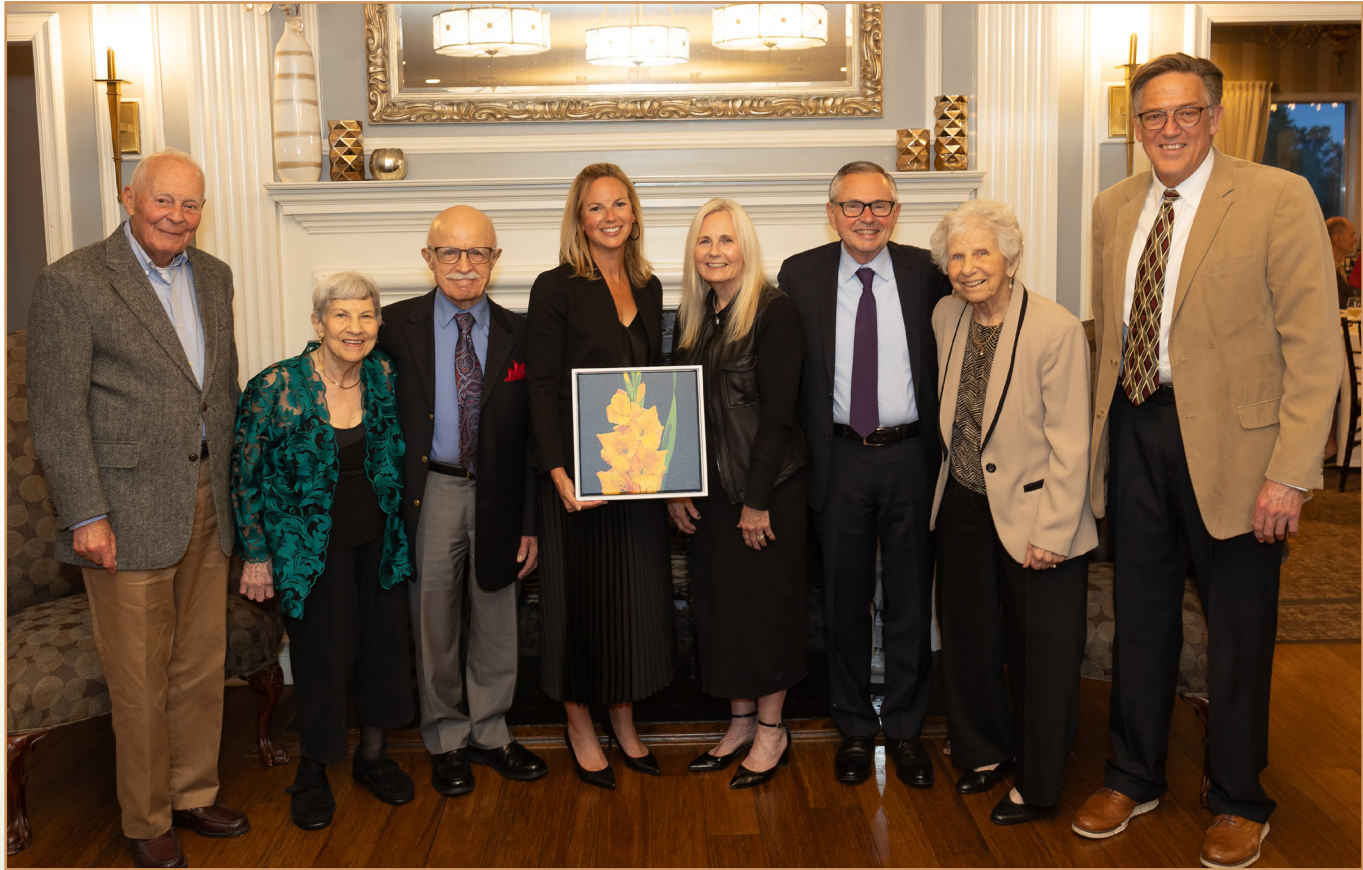


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# Events and Happenings



Bob Brucken, Dottie and Don Kuhn, Kendra Urdzik, Susan and Bruce Loessin, the late Nancy Gorenshek, and Kevin Shaw

## Introducing the 1906 Legacy Society

On September 27, 2023, Judson Foundation was honored to welcome seventeen donors as founding members of the newly launched 1906 Legacy Society. Legacies and bequests have shaped Judson's future for over a century. The distinguished society celebrates and thanks donors planning today to provide for Judson's future with gifts through their wills, trusts, or other charitable planned giving.

