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Our Communities

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Episcopal Church Home
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Iris Park Commons & Katy's Cottage
1850 University Ave, St. Paul, MN 55104

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1840 University Ave, St. Paul, MN 55104

The Terrace at Iris Park
502 E Lynnhurst Ave, St. Paul, MN 55104

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Managed by Episcopal Homes
4300 W. River Pkwy, Minneapolis, MN 55406

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The Pillars Hospice House
6025 Upper 35th St N Oakdale, MN 55128

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Episcopal Homes Goes to Washington: Inez Kalle at White House Summit

Episcopal Homes of Minnesota is proud to have one of the highest rates of respiratory vaccine acceptance among long-term care facilities in the country. In July, this achievement was recognized through an invitation to The White House's Long Term Care Facility Summit where our own **Inez Kalle, Director of Nursing**, shared the strategies and experiences that led to Episcopal Homes achieving this milestone.

Centering our strategy on four core principles – Trust, Education, Transparency, and Information, Episcopal Homes focused on amplifying our efforts to provide clear and reliable information about the vaccine safety and efficacy. Additionally, our medical director made rounds and answered questions about COVID-19 and the vaccine, creating new opportunities for open communication with the goal of empowering every resident to make informed choices about their health.

The Summit, sponsored by The White House's Office of Pandemic Preparedness and Response Policy and the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), focused on COVID-19, RSV, and seasonal flu vaccines and preparation for the 2024/2025 respiratory virus season ahead.

Returning from the event, Inez continues to lean into the connections she made during the Summit to work with her team and the wider Episcopal Homes community to continue to collectively uphold the highest standards of care and safety for our long-term care residents, their families, and the staff who care for them.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to Inez for representing Episcopal Homes with grace, passion, and unwavering dedication. Her presence at the Summit exemplified the spirit of excellence that defines our organization, and we are immensely proud to have her leadership guiding us forward.



Inez, with her years of dedication and practice within senior care, summarized Episcopal Homes' achievement, stating: "It was about trust, education, transparency, and information." These core principles guided our approach to vaccination, ensuring that our residents and staff were well-informed and confident in their decisions.



Pillars Memorial Garden Planning Underway

A family of Beyond Hospice donors have dreamed the Memorial Garden at The Pillars Hospice Home into reality!

A cornerstone of the Pillars for Life Capital Campaign, the Memorial Garden will make intentional space for grief surrounded by the natural beauty and wildness of The Pillars campus. A place for reflection, prayer, solitude and centering, the Memorial Garden will welcome all and is being designed for wheelchair accessibility.

We are so grateful for the generous donations that made this Garden possible.

Welcome our
New Foundation
Executive Director,
Wendy Johnson!



In August, Wendy Johnson joined the Foundation as our new Executive Director.

Wendy brings a wealth of nonprofit leadership expertise along with deep connections across The Episcopal Church. Most recently serving as a member of Presiding Bishop Michael Curry's staff, she is well versed in mission-centered organizations with expertise covering strategic planning; communications; local, national, and international fundraising; data analysis; and building relationships with partners and donors.

Having previously worked in various capacities within The Episcopal Church in Minnesota for nearly 15 years, she is familiar with Episcopal Homes and The Pillars Hospice Home. Last year, Wendy volunteered for the Beyond Hospice/ The Pillars December gala. She also served on the board of Sheltering Arms Foundation and gave a presentation at Episcopal Homes on Sister Annette a few years back. With knowledge of our founder and history and belief in our mission, Wendy is off to a great start leading the Foundation into the future!

Please reach out to Wendy if you have questions or to discuss a donation, planned gift, or the Vision Partners program, or to just say "Hi!"
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We are grateful to our committed organizations supporting the Caring for Caregivers program funding scholarships and employee emergency to benefit front-line staff.

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Scholarship Program Offers
Career Advancement Opportunities

With help from Episcopal Homes Foundation's Scholarship Program, Mohamed Turay, an eleven-year staff member of Episcopal Homes, has advanced from Certified Nursing Assistant to Trained Medication Aid to Licensed Practical Nurse. Currently, he is pursuing a bachelor's degree in nursing and will graduate in spring 2026 as a Registered Nurse.

