

Congratulations to our 2023 Mission Leaf Winners!

Congratulations to **Marie Christo**, HR Generalist, **Michelle Coutu**, Dietary Supervisor, Saab Residence, **Briana Cordova**, Social Worker, D'Youville Senior Care (DSC), **Bobbie Crevier**, Activities Director, DSC, **Mikaela Kasilowski**, Nurse, D'Youville Center for Advanced Therapy (DCAT), and **Aida Santiago**, Housekeeping, Saab Residence, who were all chosen as our 2023 Mission Leaf Recipients! The Mission Leaf Award honors members of our staff who make a difference by living our mission on a daily basis and whose life reflects the core values of Mother Elisabeth Bruyere: Generosity of Spirit, Courage, Simplicity, Respect, Passion and Audacity. All were honored at a special celebration that included an award ceremony for winners and nominees as well as a BBQ. Recipients were presented with a certificate, a Mission Leaf pin and a gift certificate, as well as the honor of being the recipient of one of our most coveted awards. Congratulations to these six, who were among 17 outstanding employees nominated this year!



Donor Spotlight HPC Foodservice

HPC Foodservice (Hartford Provision Company) has been a food service vendor for D'Youville since 2007 providing goods for our dining service campus-wide. Since 2008, they have also been a great partner and donor to D'Youville providing in-kind donations for many of our campus and employee events as well sponsoring and providing food donations for many of our fundraising events! Our campus BBQs would not be the same without their generosity. Players at our Golf Classic tournament enjoy complimentary hot dogs and burgers courtesy of HPC each year. When player Jen Gosselin visited the grill last year for a hamburger, our volunteer remarked "everyone is asking for Cheeseburgers, we need cheese next year" not knowing that Jen had donated the grill items! The next year, she personally made sure that they also donated plenty of cheese and cheeseburgers have been on the golf grill menu ever since! Their generosity extends to our dining staff as well. Each holiday they gift our dining supervisors and dietitians with lunch boxes, colanders, a coffee mug and pens. We thank HPC for their continued partnership as valued donors to D'Youville!

SAVE THE DATE 2023 Lasting Impressions Gala Honoring Naomi Prendergast

Thursday, November 2nd, 2023
Four Oaks Country Club, Dracut, MA

Please join us for our Fall Lasting Impressions Gala honoring Naomi Prendergast for her years of service to D'Youville. We expect this event to sell-out. Tickets will be available on our website in September. If you are interested in sponsorship opportunities, please contact Tara at tdhar@dyouville.org or via mobile at 323-697-8681.



For the latest on our events and happenings at D'Youville, please make sure we have your current email address. To update your info, please email fundraisers@dyouville.org

Event Spotlight Summer Concerts are Back!

After a two-year hiatus, we are pleased to announce that our Summer Concert Series is back! Thanks to the generosity of both the D'Youville Ladies Guild and the D'Youville Men's Guild who will provide funding for these fun summer nights! The Summer Concerts are a wonderful treat for our residents to spend an hour outside, in the Sisters of Charity of Ottawa Park, while listening to music and enjoying time with each other and their families. Mark your calendars! June 28th, "Jazz Trio" Wendee Glick & Friends; July 12th "Music for the Greatest Generation" Dan & Mary Clark: The Singing Trooper; July 26th "Two for the Show" with Ed D'Orazio, and August 9th "Chorus with A Barber Shop Quartet" with the Merrimack Valley A Cappella Group. All concerts will take place on Wednesday evenings in the park for an hour from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. In the case of inclement weather, we will move the concert indoors to our Chapel.

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Notes from Naomi

SUMMER 2023

Dear Friends,

As I head towards my retirement from D'Youville on June 1, I am overwhelmed by thoughts of how so many individuals and organizations have supported our mission during my nearly 20 years of service.

When I joined D'Youville in January 2004, the D'Youville Foundation had been operating for just one year. Our campus was a busy place, but consisted only of D'Youville Senior Care and our Adult Day Health Center. D'Youville was a free-standing entity, sponsored by the Sisters of Charity of Ottawa, with committed Board members who helped guide our desire to further extend our mission and services to elders in need. Today, D'Youville is a proud member of the Carmelite System. Our campus is home to D'Youville Senior Care, D'Youville Center for Advanced Therapy, Bruyere Gardens, and the Saab Residence, as well as to Encompass Health, Royal Health Institute, and Summit Eldercare (Fallon Health). Funds raised by our Foundation have allowed us to enhance the lives of those living on our campus in so many ways, including opening our arms to those who could not otherwise afford to live in an assisted living community. Truly, the past 20 years have been a collective labor of love.

