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**Resthaven**  
faithfully caring.



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## Guided by Faith, Resthaven Continues Its Service to the Community

This spring, Resthaven marked a milestone: 80 years of faithful service to older adults in Holland and the surrounding community. At our Celebration of Caring event in late May, we gathered with residents, donors, families, team members, and corporate partners to reflect on Resthaven's enduring mission and the lives transformed by it.

Founded in 1945 by a group of faithful visionaries, Resthaven began with a simple, but profound goal: To glorify God by providing care and services that reflect the love and compassion of Jesus Christ. Over the decades, our programs have evolved, our facilities have grown, and our community has expanded—but that mission has never changed.

During the evening, we shared real stories from two families whose loved ones have benefitted from Resthaven's care. These stories are not uncommon; they're daily reminders of why Resthaven exists. And they're only possible because of the generosity and commitment of people like you.

As we looked back over eight decades of ministry and care, we also looked forward. The future holds both promise and challenge: Longer life expectancies, more complex care needs, a changing workforce, and evolving expectations. But these are not unlike the challenges faced in decades past.

Every generation of Resthaven's history has required faith, creativity, and boldness. In

just the last ten years, we've launched three new programs, embraced new technologies, and navigated a global pandemic—all while remaining steadfast in our calling.

And through it all, God has been faithful.

As we begin the next chapter, we invite you to walk with us—to dream bigger, care deeper, and serve more faithfully than ever before. Through your volunteerism, prayers, financial gifts, and expertise, your support helps us bring dignity, hope, and Christ-centered care to those who need it most.

Thank you for being part of this journey. Thank you for believing in this mission.

Here's to the next 80 years! May they be marked by continued compassion, bold faith, and long-standing community.

Deedre Schuckert  
President/CEO



## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Resthaven's Board of Trustees is a dedicated group of community volunteers who share their expertise in a variety of areas.

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## Our Mission

To glorify God by providing a continuum of quality care and services that demonstrates the love and compassion of Jesus Christ.

## Celebrating Resthaven's Legacy

The room was filled with warmth, laughter, and heartfelt conversations as friends of Resthaven gathered on a sunny May evening to honor 80 years of service to the Holland community. The Celebration of Caring, held at The Ivy House, brought together a special mix of people: donors, corporate partners, past and present board members, residents, and community members who have shaped Resthaven's story across generations.

President & CEO Deedre Schuckert reflected on Resthaven's enduring mission and the people who have made it possible, calling attention to the thousands of lives enriched since 1945.

"Since 1945, there has been a need for Resthaven. And I believe that need will not only continue—but deepen," said Schuckert. "Our mission is just as relevant as ever—taking on new meaning in a changing world."

Director of Development Lindsey Zona shared a call to action, inviting guests to continue supporting and sharing Resthaven's mission.

"Resthaven is the only not-for-profit senior living organization in Holland—and that distinction holds both an opportunity and a responsibility," said Zona. "For 80 years, we've been a safety net for older adults in our community, and our net has held strong because of support from people like you."

It was a night of celebration and gratitude—one that honored Resthaven's history while looking boldly to the future. We're so thankful to everyone who joined us for this special evening!



## Resthaven Represents and Shines at LeadingAge Michigan Conference

This past May, Resthaven was proud to participate in the annual LeadingAge Michigan Conference, a statewide gathering of mission-driven senior care providers committed to innovation, leadership, and quality care for older adults.

As part of the conference, Resthaven's Vice President of Innovation and Project Implementation, Abby Waldo, took the stage on a featured panel for Work That Matters—a statewide initiative focused on retaining and growing the senior care workforce. Made possible through a \$5M grant awarded to LeadingAge Michigan, this program supports organizations in strengthening the direct care workforce through proven strategies. Abby joined leaders from three other participating organizations to share insights, successes, and best practices from Resthaven's experience in the Direct Care Worker Retention Cohort. Her voice helped

highlight the challenges and solutions related to workforce sustainability—and Resthaven's commitment to being part of the solution.

Also at the conference, one of Resthaven's own was recognized with one of the event's highest honors.

