

## This Holiday Season ... Consider A Year End Gift!

Your generosity helps us further our mission. We offer many gift options from honoring a family member or friend, or by giving to our annual fund that allows us to make enhancements throughout the year. This year, your generous donations helped us to renovate the dining facilities on the SCU. The brand new Country Kitchen Community Room was unveiled in February and has greatly enhanced the dining experience and provides wonderful space for enrichment activities and programs like the Red Sox visit.

Gifts can be made by sending in the form overleaf, or by visiting our website [www.dyouville.org](http://www.dyouville.org).



## Make a Lasting Impact: Become a Monthly Donor

New this year, we are inviting you to become a monthly donor and give to D'Youville all year long. To say thank you, the first 25 monthly donors (who sign up for a 12 month recurring gift by December 30, 2019) will receive a D'Youville Insulated Wine Glass. Donors who pledge \$25 monthly, will receive one glass, and donors who pledge \$100 a month or more will receive two glasses (while supplies last).

To make an online donation or to become a recurring monthly donor, please visit our website [www.dyouville.org](http://www.dyouville.org)



## Spotlight: Lasting Impressions Gala

Our sold-out 17th Annual Lasting Impressions Gala took place on November 7, 2019 at Four Oaks Country Club in Dracut, MA. The evening was full of energy as we honored the Sisters of Charity of Ottawa for a lifetime of compassion and caring. Over 300 guests, came together to show their gratitude, love and respect. The story of The Grey Nuns, and their numerous contributions to the Greater Lowell community, since 1880 was eloquently told through a moving video tribute. Master of Ceremonies, Steve Pangiotakos led the evening and speakers included, Sr. Rachelle Watier, Superior General, s.c.o. who travelled from Ottawa for the occasion, and our own Naomi Prendergast, who announced that the D'Youville Park will be dedicated to the Sisters and renamed, the Sisters of Charity of Ottawa Park and Pavilion in Spring 2020. Special guests included the Carmelite Sisters for the Aged and Infirm. The evening raised close to \$100,000 for D'Youville Life & Wellness Community through sponsorship, individual, ticket sales and donations. Net proceeds will be used to provide the "niceties not just necessities" for our residents. To make a gift in honor of the Sisters of Charity of Ottawa, and to view the touching video, please visit our website.

## Caring Connection HOLIDAY 2019

### Notes from Naomi: Transfer of Sponsorship

As you have heard, The Sisters of Charity of Ottawa initiated a search for a new Catholic sponsor for D'Youville due to their declining numbers. Together with our Board of Directors, the Sisters examined a number of options before concluding that D'Youville Life & Wellness Community's identity as a Catholic health organization will be preserved through a transfer of sponsorship to another highly-qualified Catholic order, the Carmelite Sisters for the Aged and Infirm. In addition, D'Youville will join the Carmelite System, a Catholic not-for-profit health system based in Germantown, NY. Currently, the sponsorship transition process is well underway. We are awaiting essential approvals from the Vatican, the Commonwealth and HUD but are confident that these entities will agree that the Carmelite Sisters are the perfect successor to the Sisters of Charity of Ottawa. We are hopeful that all approvals will be received, and sponsorship transition completed by the end of this year or very early 2020. We look forward to introducing you to the Carmelite Sisters and would like to assure our residents, families, supporters and employees, that D'Youville will remain D'Youville. All funds raised by the D'Youville Foundation will remain restricted for use on the D'Youville campus. Please visit our website to learn more.

**Naomi Prendergast**

CEO & President of D'Youville Life & Wellness Community



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# Donor Spotlight: Grateful Families

Watching a loved one with Alzheimer’s, dementia or other memory issues is incredibly heart-wrenching. Coming to the decision that it is time to place your loved one in long-term care is a difficult and emotional choice for the family. Two families were faced with this decision and chose to have their loved ones cared for at D’Youville Life & Wellness Community. Both were so grateful for their experience, in particular the individuals who provided care for their loved ones, that they wanted to give back in some way.

