

# Sanborn Gratiot Memorial Home Newsletter



## New Windows & Doors for Sanborn

Sanborn Gratiot Memorial Home has seen many upgrades over the past year and this year will be no different. We started the year off right with getting 32 new windows and 9 exterior doors. Funding for these improvements was provided by a grant written by Kathy Baker, Community Services Division Director at Blue Water Developmental Housing, and awarded by the city of Port Huron through ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funds. In the grant, Kathy recounted the many improvements that Sanborn Gratiot Memorial Home has had over the years including a new fire alarm system, new heating system, new roof, new exterior sidewalks and interior improvements such as new carpeting, drywall and improved grounds to provide greater curb appeal to the neighborhood. Kathy mentioned



Workers from Nicholas Sears Construction install one of the new windows.

that even with all the work that has been done, the home still has an immediate need for the replacement of the windows and doors to help with the energy efficiency of the home, further improve curb appeal in the neighborhood and increase the comfort of our residents.

The grant was awarded and the windows and doors were replaced by Nicholas Sears Construction. The work has been completed and looks fantastic! Thank you to Kathy for all the hard work she put into writing the grant, getting the quotes and organizing this improvement for Sanborn and thank you to Nicholas Sears Construction for the fine work they did!

## Sanborn Gratiot Memorial Home

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Senior Millage  
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# Blue Water Woman of the Year

Five women from the Blue Water Area have been named recipients of the 11th annual Blue Water Woman of the Year awards by *Blue Water Woman* magazine. One of the recipients is Alice Rieves who is also a member of the Sanborn Gratiot Memorial Home Auxiliary.

Alice was nominated by Dr. Annette Mercatante of the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services. Dr. Mercatante has worked with Alice on many community initiatives over the years. Patti Samar, editor and publisher of Blue Water woman magazine said, "I am honored to be able to shine a light on all of the good Alice Rieves has done for some of the most vulnerable in our community. As the recently retired executive director of the Mid City Nutrition Program, Alice dedicated many years of her life to fighting food insecurity and ensuring that area residents had not only a place to eat a meal, but a place to gather and find fellowship. She has been named THE Blue Water Woman of the Year in recognition of her many years of service to our community."

Alice and the other recipients will be recognized at an awards ceremony scheduled to be held from 7 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, March 14, 2023 at the McMorran Theatre in downtown Port Huron. Both men and women are encouraged to attend the reception honoring the women. Requested attire for the event is fancy cocktail dresses and gowns for women, and suits and ties for men.



Left: Patti Samar, Blue Water Woman Magazine. Right: Alice Rieves, Blue Water Woman of the Year.

Tickets for the event include an open bar and heavy hors d'oeuvres. Tickets are priced at \$85/per person for adults and \$55/per person for students under 21.

Blue Water Woman magazine was established in 2011, and the Blue Water Woman of the Year Awards have been an annual event since the first award ceremony in 2012. The purpose of the awards ceremony is to recognize those women in our community who have achieved significant success in their lives while pursuing their professional or personal passions.

Congratulations to Alice for this wonderful honor! To purchase tickets to this year's event, please visit [www.bluewaterwoman.com](http://www.bluewaterwoman.com) and click on the Blue Water Woman of the Year tab.

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***"The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others."*** — Gandhi

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## ***St. Clair County Commission on Aging Continues Funding for Homeless Seniors***

Sanborn Gratiot Memorial Home has received a renewal of the St. Clair County Senior Citizens' Millage grant funds from the Commission on Aging to continue to provide 4 beds for short-term emergency housing for resident seniors 60 and older who are homeless, at risk of homelessness or are in unsafe situations. Referrals come from a variety of sources, the public guardian, Adult Protective Services, the HARA, McLaren Hospital and Safe Horizons for instance. If you know someone who may need this service, please contact Betty Guigar at 810-985-5631.



You Are Cordially Invited to Attend a Night Of

# Dueling Pianos

A Benefit Fundraiser for Sanborn Gratiot Memorial Home

Friday, March 3, 2023

6 o'clock in the Evening

Friday, March 3, 2023

Elks Lodge  
3292 Beach Road  
Port Huron, MI 48060



To register or if you have any questions, please contact  
**Kathy Baker** at (810) 388-1200, via email at  
baker@bwdh.org or online at sanborngratiot.org.

Proceeds from this event will benefit Sanborn Gratiot  
Memorial Home, its Capital Campaign Fund and/or  
Sanborn Gratiot Memorial Home's endowment fund.

**Tickets Are On Sale Now!**

**\$100 each or \$180 for two**

Don't Delay! Seating is limited.

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



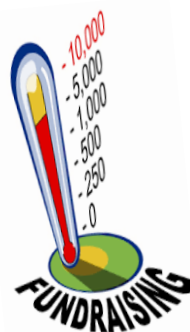
Don't miss your opportunity to get your  
tickets for the event of the year!!

NY NY Dueling Pianos puts on a great show  
and you will be helping raise money for a  
great organization! Food, music, raffles and  
fun!! What more could you ask for on a night  
out!!



*"Think of giving not as a duty, but as a  
privilege."*

*- John D.  
Rockefeller Jr.*



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compassionate care for residents  
including personal services, laundry,  
bathing and medication administra-  
tion.

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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Resident Birthday

**February 28**

Donna





# Valentines Fun

The SGMH Auxiliary was excited to resume activities inside Sanborn with the residents. This was the first time they have been able to be in person with the residents since March 2020 when Covid happened. On Monday, February 13th, music therapist Mindy Charron visited the residents to brighten their day as she played her guitar and sang to them. Mindy visits the residents monthly as a music treat sponsored by the Auxiliary.