Founding members were presented with a limited edition artwork titled *Gladiolus* by Chagrin Falls artist Pam Spremulli. "This piece was selected because the majestic bloom symbolizes strength of character, remembrance, faithfulness, and integrity," Kendra Urdzik, Judson President and CEO, said as the art was revealed. "Traits you share and demonstrated when you chose to include Judson in your estate plan. The yellow color symbolizes friendship, aptly representing your deep bond

with Judson. A perennial, the magnificent gladiolus can endure indefinitely, as will the legacy you leave to Judson." In addition to founding members, more than 200 legacy donors were inducted posthumously.

### 1906 Legacy Society Founding Members

- Bob Brooks
- Robert Brucken
- Roger Ellsworth
- Nancy Gorenshek
- Patience and Lansing Hoskins
- Dottie and Donald Kuhn
- Susan and Bruce Loessin
- A. William Reynolds
- Holly Selvaggi and H. Clark Harvey, Jr.
- Myra and Darwin Smith
- Betty Tone
- Helen Whitehouse



### How to Become a 1906 Legacy Society Member

If you have arranged a gift to Judson Foundation in your estate plan or through some other form of deferred giving, you are eligible to become a valued honoree of the 1906 Legacy Society. Please let us know of your charitable intentions. We would like to thank and recognize you now for your philanthropic spirit. To learn more about how you can make an impact at Judson with a future gift, please get in touch with Judson Foundation at **216-791-2013**.



## Elle Frey Endows the Gift of Music at Judson Park

As kids, brothers Keith and Matt Frey were introduced to classical music by their parents, who would invite them to listen to the “fancy” stereo system. “We had to listen to ‘other’ types of music in our bedrooms,” mused Keith. “Our dad was into audio gear, and our mom developed an appreciation for classical music in childhood. They owned many records.”

J. Gilbert “Gil” and Eleanor “Elle” M. Frey were classical music enthusiasts. They shared their joy of classical music lovingly with their two sons. Now, Judson Park residents will benefit from their shared passion and generosity as recipients of a gift that Elle left to Judson Foundation specifically for musical arts.

“My mother was always encouraging people to attend music events prior to and while living at Judson Park,” adds Keith. She had learned to play the cello as a child, and her love of music continued throughout her life.

Originally from Youngstown, Ohio, Elle moved to Cleveland in her twenties. Gil, a native of Cleveland, worked at Lincoln Electric for 49 years, where he met his beloved wife. The couple had been married for over 50 years when Gil passed away in 2014. Elle died at the age of 94 in July 2022, leaving Judson Foundation as a beneficiary of the Frey Family Charitable Remainder Trust.

“I know my mother would want the music programs at Judson Park to endure since she took so much pleasure in them,” said Keith. “She especially liked hearing the student musicians from the Cleveland Institute of Music perform. Some of her favorite pieces were the Bach suites, Brahms solo cello compositions, and cello concertos.”

“Her wish was for Judson to continue to offer a wide variety of ongoing musical events, including traditional classical works, but also works performed by soloists and vocalists,” said Keith. “But she was also open-minded and occasionally liked listening to more modern compositions too.”

“We are extremely grateful to Elle for this wonderful gift of music,” said Jessica Kulczycki, Executive Director of Community Life at Judson. “Music has a powerful effect on people. Live performances transcend boundaries and strengthen connections among residents who enjoy listening to classical music. Research findings demonstrate that classical music performances stimulate the brain, energize our senses, improve mood, and enhance mental alertness. It’s the perfect way to unwind, encourage community and re-inspire daily life.”

