Sanborn Gratiot Memorial Home

December 2022



New Freezer for Sanborn

Sanborn Gratiot Memorial Home received a muchneeded upgrade in the kitchen! For so long the employees had to dig into a small chest freezer to get to their food that was needed and many times they couldn't even reach it and had to call for help! Items would fall to the bottom and be "lost forever" and not get used because they were too difficult to reach and forgotten about. There was a need for more space and space that was easy to get to. Well thanks to a grant written by Kathy Baker, the need became a reality! Kathy wrote a grant to the Community Foundation of St. Clair County and was

told the next day that the grant was approved and awarded to Sanborn Gratiot Memorial Home on behalf of the Harry F. Lewis Fund, the Tom & Nancy Hunter Fund and the John W. and M. Louise Shier Family Fund. (continued on page 2)



Sanborn Gratiot Memorial Home

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New Freezer for Sanborn continued....

The freezer was ordered immediately from Webstaruant and they did a curbside delivery of the massive 3 door, 715-pound freezer standing 78 inches tall and 80 inches wide. Busy Beavers Movers was called and assisted in unboxing and moving the freezer into the



kitchen. This was quite the task, but they made it happen! Now the staff can fit more items in the freezer and take advantage of sales they find because they have the space to fit everything. The old freezer was donated to Blue Water Habitat for Humanity which is a company that Sanborn Gratiot Memorial Home has partnered with in many ways before. Thank you to all of those that made this happen!

> Busy Beavers and SGMH Staff moving the freezer inside. It just barely fit!



"No one is useless in this world who lightens the burdens of another."

— Charles Dickens

Resident December
BirthdaysDecember 6GregDecember 7MaryDecember 19RonDecember 28CocoDecember 30Dorothy

It's a Wonderful Life!!

Each year, the CMH Players come together for a performance to help reduce stigma and share the message that recovery is possible. CMH Players includes actors who are individuals receiving CMH supports, local community actors, and CMH staff.

This year, CMH Players presented It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play. CMH was kind enough to give Sanborn Memorial Home some free tickets to the November 18th show at the Citadel Stage in Port Huron.

Five residents and two staff members were able to see this performance and had a wonderful time! A special thanks goes out to Kathy Davis from Thornhill for providing transportation and to CMH for the wonderful opportunity for the residents to see this performance!



"Dueling Pianos" Fundraising Event

Friday, March 3, 2022 6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. (Doors Open at 6:00pm)

Port Huron Elks Lodge 343 3292 Beach Road, Port Huron, MI 48060

Tickets are Available Now!

\$100 each or \$180 for two Don't Delay! Seating is limited.

Featuring:

2 Dueling Pianists from NY NY Dueling Pianos Company



Nacho/Taco Buffet Dinner Cash Bar Silent Auction **Raffles** 50/50 FUN, FUN, FUN!!!



Proceeds from this Event Fundraiser Benefit:

Sanborn Gratiot Memorial Home, its Capital Campaign Fund and/or its **Endowment Fund**

Sponsorship Opportunities Still Available!

> Melody-\$5,000 Harmony-\$3,000 Metronome-\$2,000 Rhythm-\$1,000 Tempo-\$500 Chord-\$250

For Tickets, Sponsorship or **More Information:**

www.sanborngratiot.org

Or Contact

Kathy Baker 810-388-1200 or baker@bwdh.org





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Our expanded circa 1890 Victorian style house is comfortably designed for ambulatory individuals and we are licensed to provide care for up to 30 residents age 55 and older. Paraprofessional staff provide 24 hour compassionate care for residents including personal services, laundry, bathing and medication administration.

If you know of anyone that is in need and would like more information or a tour of the facility, please contact Sanborn Gratiot Memorial Home for more information.

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Community Foundation

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Welcome to the Board

In November, Sanborn Gratiot Memorial Home welcomed new board member Tiffany Francis. Tiffany is the Director of Quality for McLaren Physician Partners and is no stranger to helping her community as she is also on the Friends of the St. Clair River Board and she works closely on the Antique and Classic Boat Society's Boat the Blue Show.

What makes Tiffany so unique to the board is that Tiffany's family has been involved with Sanborn Gratiot Memorial Home since the beginning! Tiffany's family has a long history with Sanborn Gratiot Memorial Home, dating back to the 1930s with her great-grandparents, and spanning into the 2000s with her father and then to today with her.