Several Auxiliary members hosted a Valentine social hour following Mindy's program. Valentine cookies, candy, ice cream, and hot chocolate was served. Auxiliary member Carol Lambert made a quilt that she raffled off and Sanborn resident Bob won the raffle!! Thank you to the Auxiliary for all you do for the Sanborn residents!



United Way  
of St. Clair County



**Let's Celebrate St. Patrick's Day!**

**Friday March 17th**

**6am-10am**

**Freighters**

**800 Harker, Port Huron**

**\$17.95 Breakfast Buffet**

**(\$20 at the Door)**

**Paul Miller LIVE**

**Tune in at 1380 WPHM**

**Purchase online at**

**[www.uwstclair.org/breakfast2023](http://www.uwstclair.org/breakfast2023)**  
**and SAVE**

**=Raffle Tickets also on sale online**  
**for more information call 810-985-8169**

**St. Patrick's Day Raffles**

**Tickets \$2.00 each**

**Sponsored by HUMANA**

- \$250 Michigan Lottery Instant Tickets - Sponsored by HUMANA
- 2 Passes to the Rocket Mortgage PGA Classic
- Ullenbruch's Monthly Flowers
- PRP Home Wine Tasting (2 Drawings)
- Scotch Bourbon & Cigar Basket - Donated by Andy @ Wolverine Market
- 1 Night Stay @ The DoubleTree Port Huron & a \$50 Gift Card to Freighters
- \$250 Gift Card to Country Style Market - Sponsored by HUMANA
- \$250 Gift Card to Meijer - Sponsored by HUMANA

**Premier Sponsor**

**Cash Bar  
Available**

**LiUNA!**  
**LOCAL 1075**  
**Feel the Power**

**Live Irish Music  
and Bag Pipes!**

**Please join the United Way of  
St. Clair County for their  
St. Patrick's Day Breakfast!**

The United Way of St. Clair County is an organization whose mission is 'To mobilize the community of St. Clair County to raise funds and/or resources to meet identified human service needs with the highest level of accountability and community involvement.'

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. One way to support them is to attend their fundraisers or make a direct donation.

Donations to the United Way of St. Clair County can be made on their website or feel free to call 810-985-5631 to see how you can be an "everyday hero".



# MDHHS Welcomes Public Input from Older Adults

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) Bureau of Aging, Community Living and Supports would like the public to join community conversations online and throughout the state to discuss the needs of older adults.

MDHHS is seeking input regarding the needs and gaps in programs and services that affect quality of life for older residents. They will use the information gathered during the community conversations and from survey responses to identify priorities for the department in support of the health and well-being of Michigan's older adult population. A plan will go before the state's Commission on Services to the Aging for approval before being submitted to the Federal Administration for Community Living by July 1st for implementation during fiscal years 2023-2026.

State units on aging, under the Older Americans Act, will need to develop and administer a multi-year State Plan on Aging that provides goals and objectives related to assisting older residents, their families and caregivers in their states. The plan serves as a blueprint outlining coordination and advocacy activities to meet the needs of older adults and for building capacity for long-term care efforts in the state.

Anyone interested in providing information on the needs of older adults is invited to participate in a community conversation or complete a survey.

For a current list of community conversation locations, dates, and times, or to access the survey, go to the Behavioral and Physical Health and Aging Services Administration webpage via the state of Michigan, MDHHS page at [www.michigan.gov/mdhhs](http://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs). Let's give our input to help our seniors future.



## Resident Spotlight

In our resident spotlight this month we have Carolyn "Coco" Stewart. Coco has lived at Sanborn Gratiot Memorial Home for about four and a half years and enjoys activities such as dominos, crafts, playing cards, finger painting, reading and she even hosts "Coloring with Coco" every Sunday for the residents.

Coco graduated from the University of Phoenix with a Masters Degree in Human Resources and then continued her career working for the University of Phoenix until her retirement. Coco has 2 children, a son and a daughter whom she enjoys having meals with.

In her spare time, Coco likes to read books that she gets from the Mail Home Connection Library where she just orders the book she wants and it is mailed to her and when she is done, she mails it back. In the past 3 years, Coco has read an astounding 433 books!! Coco also likes to write and she has even had an article published in the International Mothers Magazine!

While living at Sanborn, Coco also has been the resident advocate for the past 3 years and also serves as the liaison for the Sanborn Gratiot Memorial Home Women's Auxiliary. Thank you Coco for sharing your story with us!





## 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:

[www.stclairfoundation.org/fund/the-sanborn-gratiot-memorial-home-endowment](http://www.stclairfoundation.org/fund/the-sanborn-gratiot-memorial-home-endowment)

**Community Foundation**  
of St. Clair County

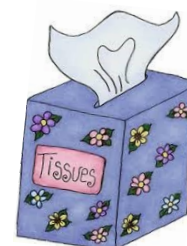


## On my Wish List

Sanborn Gratiot Memorial home is always accepting donations for our residents. Some of the items that we currently need are as follows:



Kleenex  
Body Wash  
Shampoo  
Craft Supplies  
Comforters  
Prizes for Bingo



If you or someone you know would like to donate these or any items you think our residents could use, please feel free to contact Betty Guigar at 810-985-5631 or email at [Sanborn@bwdh.org](mailto:Sanborn@bwdh.org) to arrange for drop off of donation items. Thank you!



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## About Us

Sanborn Gratiot Memorial Home, Inc. provides residential assisted living for the elderly with a mission to serve lower income seniors who are semi-independent and seeking a secure and affordable residence. We are located near beautiful Lake Huron in Port Huron, Michigan in St. Clair County. Sanborn Gratiot Memorial Home, Inc. is the only "licensed home for the aged" in St. Clair County and the only senior residence with a mission to serve lower income individuals.

Our expanded circa 1890 Victorian style house is comfortable 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. Please see our Activities & Services page for more information.

### 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.