Mohamed encourages his colleagues to tap into career possibilities by applying to the program:

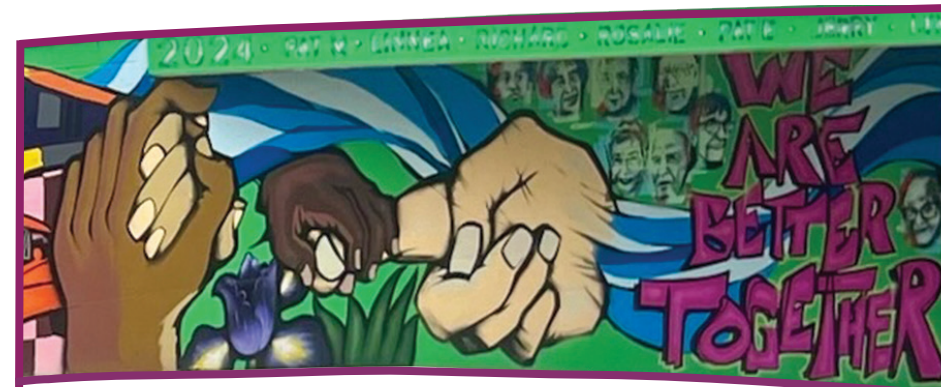
"I tell my co-workers the scholarship opportunities are the best thing that can happen to them. The organization really cares about the staff to encourage elevation of their employees."



The Scholarship Program assists employees in achieving their educational goals with up to \$10,000/year of support for Nursing Degrees and \$5,250 in support for professional degrees and certificates.

Support for the scholarship program comes from our Vision Partners corporate team as well as our generous donors and residents. In particular, a special note of gratitude goes to Cornelia House residents who graciously donate to the scholarship program to honor and celebrate community birthdays. The impact of these gifts changes the lives of scholarship recipients.

The next scholarship deadline is November 8, 2024.



WE ARE BETTER TOGETHER:
THERE'S A NEW MURAL ON CAMPUS

This spring, **Episcopal Homes' Creative Ventures program director, Kristin Aitchinson, partnered with SPRAYFINGER and Peyton Scott Russell, creator of the 12-foot mural of George Floyd,** to create a lasting image: a retaining wall mural that reflects the history and community of our University Avenue campus.

Grounded in location, the mural begins with "We are on Dakota land." written in the Dakota language and ends with the phrase, "We Are Better Together" in bright pink. Images include stenciled portraits of Episcopal Homes' founder, Sister Annette Relf; our recently retired President & CEO, Marvin Plakut; and several of the mural artists. Look closely and you'll also see the University Avenue light rail and the Porky's drive-in sign.

The collaboration behind this project was inspired by the 2020 social justice uprisings and a subsequent Creative Ventures focus on The History of Protest Music. Through the generative and authentic relationships built working with Peyton and SPRAYFINGER, Episcopal Homes residents developed a new appreciation and understanding of graffiti as an artistic act of expression and disruption.

The partnership and resulting mural were funded with a grant from the Minnesota State Arts Board.

The mural is open to the public and can be found at the entrance to the underground parking garage.



**A PAYING IT FORWARD
LEGACY GIFT**

Inspired by the care The Pillars provided for her father, Stephanie Johnson decided to make a major gift to support the **Pillars for Life Capital Campaign**. Her father, Gary Esping, was a resident of The Pillars for seven months this year. With a long-term residential hospice stay, Stephanie and her family spent extensive time with the staff and volunteers, and even getting to know the animal therapy pets who visited to offer companionship. The best part of the care for her father Gary was allowing her mom, Evelyn, to step away from the caregiver role and return to being a wife and best friend.



Gary & Evelyn Esping

The care they gave my dad – they knew him as a whole person and met his needs from serving his favorite breakfast, honoring his routine, and offering respect. They let him know he was in control of making decisions. The people at The Pillars all care so much. Most importantly, the personalized care my dad received, others deserve to have the same experience.

Major gifts like Stephanie's are helping to meet the goal of the campaign: to purchase The Pillars building and grounds to eliminate lease payments and instead put those monthly payments into patient care and services. We are deeply grateful to Stephanie and all the donors who have contributed towards carrying this extraordinary care into the future.

You can support the Pillars for Life Capital Campaign using the enclosed envelope or by visiting our website, EpiscopalHomes.org/Foundation.