Shannon March was awarded the Shining Star Award, recognizing her extraordinary impact, commitment, and compassion throughout her 26-year career at Resthaven. Beginning as a CNA in 1998, Shannon's journey has been nothing short of inspiring. Today, she serves as Clinical Manager for Resthaven's memory support area, where she is not only a leader and educator but also a source of strength and stability for residents, families, and staff alike.

Known for her expertise in dementia care and her "how can I help?" approach to leadership, Shannon embodies Resthaven's

core values: Walk With Me, Know My Name, and Hold the Door. From mentoring new nurses to comforting families during difficult moments, Shannon's legacy is written not only in the outcomes she achieves but in the countless lives she touches with grace and joy.

As Jason Bucher, Administrator at Resthaven's Care Center, wrote in his nomination, "Shannon has always had a passion for dementia care and is continually pursuing learning and educational opportunities. Her care and leadership are done through the lens of service."

Congratulations to Shannon for being a shining star in every sense of the word. Your contributions help Resthaven remain a trusted leader in senior care—today and for generations to come.



# Cheers to 80 Years!

*\*Image from the Archives of the Holland Museum*



**1955** The original Maple Woods structure is built.

**1981**

Resthaven purchases The Warm Friend in downtown Holland. It opens under Resthaven in 1983.

**1989**

Resthaven purchases The Care Center for skilled nursing. Memory care addition opens in 1996.



**1945**

Resthaven is incorporated on May 7, 1945 by members of both the Reformed and Christian Reformed churches to provide a "haven of rest for the elderly."

**1968**

The West Wing addition to the original Maple Woods building is built in 1961. The East Wing completes the building in 1968.



**2009**

Maple Woods opens Gathering Place addition.



**2017** Maple Woods Cottages open.

**2019**

Janssen Cottage opens at The Care Center campus.

**2008**

Boersma Cottage opens at The Care Center campus.

**2013**

The Care Center additions open (Rehab Cottage, Rehab Gym, Chapel, Cafe, Main Office).

**2022**

The River Place opens in downtown Holland for independent living.



**2024** The Farmstead opens for independent and assisted living.

## Introducing Our New Board Members

Resthaven is pleased to welcome three outstanding individuals to our Board of Trustees: Leroy Hernandez, Linda Howell, and John Parker. Each brings a wealth of professional expertise, community involvement, and a shared commitment to enhancing the lives of aging adults in our community.

At the same time, we extend heartfelt thanks to outgoing board members Nate Baumann, Haans Mulder, and Annie Sterken, who are completing their terms. Their leadership was instrumental as Resthaven expanded independent living with the opening of The River Place and The Farmstead, and as we navigated the unprecedented challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic. Their dedication and insight helped steer Resthaven through seasons of growth and resilience, always keeping our mission at the center.

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Leroy Hernandez

Leroy serves as the Executive Director of the Macatawa Resource Center and is also an experienced broker and realtor. A longtime Holland resident, he is deeply rooted in the local community and has held volunteer and leadership roles with organizations such as Community Action House, the Holland Hispanic Task Force, the City of Holland Housing Commission, and the Holland Hospital Board of Directors.



Linda Howell

As Corporate Counsel for Kent County, Linda brings valuable legal expertise and strategic insight to the Board. Her past board service includes leadership roles at Kandu Industries and the Ottawa Shores Humane Society. Linda has a personal connection to Resthaven through her father and stepmother, who received care at multiple Resthaven communities. Her firsthand experience with our services informs her passion for quality senior care.



John Parker

John is Vice President of Project Development at EV Construction and has been an active leader in nonprofit and church communities throughout West Michigan. He serves on the boards of the Grand Rapids Children's Museum and Fearless Family of Churches and is a co-author of *Become Unmistakable*. John played a role in the development of The Farmstead. A Saugatuck resident and father of two, John's commitment to innovation and family values aligns well with Resthaven's mission.