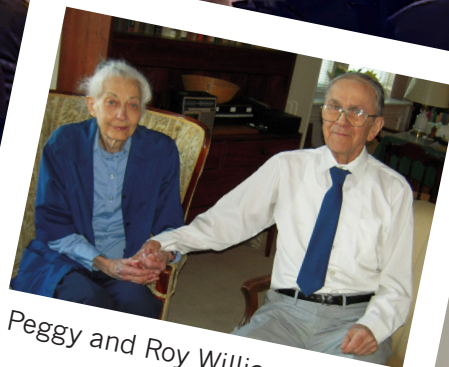
Generations to come will benefit from Elle’s vision and generosity. The gift of more than \$80,000 establishes the Eleanor M. Frey Musical Arts Fund, the first endowed fund for music at Judson Park. Through her legacy, Elle is helping to ensure that classical music performances continue for the enjoyment of future residents.

“My mother was always encouraging people to attend music events prior to and while living at Judson Park.”

Keith Frey







Peggy and Roy Williams

## Concert Honors Music Benefactor Roy Williams

A generous bequest has more than doubled the endowment that provides ongoing support for Judson Manor's highly regarded classical concert series. The gift from the estate of Roy Williams was announced at a special memorial concert honoring the generous benefactor on May 23, 2023. Roy, a much admired and respected Judson Manor resident, passed away on August 31, 2022, at the age of 100.

A true gentleman, Roy is remembered by his friends and Judson Manor neighbors for his kind spirit, unassuming demeanor, and humble lifestyle. "Roy was reserved yet very social and highly regarded as a chemist," said Debby Shewitz, who, like several other colleagues, remained lifelong friends with her former boss. Debby met Roy in 1976 when she began her career as a production supervisor making inhalation anesthetics at a Cleveland pharmaceutical plant. "He was a great friend and mentor to me and others, keeping in touch with many of us over the years," Debby explained. "A group of us came together to celebrate Roy's 100th birthday. He was such a dear friend. One person traveled from New Jersey for the special occasion."

Roy and his wife Peg moved to Judson Manor in February 2008 from their home in Gates Mills. In addition to being avid gardeners, the couple had a great appreciation for art and classical music. Peg passed away in February 2012. Roy's estate gift, designated for the Richard K. Gardner Memorial Music Fund, brings the endowment established in 2017 to more than \$350,000.

"I'm confident that Roy would be pleased with tonight's special program," reflected Gene Brand, chair of the Judson Manor Music Committee, as he announced the inspiring gift to the audience. "It is a privilege to recognize his incredibly generous gesture with a concert in his memory. He was a fixture in the front row, and his presence at our evening concerts is certainly missed."

The concert featured Judson Manor artist-in-residence pianist Luke Ratcliffe and violinist John Fawcett, graduate students at the Cleveland Institute of Music. The duo presented an eclectic and uplifting music performance spanning eras and genres. The program included Robert Schumann's "Three Romances, Op. 94," Maurice Ravel's "Pavanne pour une infant defunte," George Gershwin's "3 Preludes," Pablo Sarasate's "Introduction & Tarantella," Eugène Ysaÿe "Sonata No. 5," Henryk Wieniawski's "Fantasy on Themes from Faust," and Sergei Rachmaninoff's "Vocalise, Op. 34, No. 14."



## Bob Brucken Creates a Lasting Legacy with Unrestricted Estate Gift

Throughout his long and distinguished career as an attorney, Bob Brucken counseled individuals and families on estate planning and trust administration. When the time came to update his estate plan in 2021, the Judson Park resident followed the advice he gave clients interested in creating a lasting legacy. He named Judson Foundation as the recipient of an unrestricted bequest.

Having served as a trustee of numerous organizations and a current trustee of his alma mater, Marietta College, Bob recognizes the unlimited potential of unrestricted funds. “Because of the deferred nature of a bequest, I always encouraged clients to leave their gift unrestricted intentionally,” explained Bob. “Organizational priorities change. An unrestricted gift can be the most useful and have the greatest impact because it allows the trustees to decide how to use the funds to address the organization’s greatest needs when the gift is received.”