Mary Ann (Lilley) Tirabassi was a resident of D’Youville Senior Care on the memory and special care unit for four years before she passed away in June 2017. Beverly Lagonikos was a resident on the Special Care Unit (SCU), before she passed away February 2019. **The Mary Ann Tirabassi Memorial Employee Award** was established by the Tirabassi family to support on-going annual financial awards for deserving employees, who either provide direct care in the SCU, or support that direct care with the work that they do. Five Tirabassi Awards of \$1000 are made each year. To be chosen, individuals are nominated by a co-worker or family member. All nominees are then reviewed by a committee to determine the awardees for the year. This year, Kathy Cochran, the daughter of Beverly Lagonikos, and her husband Mark, established **The Cochran Family Employee Award** based on the same criteria as the Tirabassi Award. This additional gift will allow us to increase this honor from five to six deserving employees each year. A huge thank you to the Tirabassi and Cochran families!

To nominate an employee, please contact Mike Ferrick at mferrick@dyouville.org



# Resident Spotlight: Baseball Fever

Did you know that we have our very own celebrity among our residents?! Marie “Boston” Mansfield Kelley, was a pitcher in the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League (1950-1954) where she played for The Rockford Peaches. This summer WCVB-TV (Ch. 5) interviewed Marie and shared an amazing story of her new home at the Saab Residence, involving a treasured heirloom, a chance encounter and the power of baseball. In addition, the Red Sox invited Marie to throw out the first pitch at the August 11 game. To view her heartwarming story, which aired over 11 times in New England, and in over 50 stations nationwide, please visit our website.



November was National Alzheimer’s Awareness month. To mark the occasion, we teamed with the Alzheimer’s Association to bring the Major League Memories program to our memory care residents at the SCU and included residents from The Saab Residence to participate. Residents and family members were treated to a visit from the Boston Red Sox led by alumni player, Rico Petrocelli, who spent his entire career with the team. A two-time All-Star shortstop, he played in both the 1967 and 1975 World Series along with Carl Yastremzanski. Rico was joined by Dick Flavin, the poet laureate and senior ambassador of the Boston Red Sox and voice of Fenway Park. Residents and families asked questions and talked about their memories of Americas favorite past-time. Each resident left with an autographed Red Sox bear and a huge smile. DUNKIN’ Adie Conway provided Munchkins, donuts, bagels and muffins for the occasion. Thank you to all for this opportunity!

# Please consider making a year-end donation to the to the D’Youville Foundation

YES! I would like to donate!

Please accept my donation of:

☐ \$500

☐ \$250

☐ \$100

☐ \$50

☐ \$25

☐ Other

We accept Amex, Discover, Mastercard, Visa.

Credit card number

Expiration date

Name on card

Security code

Signature

**I would like to make a recurring monthly gift to the D’Youville Foundation.** Please charge my credit card the following amount monthly for the next 12 months:

☐ \$100

☐ \$50

☐ \$25

☐ \$10

Donations and recurring gifts can also be made online at [www.dyouville.org](http://www.dyouville.org)

Please make checks payable to **D’Youville Foundation**

**Mail to:** Tara Dhar, Director of Philanthropy, D’Youville Foundation, 981 Varnum Avenue, Lowell, MA 01854

Contact the foundation at 978-569-1024 or [tdhar@dyouville.org](mailto:tdhar@dyouville.org)

# Save the Date 2020 Events

**7th Annual Ladies Golf Classic**  
Tuesday, May 19 | Shaker Hills, Harvard, MA

**16th Annual Golf Classic**  
Monday, June 1 | Indian Ridge Country Club, Andover, MA

**17th Annual Walk & Carnival**  
Sunday, September 13 | D’Youville Life & Wellness Campus, Lowell, MA

**18th Annual Lasting Impressions Gala**  
Thursday, November 5 | Four Oaks Country Club, Dracut, MA