## Resthaven Chaplains Help Lead Development of National Spiritual Care Assessment

At Resthaven, spiritual care is a vital part of providing holistic, person-centered support for older adults. In recent years, Resthaven's Spiritual Care team has taken steps to formalize best practices and improve coordination with interdisciplinary teams—especially through clinical documentation and assessment strategies. However, one major gap remained: A reliable, research-informed assessment tool designed specifically for older adults in long-term care.

While many spiritual care assessments exist, most were developed for acute healthcare settings, such as hospitals. These tools proved inadequate in capturing the spiritual needs and concerns of residents in senior care and long-term care communities, particularly individuals with dementia.

Recognizing this need, Chaplains Tricia and Sean, both part of Resthaven's Spiritual Care team, began engaging with national networks through Transforming Chaplaincy,

an organization dedicated to integrating research into clinical chaplaincy.

Over the past 18 months, a collaborative group met monthly to review existing research and identify recurring themes of spiritual concern among older adults in long-term care. The result of their efforts is the development of a new, targeted assessment tool tentatively titled the "GERO-6." This innovative tool identifies six key themes and provides common indicators to evaluate levels of spiritual concern—allowing chaplains to better understand and plan spiritual care for residents.

In June, Sean, Resthaven's Director of Spiritual Care, had the opportunity to co-present this work at the annual Association of Professional Chaplains Conference in Wisconsin. Alongside colleagues, he led a workshop introducing the GERO-6, providing chaplains with a case study and the chance to apply the tool in real time.

The team now looks ahead to wide-scale use and validation of the GERO-6, with the goal of offering this resource to chaplains nationwide. As part of Resthaven's faith-based mission and holistic approach to care, this project underscores the organization's leadership in innovation, compassion, and excellence.

Resthaven is proud to be at the forefront of shaping the future of spiritual care for older adults, helping communities large and small provide deeper, more responsive support through every stage of aging.



## Carrying the Mission Forward, Together

As we've celebrated Resthaven's 80th anniversary this year, I've found myself reflecting on all that's come before—and all that lies ahead.

In preparing for this milestone year, I spent time digging through boxes of old photos, letters, and documents from our archives. What started as a practical task turned into a journey through time. I saw snapshots of life when stamps were five cents, the Holland Sentinel had an evening newspaper edition and typewriters were becoming more widely used. But what struck me most wasn't how much has changed—it was how much has stayed the same.

Through wars, economic shifts, and cultural changes, Resthaven's steadfast dedication to older adults in our community has remained constant.

In a community filled with incredible nonprofits, Resthaven holds a unique role. We are the only not-for-profit senior living organization in Holland. That distinction carries both responsibility and opportunity. It means we don't serve because it's profitable; we serve because it's right. Because it's our calling. Because it's our mission.

Resthaven is a safety net. And that safety net matters. When older adults outlive their resources—and when other senior living communities may no longer be an option because of that—Resthaven remains. We continue to provide care, dignity, and a place to call home. That's only possible because of our supporters. Your generosity keeps that safety net strong. It ensures that those who have built this community can remain part of it.

And yet, even after 80 years, there are still people in our community who don't know we're a not-for-profit. Just recently, a longtime Holland resident emailed me, surprised by this information and excited to support our work. This is just one powerful example of how important it is to keep telling our story.

So, I thank you for being part of Resthaven's 80-year story. Thank you for honoring the past, helping us build the future, and spreading the word. Your support—whether through a gift, a conversation, or an introduction—carries our mission forward.

Together, we've accomplished so much. And, together, we'll shape what the next 80 years can be.



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## Keep the Momentum Going

As a not-for-profit, we are dedicated to ensuring quality of life for all residents. Consider a donation today to join our mission of providing a true home and a vibrant life for those in our care.



**\$2,500**  
per team member for CNA certification and training.  
Your assistance supports ongoing education, skill enhancement, and recognition programs to deliver compassionate and top-quality care.



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**\$3,000**  
per month for life enrichment bus trips, music guests, etc.  
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**\$2,500**  
per month for chapel services.  
With your generous contribution, we're able to honor our mission, supporting residents and their families in their faith and through life's transitions.

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Resthaven has your needs in mind—from the active, independent lifestyle you're living today to the care needs you may have tomorrow. We're here for you from beginning to next.

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