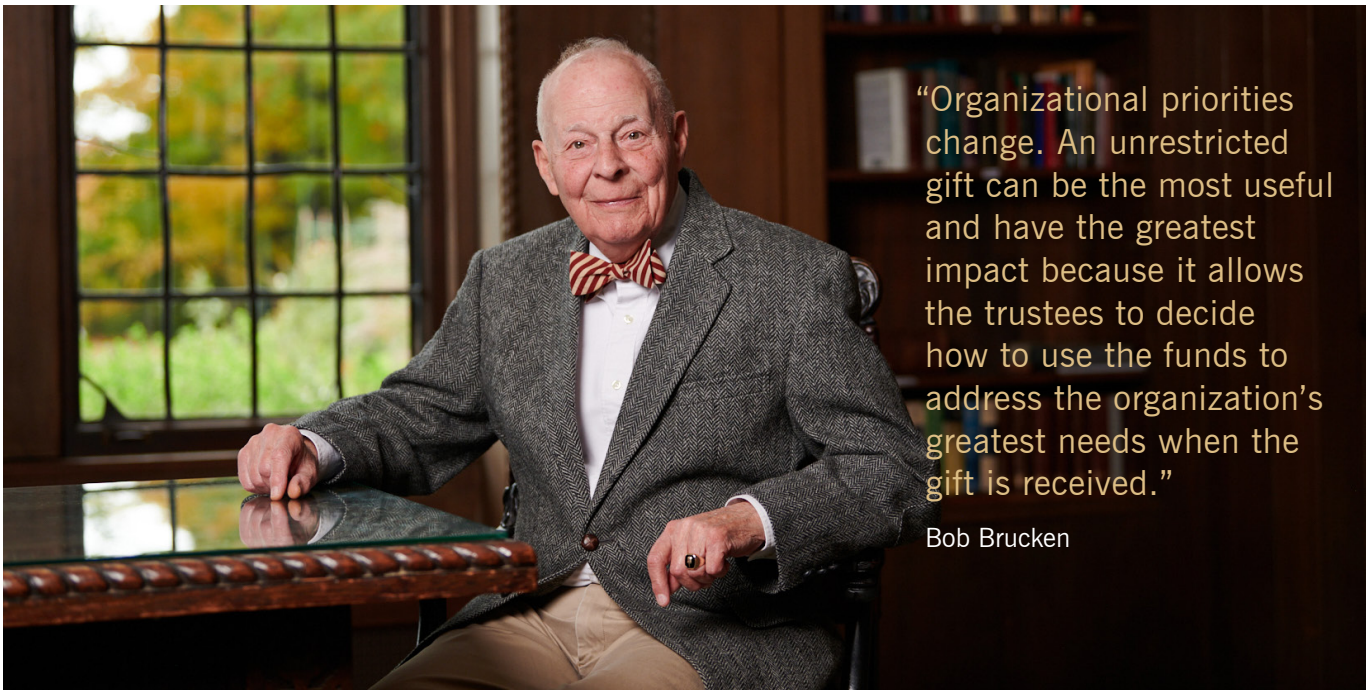
Bob’s notable legal career and relationship with Judson spans decades. Upon completing a summer clerkship at Baker & Hostetler in 1958 and graduating from the University of Michigan Law School the following year, Bob returned to the Cleveland firm, where he spent the entirety of his career. He discovered Judson while helping clients plan and manage their estates. In 1996, his

parents moved to Judson Park. Later, when his wife, Lois, began having difficulties with Alzheimer’s, Bob turned to Judson for in-home assistance while at the office.

In 2006, the Shaker Heights couple made Judson Park their home. Lois moved to Reinberger Court, where she was cared for until she passed away in 2012. Bob took an apartment nearby on the seventh floor, repurposing the living room into his home office, where he continues to work as a retired partner, editor of several law publications, including founding editor-in-chief of the Probate Law Journal of Ohio, and an expert witness and legal consultant for Ohio probate lawyers.

In addition to staying mentally active with his legal work, Bob deliberately sets aside time daily to stay physically fit. The 89-year-old walks 3 to 5 miles, rain or shine, around the tree-lined streets of Cleveland Heights. His efforts to keep active were recently rewarded when he competed with his daughter, Betsy, in a 5k race in Knoxville, Tennessee. While she came in ahead by a second, Bob once again brought home bragging rights with a first-place finish in his age group.