While retirement will be a bittersweet experience for me, I am so pleased to leave D'Youville in Mike Ferrick's most capable hands. I have worked closely with Mike over the past 6 years, and know that his professionalism, compassion, and love of our mission are exactly what D'Youville will need in the years ahead.

Many, many thanks for all you have done to help D'Youville flourish during even the most challenging of times. Rest assured, the best is yet to come!

Warmest regards, *Naomi*

Naomi Prendergast, President & CEO

Meet Mike Ferrick CEO, D'Youville Life & Wellness Community

On June 1st, 2023, D'Youville Life & Wellness Community welcomes Mike Ferrick as our new CEO. Mike came to D'Youville in 2017 as the Administrator/Director of Post-Acute Service and then as the Chief Operating Officer. Mike began his career as a Registered Nurse and a BS in Nursing from Elms College. Mike is currently working towards his Masters in Public Health degree at UMass Amherst.

Mike shared some of the experiences that brought him to D'Youville. "My first job as an RN was working for a non-profit that primarily operated nursing homes. They were expanding their home care division and I thought being a visiting nurse would be a meaningful experience. For two years, I was a visiting nurse all over Boston but primarily in East Boston. It was one of the most fulfilling experiences of my life and I got to have a positive impact on so many elders living in the community. I eventually became a manager in the home care division and then was offered the opportunity to contribute to the organization's business development initiatives. I spent most of my time in Boston area hospitals connecting with case managers and working as the primary contact for the Accountable Care Organization contracts. I enjoyed business development but missed the interaction with residents and jumped at the opportunity to become an administrator when it arose and happily joined D'Youville. I enjoy being part of the ministry and living the mission. I feel so fortunate to work for an organization where the mission is at the forefront and our core values impact everything we do."

When asked "What do you see for the future of D'Youville?" Mike remarked, "People's expectations of care are always changing from generation to generation. I see D'Youville continuing to understand what the community's needs and expectations are and continuing to meet them."

Mike lives in Methuen with his family, wife, Christine, and daughter, Felicity. He enjoys spending time with family and friends and is an avid golfer who cannot wait to introduce his daughter to the sport in the coming years. We welcome Mike in his new role!



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Event Spotlight 2023 Golf Events

The 8th Annual Ladies Golf Tournament honoring Amy Hoey, President, Tufts Medicine Lowell General Hospital, took place on a breezy, sunny day at Four Oaks Country Club in Dracut, MA on Tuesday, May 16th. Almost 80 lady-golfers joined us for a truly spectacular day of “Fitness, Fashion & Fun.” Players participated in a 9-hole tournament and were then joined by another 30 guests for a fashion trunk show featuring Skorts from Skort Obsession and bracelets from T.Jazelle Jewelry, with net proceeds benefiting D’Youville. Other activities included Silent Auction prizes and the chance to purchase raffle tickets for “Our Favorite Things Raffle: A Day at the Beach” where one lucky winner took home the most incredible basket to kick-off her summer, worth over \$1500! At our luncheon program, Sue LaRoche, DCAT, Rehab Clinical Supervisor Director talked about the close working relationship between Tufts Medicine Lowell General Hospital and D’Youville Life & Wellness Community to provide patients who are being cared for at both locations, a smooth and warm transition in their continuum of care. Naomi Prendergast introduced our honoree Amy Hoey, who warmly spoke about the relationship between the two organizations and her inspirational journey to become the first women CEO of the hospital. It was a wonderful day.

Just a few weeks later on Monday, June 5th close to 90 golfers joined us on another spectacular day at Indian Ridge Country Club, Andover, MA for the 17th Annual D’Youville Life & Wellness Community Golf Classic. Twenty-one foursomes joined us, many from our sponsors and partners. Highlights included a wonderful day of golf, tasty bites at the grill featuring hot dogs, cheeseburgers and beverages courtesy of HPC Foods, Calise Bakery and Coca-Cola. Players were gifted mobile chargers courtesy of the Alloy Group and balls and tees courtesy of Dracut House of Pizza. The day was topped with cocktails and heavy hors d’oeuvres where our player winners and raffle winners were announced.



A huge thank you to all of our supporters, volunteers and to our Ladies Golf Committee: Jill Adie, Joan Capadanno, Tara Dhar, Betty Dick, Stephanie Gilchrist, Alison Hughes, Cathy McClutchy, Gail Murphy and Naomi Prendergast and to our D’Youville Special Events Committee: Jill Adie, John Bukala, Tara Dhar, Betty Dick, Alison Hughes, Ann Kelleher, Elias Manolis, Cathy McClutchy, Naomi Prendergast, and Bruce Robinson.

Thank you to our Sponsors!

A huge thank you to all of our sponsors for their generous support of D’Youville. All net proceeds from our events benefit the D’Youville Community Enrichment Fund to enhance the lives of the seniors on our campus!

