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**Resthaven**  
faithfully caring.



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## The Resthaven Difference

One of the questions I am asked often is, "What makes Resthaven different?"

It's a fair question. Across our community and beyond, there are many organizations providing housing, healthcare, and services for older adults. Yet when I reflect on what truly sets Resthaven apart, I don't immediately think about our buildings, programs, or even the services we provide.

I think about our commitment.

For over 80 years, Resthaven has remained committed to a simple but powerful belief: every person deserves to be known, valued, and cared for. That belief guides every decision we make and every investment we pursue.

I see it in residents like those living at Maple Woods who continue to receive the care they need even when financial resources become a challenge. Through benevolent care, we walk alongside older adults whose income may not qualify them for assistance yet still falls short of covering the cost of the care they need. We believe financial circumstances should never determine a person's worth or access to compassionate care.

I see it in our continued investment in the future of our campuses. As we prepare for the next phase of redevelopment at Maple Woods and the expansion of The Farmstead, we are not simply constructing buildings. We are creating places where older adults can experience connection, purpose, safety, and belonging for generations to come.

I see it in the innovative programs that enrich residents' lives every day. Through

intentional programming and other meaningful engagement opportunities, residents are invited to share their stories, exercise their minds, and connect with one another in ways that honor their experiences and celebrate their abilities.

And I see it in our commitment to the team members who serve residents each day. New partnerships, such as our onsite employee healthcare pilot, reflect our belief that caring for those who care for others is an essential part of our mission. When our team members are supported, our residents benefit as well.

While these initiatives may seem very different on the surface, they all stem from the same foundation. They are expressions of our Christian faith and our commitment to living out the values that guide us: Know My Name, Hold the Door, and Walk With Me.

None of this happens alone.

Every program, every improvement, every act of benevolent care, and every investment in the future is strengthened by the generosity of people who believe in Resthaven's mission. Your support allows us to think beyond today's needs and build a stronger tomorrow while remaining faithful to the values that have guided us since 1945.

Thank you for helping make Resthaven more than a place to live. Thank you for helping make it a place to belong.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Deedre Schuckert".

Deedre Schuckert  
President/CEO

Cover photo:  
Resthaven resident and  
Life Enrichment Aide at  
Resthaven Care Center.



## 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.

## Welcoming New Board Members & Honoring Outgoing Leaders

At Resthaven, our mission is strengthened by the dedicated leadership of those who serve on our Board of Trustees. We're grateful to welcome two new members while also extending our sincere thanks to those concluding their board terms.

### Welcome, Christine Gilbertson & Ken Wagner

We are pleased to welcome **Christine Gilbertson** to the Resthaven Board of Trustees. Christine is a healthcare operations leader at Holland Hospital and co-owner of Tip Toes Children's Boutique, with locations in Downtown Holland and Ada Village. In her work, she is passionate about supporting physician practices, improving access to care, and developing programs that serve patients across the community. Christine lives in Holland with her husband, Nate, and their three children. Her faith and dedication to family guide her commitment to giving back and

supporting organizations that care for others.

We also welcome **Ken Wagner** who brings decades of financial leadership experience. Ken most recently served as Chief Financial Officer at Blackford Capital, a Grand Rapids-based private equity firm, where he led finance, accounting, and portfolio oversight across middle-market investments. He has also held CFO roles with Coastal Group and GHSP, as well as senior finance and operational positions with Magna International and Donnelly Corporation. Ken lives in Holland and is the father of two adult children. He has also served in board and leadership roles with organizations such as Fleetwood Group and Geneva Camp & Retreat Center.

We are grateful for the expertise, insight, and passion Christine and Ken bring to Resthaven's mission.



*Christine Gilbertson, with her husband, Nate, and three children*



*Ken Wagner*

## Thank You to Barb Kleinheksel & Bob Carlson

We extend our heartfelt thanks to **Barb Kleinheksel** and **Bob Carlson** as they conclude two full terms on the Resthaven Board.

They helped guide Resthaven through pivotal seasons, including the COVID-19 pandemic, the expansion of Independent Living with the opening of The River Place and The Farmstead, and key decisions surrounding growth at Maple Woods.

Barb served on the Ethics Committee, and Bob on the Finance Committee, each offering valuable insight and leadership. We are deeply grateful for their commitment and the lasting impact of their service.

## Celebrating our 2026 Corporate Partners

Resthaven is proud to recognize and thank our 2026 Corporate Partners whose generosity and commitment help to make our work possible. These companies are more than sponsors—they are true partners in advancing our mission and strengthening our community.

Their investment in Resthaven demonstrates a shared belief in the importance of this work and the difference it makes in the lives of those we serve. We are deeply grateful for their partnership and proud to stand alongside companies that lead with purpose and compassion. Together, we are creating meaningful, lasting change.

### Leading Partners:



### Champion Partners:



### Community Builder Partners:

LVZ Financial Planning  
CapTrust Wealth Advisors  
Town & Country Group

### Supporting Partners:

Arnold Sales  
Thrive  
DHE Plumbing and Mechanical

## Wrapping Our Arms Around Those Who Need Us Most

Since Resthaven's founding in 1945, it has been rooted in a simple but powerful commitment: to care for older adults with dignity, compassion, and unwavering support—regardless of their financial circumstances. This commitment is what we call benevolent care, and it remains foundational to who we are today.

