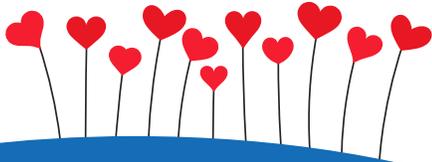


Gratitude REPORT



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Mary Immaculate
Health/Care Services

A Member of Covenant Health

Helping Hands

Thank you to everyone who has given to the Helping Hands Employee Emergency Assistance Fund! This 100% donor-supported fund helps our employees when they need it most. To support the fund, donate online at mihcs.org/Donate or by mail to:

172 Lawrence Street
Lawrence, MA 01841

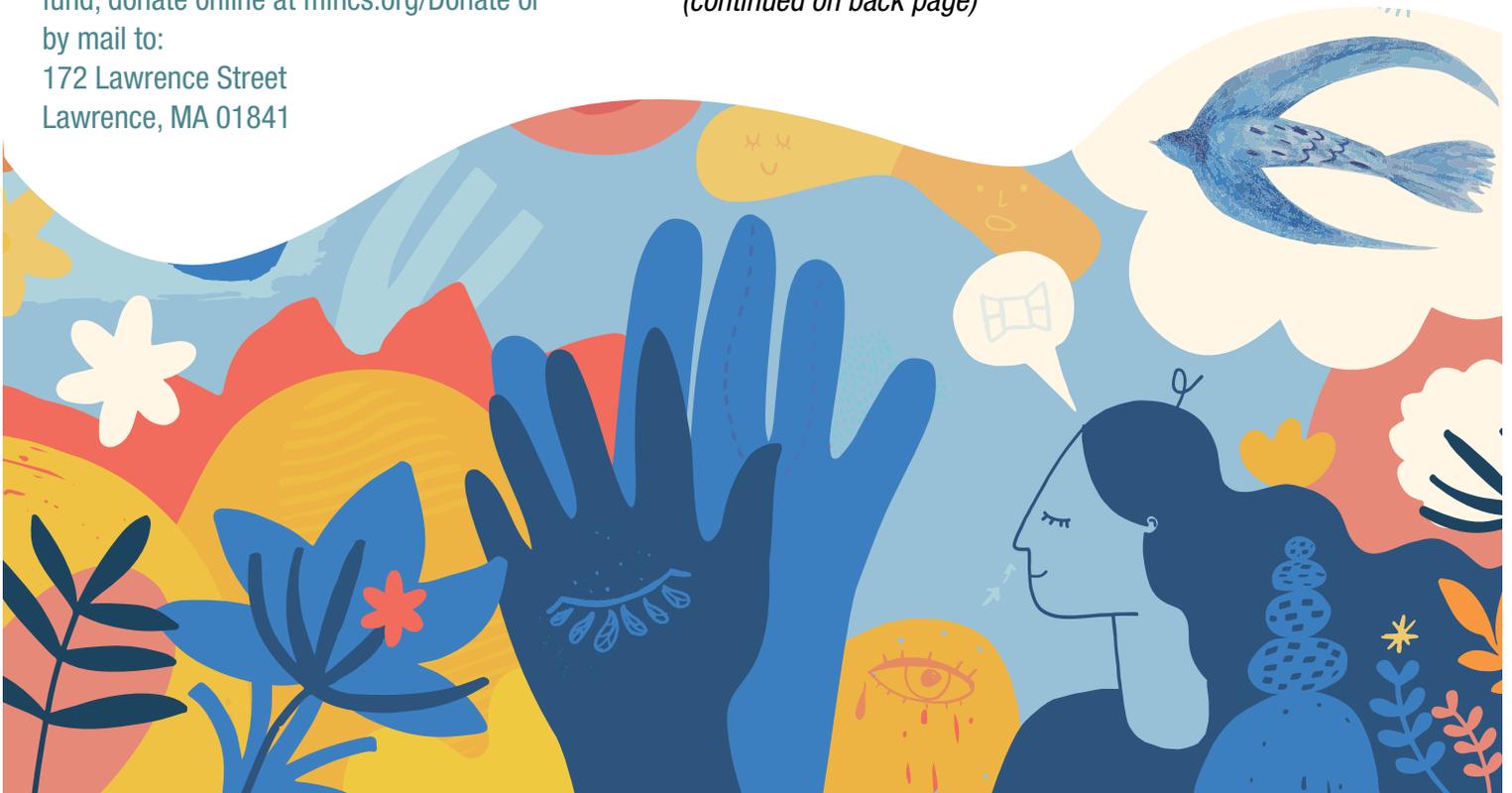


Helping Hands Fund Keeps Employee Housed During COVID-19

Everyone has moments when they feel as though they just can't catch a break. One Mary Immaculate employee, who sacrificed so much to care for our residents at the height of the pandemic, felt just this way when she contracted COVID-19. Unfortunately, her chronic symptoms kept her out of work for three months! Through no fault of her own, she found herself falling behind on rent payments and utility bills. The final straw was her car breaking down. Thanks to your gifts to our Helping Hands Employee Emergency Assistance Fund, she was able to receive assistance to pay her back rent, providing much-needed relief and taking one worry off her mind once she was able to return to work.