A special thank you to our 2023 overall event Supporters, Titanium Level:

Demoulas Foundation, Nancy L. Donahue, Eastern Salt, Inc., Enterprise Bank, and Jeanne D’Arc Credit Union and **Platinum Level:** HPC Foods and Tufts Medicine Lowell General Hospital.

Thank you to our 2023 Golf Event Supporters:

Diamond Level: Alloy Group, Campbell Family, Fallon Health, Lowell Five Bank, Washington Savings Bank **Gold Level:** Jill Adie, The Durkin Company, and The Hoey Family **Silver Level:** Behrakis Foundation, Chris Milot Plumbing & Heating, Coca-Cola of New England, Dracut House of Pizza, Geriatric Medical, Gervais Ford, PrideStar Trinity EMS and The Sisters of Charity of Ottawa. For a full list of our Golf Supporters, please visit our website at www.dyouville.org

News from Our Campus Masking Milestone!

On Thursday, May 11th universal masking ended across the State of Massachusetts. For the first time since the pandemic, our staff, residents and visitors were able to be in the building mask free! What a joyous feeling to see full faces that we have not seen in a very long time! There are still circumstances that will require individuals to wear a mask on our campus, including if you have had exposure to COVID-19, the recommendation is to wear a mask for 10 days post exposure, or if we are experiencing a high volume of respiratory illnesses, temporary masking for everyone may be implemented. Anyone who wishes to continue to wear a mask is welcome to do so. Our smiles are big and now you can see them!

Employee Spotlight Roberta “Bobbie” Crevier

Bobbie Crevier joined D’Youville in 2018 as the Activities Director at D’Youville Senior Care. Bobbie is loved by residents and co-workers for her warm and loving presence and creativity. Bobbie has been described as a problem solver and her mission is to make sure our residents are cared for, active and have a voice. Visitors to D’Youville see the wonderful decorations she creates for every holiday, spreading cheer and joy at D’Youville Senior Care.

During the holiday season, she decorated over 12 Christmas trees to make sure every unit was festive and this spring she fashioned wreaths using fabric that the Sisters of Charity of Ottawa used to make their white habits. In 1968, the Sisters stopped sewing their habits. Sister Pauline Leblanc found the fabric and donated it to our Activities Department. As a way to honor the Sisters, Bobbie was inspired and used the fabric to construct the wreaths and added daisies and heather. The daisies, or marguerite as they are called, represent St. Marguerite D’Youville, the foundress of the Sisters of Charity. Mother Elizabeth Bruyere’s family name translates as “Heather.” Whether hosting music and performers for our residents, creating amazing decorations, or acting as our campus DJ during special events, Bobbie truly embodies the spirit of the D’Youville campus.



Resident Spotlight Simonne “Sim” Chadonnet, The Saab Residence

We would like to wish a very Happy Birthday to Simonne Chadonnet, who on April 5th, celebrated her 100th Birthday! Sim lives at the Saab Residence, where she has been a resident for six years. She remarked, “Turning 100 is unbelievable!” When asked what her secret is she said “I like to enjoy life and have a glass of wine or a screwdriver.” Sim said that “I was really anxious to make the move, and my friend (the late) Pauline Rousseau really made me feel at home. I love it here!” Sim likes to participate in many of the activities that are offered, she likes doing various crafts, listening to music, especially “The Beatles” and enjoys step exercise! Sim grew up in Lowell in a large family with 8 siblings! She and her sisters formed The Beaudette Sisters Trio, and Sim was the Alto. They would sing at parties and church and performed on the radio on the Tom Clayton Amateur Hour. Sim worked as a hairdresser & cosmologist at Bon Marche, Jordan Marsh and Filene’s department stores. Sim adores her family. She and her late husband have four children, three boys and a daughter, and seven grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren! Despite some early loss in her life, her mother died from childbirth when she was only five years old, her father went on to re-marry a wonderful woman who was a seamstress and even made her wedding dress! Sim has a wonderful outlook on life, likes to keep busy, and is not afraid to keep learning new skills, such as using a computer. Sim is a member of the D’Youville Ladies Guild. We wish her a wonderful birthday and many more happy years to come!



Employee Spotlight Aida Santiago, Housekeeping, The Saab Residence

Aida’s incredible work ethic, determination and positive attitude are an inspiration to everyone around her. As a member of the housekeeping staff at our Assisted Living facility, The Saab Residence, Aida always goes above and beyond to ensure that the facility is clean, comfortable and welcoming for everyone. Aida sees a drooping plant in the lobby, she waters it. She notices a table needs to be set in the dining room, consider it delivered. Aida takes great pride in her work, and it shows in every task she undertakes. She is a true asset to the team, and we are incredibly grateful to have her as part of our community.