Tiffany's great grandfather, HL Stevens was the attorney for the Sanborn's. When the family was killed in a car accident in California in the 1930s, Tiffany's grandfather flew to identify the Sanborn's and sign that he was their trustee. It took him 3 days to travel to California to do that!

The trust the Sanborn's had set up was quite large for the time and funded the original Sanborn Home purchase. Fast forward to late 2007/early 2008 and Tiffany's father, LeRoy Stevens, became the architect for the home, and worked on the modernization, renovation and expansion that began in the fall of 2008. As we jump ahead to most recently, we welcome Tiffany to the Board of Sanborn Gratiot Memorial Home. Tiffany was familiarized with the home, as a resident, Betty Shattler had lived there preceding her death. She was always known to Tiffany's family as "Aunt Betty" and her niece, Jackie Ritter, who served on the Women's Auxiliary (and made fabulous pecan cookies for the tea), was a very close family friend to Tiffany and her family as well. When asked about how she felt joining the board, Tiffany replied, "I look forward to continuing the legacy of the Sanborn Home and helping in new ways as a Board Member...hopefully getting a few cookies and tea along the way!"



Tiffany Francis, MPH Director of Quality McLaren Physician Partners

"As you grow older, you will discover that you have two hands — one for helping yourself, the other for helping others." — Audrey Hepburn

Endowment Fund

Sanborn Gratiot Memorial Home is proud to partner with the Community Foundation of St Clair County.

The organization has established an endowment fund with the Community Foundation. This fund supports Sanborn Home by helping cover the costs of resident activities, furniture, supplies, and other operating costs that enhance the lives of seniors living in the home.

If you are interested in learning more about the Sanborn Endowment Fund or making a donation please go to: <u>https://www.stclairfoundation.org/fund/the-sanborn-gratiot-memorial-home-endowment</u>

Sanborn Gratiot Memorial Home Auxiliary

The Sanborn Gratiot Memorial Home Auxiliary has been around for some time now. A look back shows that the Auxiliary was founded in 1959 by a group of ladies as a way for them to help the residents of Sanborn Gratiot Memorial Home with items they may need. For many years now the Sanborn Gratiot Memorial Home Auxiliary has worked hard at fundraising and providing things that were needed like household items, furniture, magazines, entertainment and building updates.

The Auxiliary also provides meals for the residents often ordering carry out from local restaurants as a treat for the residents. Most recently, the ladies of the Auxiliary were able to get an entire case of Bombas socks for the residents. Bombas is a company that not only has a great quality product, but also has a promise of donating a pair of socks for every pair that are purchased. The goal of the company is to help those suffering from homelessness around the world. So the donation of the case of socks for the residents at Sanborn not only helped them, but also helped others in need as well!

Thank you to the Sanborn Gratiot Memorial Home Auxiliary for all they have done and continue to do for the residents.





Upcoming Event for Residents

Coming up on December 21st from 6pm until 7:30pm, the residents of Sanborn Gratiot Memorial Home will be feeling all jolly as they take a winter ride on the Port Huron Trolley!!

They will experience the lights and music of Christmas around our beautiful city and enjoy some hot fresh soup, hot cocoa, cookies and Christmas Carolers!!





Happy Holidays from all of the residents and staff at Sanborn Gratiot Memorial Home!



Affiliation with United Way

Sanborn Gratiot Memorial Home is an affiliated organization with United Way of St. Clair County, enabling you to direct your gift to Sanborn Gratiot Memorial Home. Sanborn Gratiot Memorial would like to encourage you to give generously to the United Way of St. Clair County to support its efforts to provide assistance to many deserving community agencies. Take some time to check out the <u>United</u> <u>Way of St. Clair County's website</u> to view current activities, fund raisers, newsletter and information about their current campaign. Donations to the United Way of St. Clair County can also be made on their website or feel free to call 810-985-5631 to see how you can be an "everyday hero".



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About Us

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Mission

It is the mission of Sanborn Gratiot Memorial Home, Inc. to provide an affordable, comfortable, safe, assisted living home to the aging community while striving to maintain a high quality of life for our residents through social activities and family involvement.

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