"When I received the letter in the mail asking for donations, I wanted to give back, even if in a small way, for the outstanding

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Mary Immaculate Guild Launches Love and Loyalty Membership Campaign

The Mary Immaculate Guild is a community service organization that supports the Mary Immaculate Nursing/Restorative Center. Founded in 1868 by the Sisters of Charity Montreal or “Grey Nuns,” Mary Immaculate is one of Lawrence’s oldest charities and one of New England’s largest and most advanced health care campuses for seniors.

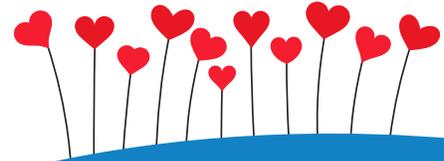
The mission of the Guild is to support the nursing/restorative center and improve the lives of its residents through service and fundraising. For example, annual gifts from the Guild have enabled Mary Immaculate to remain at the forefront of memory care by designing a state-of-the-art memory care unit. Cutting-edge, evidence-based improvements have included a “wander loop” for residents, where obstacles and barriers that may frustrate or upset residents are removed. Other updates made possible through the generosity of the Guild have included bringing the outdoors in with an artificial sky and a countryside “porch” with 360-degree views of the meadows, bus stop and tree.

The gift presented at the 2022 annual meeting will be used to relocate and renovate the short-term care unit, dedicated to those in need of recovery and rehabilitation care.

At its recent annual meeting, outgoing Guild president Diane Shikrallah described Mary Immaculate as a true gem in the community. She expressed her gratitude for the opportunity to spread the word about the facility and all the important services it offers to the community.

Newly elected president Joseph Bourque, who has deep roots in Lawrence, expressed excitement about his new role, saying, “Mary Immaculate is all about family. My connection to the community began 13 years ago when my father became a resident. He was later joined by my mother. My mom and dad genuinely embraced their Mary Immaculate family – who enthusiastically embraced them right back! As president of the Guild, I look forward to giving back by collaboratively working with our members to help fulfill Mary Immaculate’s mission and goals.”





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Become a Member

The Guild recently launched its Love and Loyalty Membership Campaign, inviting community members to learn more about its mission and join. As a member, you will:

- Contribute annual dues and be invited to the annual dinner.
- Serve as a liaison to others to advance programs, services and care.
- Join with like-minded business and community members in service for our community by working with these Guild officers and directors.

Officers:

President – Joseph Bourque
Vice President – John Felci
Treasurer – Andrea McCann
Clerk – Anthony Ngethe
Chairperson – Jeanne Leydon

Directors:

Lisa Breen, Del Downing, Kris Fleming, Charles Gangi, Paul Gangi, Ann-Marie Giarrusso, Donald Marinelli and Diane Shikrallah



Front Row: Diane Shikrallah, outgoing president and Jeanne Leydon, president and CEO, Mary Immaculate Guild

Back Row: Donald Marinelli, Kris Fleming, Lisa Breen, Del Downing, Anthony Ngethe, clerk, John Felci, vice president, and Joseph Bourque, incoming president

Missing: Andrea McCann, treasurer, Ann-Marie Giarrusso, Charles Gangi and Paul Gangi

To learn more about the Mary Immaculate Guild and its Love and Loyalty Membership Campaign, please visit mihcs.org/guild.

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care and compassion my mom received from Mary Immaculate's incredible staff," says Helping Hands donor Mary Ellen Subiskak. "She was a resident of the Memory Care Unit for five years and was one month away from turning 91 years old when she passed. She participated in many special events including her favorite — bingo, which kept her active and entertained. She was so happy and loved living at Mary Immaculate. I couldn't have asked for better care for my mom while she lived out her remaining years. It gave me peace of mind knowing she was in such good hands."

The Helping Hands Employee Emergency Fund was happy to give her the break she so badly needed.

Giving Through Your IRA Can Save You Money!

Many retirees take the standard deduction when filing taxes and thus can't claim a charitable deduction. But a qualified charitable distribution (QCD) from your IRA has a greater benefit: *You often save more by lowering your taxable income rather than claiming a tax deduction.*

example:
71-year-old couple

required minimum distribution
of \$24,000

**Standard deduction
is \$26,550**

NO TAX ADVANTAGE!

**MAKE QCD GIFT OF
\$5,000 AND REDUCE
TAXABLE INCOME
BY \$5,000**



Other Benefits:

- Potentially THOUSANDS in federal and state tax savings.
- Make a gift to Mary Immaculate.
- Could fund a charitable life insurance policy for larger gift in future.

 *Thank you* for all you've done! We hope that this report will convey the difference you have made for our residents and staff this past year.

With a grateful heart,

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