“Judson has provided this wonderful place for me,” Bob shared. “This estate gift is a prudent way to demonstrate my gratitude for Judson without parting with any assets now so that they are available if I need them.”



Bob Brucken was recently recognized for his philanthropic foresight and inducted as a founding member of the 1906 Legacy Society at Judson Foundation’s 8th Annual Celebration of Generosity in September. Please let us know if you have made a provision in your estate plan for a future gift to Judson. We would be honored to welcome you as a 1906 Legacy Society member.



# Judson Strong

**JUDY HENDERSON**, Pool Attendant and volunteer extraordinaire, has been a reliable presence at Judson Park, contributing selflessly to advance the organization's mission for over two decades. If you have ever taken a dip in the swimming pool or purchased anything in the commissary, you have likely seen her in action. As a part-time pool attendant, Judy is responsible for ensuring a safe swimming experience for residents, community members, and guests. When she is not keeping a watchful eye over the swimming pool, you can find her volunteering her time as the commissary manager, providing companionship to hospice patients, or assisting wherever there is a need. Since 2000, Judy has accrued more than 5,500 volunteer hours at Judson Park. Meet this inspiring associate and award-winning volunteer.



## **INSPIRE: Tell us about yourself.**

**JUDY:** I grew up in Shaker Heights and live in Cleveland Heights. I have two daughters and a son. I am a grandmother and an animal lover, especially dogs. Currently, I am a pet parent to three cats: Jasper, Gordy, and Alex. My wonderful dog, Cassie, and one of my favorite cats, Holly, recently passed away.

## **INSPIRE: How did you learn about Judson?**

**JUDY:** Sara Peckham, former Wellness Director at Judson, introduced me to Judson. She taught a class that I attended at the YMCA. In 2000, I was looking for a rehabilitation program to strengthen my knee after surgery. She knew how much I enjoyed swimming and suggested the water exercise program at Judson Park.

## **INSPIRE: You retired from a long and successful career as an administrative assistant. What influenced your decision to take the pool attendant job three days a week?**

**JUDY:** I have always loved the water. My mother was Cleveland's first female lifeguard. I grew up in the pool. Swimming and pool exercises are great activities for older adults, and I was a regular at all of the water classes

at Judson Park. I spent so much time at the pool that Frank Ondus, the Wellness Director at the time, asked me if I would consider becoming a part-time pool attendant. That was in 2009. I've been here ever since.

## **INSPIRE: It is apparent that you have a passion for giving back. In 2007, Greater Cleveland Volunteers recognized your commitment to volunteerism with the Outstanding Quality Service Award. In 2016, you gave a generous gift to Judson Foundation for new composite decking on the patio outside the pool. What motivates you to give so generously to Judson?**

**JUDY:** When I had the chance to make a gift to Judson Foundation, I knew I wanted to do something to enhance the pool area. I saw a need, and I wanted to help. The residents at Judson Park are like family to me. I truly enjoy volunteering and spending time with them.

## **INSPIRE: What does *Bringing Community to Life* mean to you?**

*Bringing Community to Life* is about individuals coming together. It is meeting new people, making new friends, and helping each other. As an associate and volunteer, I get to do all of that.

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## **Thank You, Volunteers**

*In this day and age, where time is a precious commodity, giving part of your day to volunteer is a true demonstration of heart. Judson is tremendously grateful to the 257 individuals who volunteered at Judson in 2023. Whether you provided hospice companionship or helped at Judson Manor, Judson Park, or South Franklin Circle, your 15,472 hours of volunteer work did not go unnoticed. Your time, talent, and efforts are valued at \$451,318 by the Independent Sector. Thank you for the many ways you are Bringing Community to Life.*

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**JESSICA KULCZYCKI, BS, ADC/MC**, is the Executive Director of Community Life and Judson's in-house memory care expert. Passionate about helping older adults live life to the fullest, she joined the community life team at Judson Park as an Activity Assistant in 1999. Over the past 25 years, Jessica has served the organization in many roles, growing and learning with each new position. Today, she guides Judson's team of community life professionals and uses her warmhearted demeanor and expertise to help residents, caregivers, and families navigate the challenges of memory loss. Jessica holds a degree in art therapy from Bowling Green State University. She is credentialed as Activity Director Certified (ADC) with a specialization in memory care (MC) by the National Certification Council for Activity Professionals (NCCAP).