This year, Resthaven is on track to provide more than \$6 million in benevolent care and reimbursement shortfall forgiveness. That number represents more than dollars—it reflects lives sustained, dignity preserved, and a community stepping forward when it matters most.

Benevolent care meets residents in different circumstances. Some simply do not have the financial resources to pay for the care they need. Others face a different challenge: their income is too high to qualify for Medicaid, yet not enough to cover the full cost of care.

We see this reality every day.

Meet Robert\*, a resident at Maple Woods. Robert is thriving. With the support, structure, and sense of belonging he has found at Resthaven, he is doing well physically, socially, and emotionally. He is engaged in community life. He is known, valued, and cared for.

Yet Robert faces a difficult financial gap. His Social Security income and small pension place him above Medicaid eligibility limits, but they do not cover the full cost of his care. Robert contributes what he can—and through



benevolent care, supported by donors, Resthaven bridges the gap so he can continue to thrive.

This is where our mission comes to life.

Rather than turning away, our community leans in.

Benevolent care is not an extra at Resthaven—it is a promise we have been keeping for more than 80 years. It is one of the many ways we are set apart as a not-for-profit, faith-based senior living community committed to serving people, not profits.

And it is made possible by people like you.

When you support Resthaven's benevolent care, you become part of these stories. You help ensure that

residents like Robert can continue receiving the care they need in a place that honors their worth. You help fill the gap when systems fall short, and sustain a legacy of care that began in 1945 and continues today.

*\*name and photo have been changed for privacy.*

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# Building for the Future: Creating Spaces Where People Thrive

For generations, Resthaven has been a place where older adults find connection, compassionate care, and a true sense of home. As the needs of those we serve continue to evolve, we are thoughtfully investing in the future of our communities.

We are excited to share progress on two important projects that will strengthen our campuses, enhance the resident experience, and ensure we can continue providing compassionate care for generations to come.

## Renewing the Legacy of Maple Woods

Since opening in 1955, Maple Woods has been an important part of Resthaven's story, providing a place of care, friendship, and community for

generations of residents and families. Today, we are building on that legacy by continuing the thoughtful repositioning of the campus to meet the changing needs of older adults and create an environment designed for the future.

The first phase of the Maple Woods project is well underway and was made possible through the generosity of donors who supported **Renewing Our Legacy: A Campaign for Resthaven**.

A significant next step in this vision is the redevelopment of the property at 11 E. 32nd Street. This site will make way for a new single-story, 60-unit Assisted Living designed with today's standards of accessibility, comfort, and resident-centered living in mind.

Pending approvals and permitting, the project will move forward through several key milestones:

- **January 2027:** Abatement work at the existing church building
- **February 2027:** The City of Holland Fire Department will utilize the building for training exercises
- **March 2027:** Construction of the new community is scheduled to begin
- **Early 2029:** Anticipated opening of the new Assisted Living community

Once the new assisted living community is complete, the current Maple Woods legacy will be decommissioned.

As we prepare for this next phase, we look forward to inviting our donors and community members to join us again in 2027 to help make this vision a reality.

## Expanding The Farmstead

The Farmstead has quickly become a vibrant community where neighbors connect, friendships grow, and residents experience the joys of home.

Because of the overwhelming response and continued need in our community, Resthaven is planning an expansion that will add up to 27 additional single and duplex homes. These thoughtfully designed residences will provide more opportunities for individuals and couples to call The Farmstead home.

Construction is anticipated to be completed in Summer 2028, pending permitting and approvals.

Through these investments, Resthaven continues building communities that reflect our mission—creating welcoming places where older adults can live with dignity, purpose, and connection.



*Photo following the completion of the West Wing addition in 1961.*



*The Farmstead*

## Caring for Those Who Care for Others

*Walk with me* is more than a phrase—it is one of Resthaven's core values, guiding how we serve residents and how we care for one another as a team. Supporting our employees in meaningful, practical ways allows them to continue providing compassionate, high-quality care to residents and families every day.

As part of this commitment, we are pleased to introduce a new pilot program developed in partnership with Holland Hospital. Through this program, a Holland Hospital Nurse Practitioner is available onsite one day each week, providing Resthaven employees with free, convenient access to care for common, non-emergency health needs. Virtual visit options are also available, offering additional flexibility for staff who work various shifts, or simply prefer to connect from home.

This benefit is available to all active employees, regardless of insurance coverage, helping remove common barriers such as cost, time, and access. In addition to treating everyday health concerns, the program also offers guidance and referrals to ensure employees receive the right care when more specialized services are needed.

This onsite care offering reflects Resthaven's belief that caring for our team is an essential part of fulfilling our mission. When employees feel supported and have easier access to care, they are better equipped to walk alongside those we serve with compassion and presence.

While this pilot program represents an exciting new step, it is part of a broader commitment to innovation made possible through the generosity of our donors. Your support helps create opportunities for Resthaven to invest in new and meaningful ways to care for those who dedicate their lives to serving others.