**INSPIRE: Tell us about your family.**

**JESSICA:** My husband, Ken, is a firefighter/paramedic. We just celebrated our twentieth wedding anniversary. We live in Medina and have two beautiful and very active daughters. Genevieve, the oldest, is a high school senior and dance enthusiast. Lottie, a freshman, is into 4-H and horseback riding. Our family also includes a dog, chickens, and rabbits.

**INSPIRE: What inspired you to become an art therapist?**

**JESSICA:** I have always enjoyed creating art and performing. Growing up, I wanted to be a teacher and coach. I was attracted to the art therapy program at Bowling Green State University by my counselor, who knew I enjoyed art and helping others. Creating art is a wonderful outlet. Everyone can participate and learn from the process, which we encourage our residents to do! Art therapy is an especially powerful communication tool for older adults experiencing cognitive changes and having difficulty finding the right words to express their feelings. We are fortunate to have a robust art therapy program at Judson.

**INSPIRE: Working in community life has undoubtedly allowed you to bring your creativity to work. What are the responsibilities of your newest leadership position? What do you find most rewarding?**

**JESSICA:** In this role, I guide our fantastic team of community life professionals at Judson Park, Judson Manor, and South Franklin Circle. This new position enables me to bring consistency to the Judson experience and help ensure that all residents have every opportunity to experience a full life. I also provide dementia education so that residents and their families can begin to plan and make decisions. I find assisting staff and families in creating successful interventions for managing challenging behaviors most rewarding.

**INSPIRE: You have spent nearly 25 years and most of your career working with individuals with memory impairment at Judson Park. You have become the go-to person for help overcoming the most difficult behaviors associated with dementia. What has been the most satisfying part of working at Judson?**

**JESSICA:** At Judson, our residents are family. It is an honor to accompany them in their aging journey and learn their life stories — things they accomplished, places they have traveled, and even their heartbreaks. The long-term relationships we build with residents and their families throughout the continuum of care enable us to provide the most personalized comfort care. This incredible opportunity to get to know each person as an individual and provide comfort and support is very satisfying.

**INSPIRE: It has been said that how you spend your time often reflects what is most important to you in life. What do you enjoy doing in your free time?**

**JESSICA:** My family, faith, and friends are most important to me. I enjoy reading, traveling with my family, and being present to everyone I care about. A little over two years ago, I became a Stephen Minister, which deepened my relationship skills and equipped me to help people who are hurting. Developing relationships with others to provide companionship, support, and laughter flows into every aspect of my life.

**INSPIRE: What does *Bringing Community to Life* mean to you?**

**JESSICA:** *Bringing Community to Life* goes beyond Judson's programs. We listen to the desires, interests, and goals of our residents. Knowing what inspires and motivates each resident allows us to build a life plan that empowers them to live their lives to the fullest. It also means creating a welcoming and nurturing environment for associates. I grew and developed as a leader within the organization. I want my coworkers to have that same welcoming and positive experience.



# This is Judson

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## PAULINE RAMIG

### *A True Renaissance Woman*

Everyone knows what it means to be considered a Renaissance man, but what about a Renaissance woman? If you were to look up 'Renaissance woman' in the dictionary, a photograph of South Franklin Circle resident Pauline Ramig would undoubtedly accompany the resulting definition.

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#### **Ren·ais·sance wo·man: noun**

1. a woman who is well educated and sophisticated and has talent and knowledge in many fields of study.

*synonyms:* philanthropist, artist, explorer, entrepreneur, music enthusiast, lifelong learner

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Pauline exemplifies what it means to live life to the fullest, immersing herself in diverse activities and endeavors within the Judson community and beyond.

A lifelong learner and entrepreneur, Pauline leads the popular South Franklin Circle Dialogue Series, a distinguished speaker series designed to inspire and inform the community. Her generous gift and challenge match in 2019 helped launch the second decade of thought-provoking conversations and ignite the philanthropic spark in the hearts of fellow community members who contribute through generous sponsorships. Pauline's energetic and dynamic spirit finds her involved in all aspects of the program, from researching potential speakers with committee members and leading the committee planning meetings to designing and distributing invitations, greeting guests, and kicking off each month's conversation by warmly welcoming the audience.

A music and arts enthusiast, Pauline has served as past president of Opera Cleveland and remains involved today. She is currently working to bring an opera program to South Franklin Circle — another example of her entrepreneurial spirit at work. In addition to her love of opera, visual arts hold a special place in Pauline's heart. Her late husband, George, was a talented painter. Every week, the couple attended an art exhibit or gallery. Pauline recently transformed a storage closet in her residence into an art studio so she could dabble in abstract painting.



Not only is Pauline exceedingly generous with her time and talent through the dialogue series or bringing arts and music programs to the community, but she is also a passionate proponent of helping Judson expand its expertise in brain health and memory care. In 2021, Pauline made a generous gift in memory of her husband, George, who had extensive memory care needs before his passing in 2015. Her commitment to ensuring compassionate and dignified care for those with dementia demonstrates a genuine display of leadership.

Pauline undeniably demonstrates what it means to be a 'Renaissance woman.' Moreover, what she truly represents is a *Judson Woman*. A Judson woman chooses to craft an authentic life that reflects her unique interests and needs. A Judson woman participates in the array of programs that promote successful aging and the principles at the heart of Judson living: lifelong learning, wellness, connection, and care. Pauline is a genuine *Judson Woman* who chooses daily to create a fulfilling life through intellectual, social, philanthropic, and artistic endeavors. Most importantly, she invites others along and inspires them to do the same — *Bringing Community to Life* every day.





## Dear Friends and Benefactors,

Every day, Judson Foundation strives to build a dynamic culture of philanthropy in which everyone sees themselves as an essential part of the whole. Whether a Judson associate, resident, donor, or member of the greater community, each person is indispensable in fostering an environment that celebrates giving back. Judson Foundation's mission of *Bringing Community to Life Through Philanthropy* is evident in the many ways our community supports Judson.

Judson's core values of respect, teamwork, communication, empowerment, excellence, and integrity are at the heart of this community. These values provide a foundation for who we are, where we are headed, and what we aim to achieve. Ultimately, each of us shares responsibility for building a thriving community where everything is possible. You have just read about some of the people contributing to this, and we look forward to sharing more stories of community impact.

Philanthropy brings out the humanity in all of us. Judson Foundation is committed to leading with optimism and bringing possibilities to life in all aspects of our programs. We envision a connected group of supporters working together to live our mission fully and further develop communities where older adults can thrive and age successfully. A strong culture of philanthropy is the catalyst for this. Whether it's through contributing time, talent, or treasure, everyone who gives back has a positive effect on the lives of our residents.

Thank you for partnering with us. What you do today can influence lasting change and touch many lives in the future. We offer our sincere gratitude to everyone for empowering Judson to achieve new heights.

Sincerely,

Beth Embrescia  
Vice President  
Judson Foundation

Kevin Shaw  
Board Chair  
Judson Foundation

Judson Foundation gratefully acknowledges all of our benefactors for the impactful role they play in *Bringing Community to Life* at Judson. Visit [judsonsmartliving.org/foundation/honoring-our-donors/](https://judsonsmartliving.org/foundation/honoring-our-donors/) to view our Honor Roll of Donors.





*Judson's tradition of helping older adults lead richer and fuller lives dates back to 1906, when a group of compassionate women recognized a need to care for Cleveland's older adults and vowed to help. Judson Park residents and 1906 Legacy Society founding members **Don and Dottie Kuhn** are following in the footsteps of Judson's founders by extending their generosity and vision far into the future with a planned gift.*

## Shape your Legacy with a Planned Gift

Everyone can leave a philanthropic legacy. Planned giving opens a world of opportunity to make a lasting impact in ways that do not demand a significant income or a large estate. The only requirements are a charitable aspiration and the thoughtful intention to include Judson in your will or estate plan.

To learn how you can make a meaningful gift now that won't interfere with your financial flexibility, call Judson Foundation at **216-791-2013**. We would be honored to help you shape your legacy and celebrate you as a 1906 Legacy Society member.