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## Enriching Lives Through Meaningful Engagement

Meaningful engagement is at the heart of life at Resthaven, where each day brings opportunities for residents to connect, contribute, and thrive. Thanks to the generosity of donors and community partners, a wide range of innovative programs are offered to support the physical, emotional, and cognitive well-being of residents across our continuum.

One exciting area of growth has been the adoption of Montessori-based programming for older adults and those living with dementia. Through donor support, Resthaven has been able to purchase these specialized program materials and train team members to facilitate the experiences, bringing this evidence-informed approach to life within our own communities.

Rooted in the belief that every individual has the capacity to learn, engage, and contribute, Montessori-based programming honors each person's abilities while encouraging independence, social connection, and purposeful activity.

Among these offerings, a twist on a familiar favorite, Bingo, has quickly become a resident favorite. In this version, instead of calling numbers, the facilitator calls out the name of a U.S. president. Residents then search their boards for the correct corresponding answer, which may include a photo, a fact, or a notable moment from that president's time in office.

Once the president is identified, the experience goes well beyond simply marking a square. The facilitator uses thoughtfully prepared, open-ended questions tied to each answer to spark conversation and connection. For example, after calling Franklin D.



Roosevelt, the facilitator might ask residents if they remember hearing about the New Deal, or what stories their families shared about life during that time.

These guided prompts transform the game into a rich, interactive experience. The room often fills with laughter, storytelling, and meaningful conversation as residents reminisce, reflect on personal experiences, and connect with one another. The activity supports long-term memory recall while allowing each participant to engage at their own comfort level and contribute in ways that feel natural and affirming.

It is a powerful example of how thoughtfully selected programming, combined with our skilled team members, fosters connection, dignity, and a sense of purpose. Experiences like this are made possible through the support of generous donors, whose investment allows Resthaven to continue offering evidence-informed programs that meet residents where they are while celebrating who they are.

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## A Lasting Legacy: The Impact of Estate Giving

In my role, I have the privilege of seeing generosity expressed in many meaningful ways, including estate gifts. These gifts reflect careful planning, deep trust, and an intentional commitment to making a lasting impact beyond one's lifetime.

Recently, we were honored to receive a very generous estate gift from an individual whose connection to Resthaven was both thoughtful and deeply rooted in purpose. Over the past several years, I had the privilege of meeting with him on a number of occasions. His commitment to our mission was unwavering.

Whenever we spoke about his decision to give and include Resthaven in his estate planning, his reason remained beautifully consistent. He shared that he never wanted the Holland community to have to imagine a future without Resthaven—the only faith-based, not-for-profit senior living organization in our area. He understood the unique role we play, and he believed deeply in preserving that presence for generations to come.

His legacy is not simply a financial contribution—it is a statement of values. It is an investment in ensuring that

Resthaven remains strong, continues to serve with compassion and dignity, and stays true to the faith-filled foundation on which it was built.

Stories like his are a powerful reminder that estate gifts play a vital role in sustaining and strengthening our mission. They help provide long-term stability, support capital needs, and ensure that we can continue investing in programs and services that enrich the lives of those we serve. Estate gifts also allow us to extend benevolent care, ensuring that residents who outlive their financial resources can continue to call Resthaven home with dignity and peace of mind.

What I find most inspiring is that each estate gift has a story behind it. Often, it's rooted in a personal connection, a deeply held value, or a desire to ensure that others can experience the same care and community that define Resthaven today. These stories remind us that generosity is never just about dollars—it is about impact, gratitude, and purpose.

If you have already included Resthaven in your estate plans, please know how deeply grateful we are, and we'd love

the opportunity to express that gratitude to you personally. And if you've ever considered this type of giving, I would welcome the opportunity to connect with you. These conversations are always meaningful, and I am honored to hear the stories and motivations behind each person's generosity.

**Estate gifts play a vital role in sustaining and strengthening our mission.**



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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.



**\$3,500**

per month for one resident's benevolent care.\*

35% of residents at Maple Woods and 70% of residents at Care Center receive Benevolent Care.



**\$3,000**

per month for life enrichment bus trips, music guests, etc.

Your donation helps us provide enriching activities, events, and trips that focus on bringing joy to our residents' days.



**\$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.

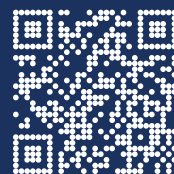
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[resthaven.org/help-us-serve](https://resthaven.org/help-us-serve)

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Learn more at [resthaven.org/help-us-serve](https://resthaven.org/help-us-serve)

### Donate by Check:

Please send checks made out to "Resthaven" to:

Resthaven  
948 Washington Avenue  
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To learn more about ways to give, contact Lindsey Zona at [lindsey.zona@resthaven.org](mailto:lindsey.zona@resthaven.org) or 616-796-3512.

Have you graciously included Resthaven as a beneficiary in your estate or trust? Let us know so we can welcome you to our Legacy Club!

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## Always ready for what's next.

No one knows what the future holds, but it pays to be prepared for whatever comes next. Resthaven has your needs in mind—for 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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