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Making it Personal

Board Member Supports Masonicare



Christiana and Don Dean

As a member and Past Master of Friendship Lodge No. 145 in Manchester, Don Dean is incredibly proud of his Masonic affiliation. "The depth of giving that is done by the Craft is phenomenal" he raves. And Don himself is a prime example of this generosity. He and his wife Christiana donate faithfully to the Masonicare Annual and Holiday Appeals and have attended various auction dinner dances in support of The Foundation. Additionally, Don participates in fundraising phonathons and plays in the Masonicare Golf Classic every year. In recent years, Christiana has even donated her

quilting talents, by handcrafting beautiful handmade quilts for The Foundation to raffle at its special events.

But it is not just financial support Don Dean offers Masonicare. His involvement runs much deeper. In 1995, while serving on the Board of the Masonic Home and Hospital, now known as Masonic Healthcare Center (MHC), Don was approached to join the Masonicare Board of Trustees. He did become a member of the Board, and he says with a smile, "The rest is history!" In 1999, Don began taking part in a series of meetings to define a new development committee to help The

specifically for day-to-day needs of residents when other funding sources are not available. It is a project he feels quite passionate about. "You see the *direct effect* of the money being used...from everyone in the building, as with the new solarium, to one individual who may have lost a watch. That is the fun part of serving on the committee."

Why do the Deans support The Masonic Charity Foundation? "That's easy," Don says. "Because I believe in it. My mom is a resident at MHC, and the care she is getting is terrific. Shortly after she became a resident, we took her home for

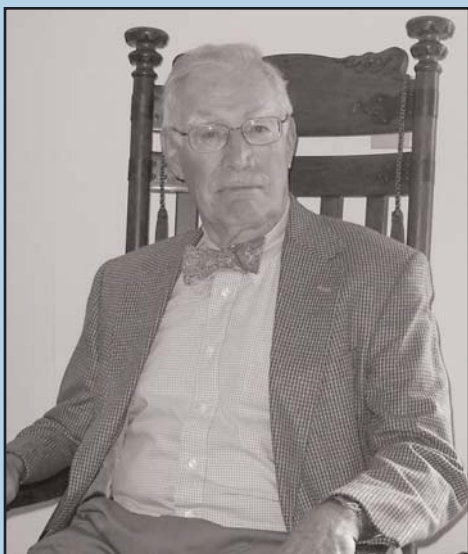
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Foundation raise funds in support of MHC. The following year, he became the committee's first Chairman. As Chairman, Don was instrumental in founding the MHC Quality of Life Fund, a fund used

Easter, and she had trouble readjusting when she went back. And this is the thing that really sticks with me... I went in to see her, and she was being spoon-fed by a nurse. They took that much

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Friends of the Foundation



Charles Dupre

Charles Dupre believes in hanging on to what is dear to him. Take, for example, the antique music box mounted on his apartment wall. It belonged to his grandparents, is in pristine condition and still plays beautifully. And there is the family retreat, on the north shore of Lake Huron, which has been and will remain in the family for generations to come. He also holds dear his home at Ashlar Village, Masonicare's continuing care retirement community. He shows his heartfelt appreciation each year with a generous contribution to the Masonicare Annual Appeal.

Although he is not a Mason, Charles is a faithful supporter of The Masonic Charity Foundation of Connecticut. Whether in the form of a tribute envelope honoring the housekeeping staff or a direct gift to the Masonicare Annual Appeal,

Charles knows that every donation he makes plays an important part in supporting the entire Masonicare healthcare continuum. And it is easy to see why he loves his home at Ashlar Village. Charles is a very active and popular resident, receiving regular invitations from his neighbors to join them for cocktails or family dinners. "I am very content here," he says. "It's a nice, social place and I seldom miss a happy hour!"

"There is plenty to get involved in," adds Charles, which is important for a man who volunteers at Cook Hill School to practice reading with third graders, participates in the Yalesville School pen pal program and has been involved in the American Red Cross Blood Drives for forty years. At Ashlar Village he helps as a volunteer greeter at the reception desk and regularly attends functions hosted by The Masonic Charity Foundation of Connecticut. "It's nice to know they are there if I need them," he says of the Foundation. "When I had my last hip replacement, I spent about five days at Masonic Healthcare Center. The rehabilitation department was great...and I had a nice room with a view looking over the hills." Charles simply likes to look out for the things he loves, and insure they are around for years to come. ☆

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care to see that she ate. It's not just my mother...it's all of the residents. It doesn't matter who you are, the quality of care is the same. But it really hits home when it's one of your own."

Christiana wholeheartedly agrees. "She likes it there! As a nurse, I can tell you, it doesn't feel like a nursing home. The staff play games with the patients for memory enhancement and to help keep them oriented. You don't see that kind of care in other facilities." Don adds, "I have even seen the staff giving my mom hugs and kisses. When you see that type of care, it makes a big impact on your decision to give. Without The Masonic Charity Foundation of Connecticut, Masons would be hurting. I'm just thankful The Foundation is there, because I sleep well at night knowing my mom is well taken care of at Masonic Healthcare Center."

Donate Online!

The Masonic Charity Foundation has recently introduced a new way to give. Donors may make gifts directly on the Masonicare website at www.masonicare.org. Just log on, click on "make a donation" and supply the necessary information. Online donations may be designated for the Annual Appeal, Hospice or Holiday Appeal.

Masons Talk Turkey

Campers Make Generous Donation



Master of Travel, Ray Geer presents M.W.G.M. George Greytak with a check from NCT in support of The Masonicare Annual Appeal

If you have ever attended the Annual Appeal Breakfast on Grand Master's Day, chances are you noticed the gathering of campers and R.V.s in Masonicare's Ashlar Village parking lot. They belong to the National Camping Travelers, Connecticut 1 Chapter 6, (NCT) a group of Master Masons and their families who have formed a fraternal camping organization to share their love of the outdoors. They are also guests of the Masonicare Annual Appeal Donor Breakfast held in Wallingford each June.

The National Camping Travelers, CT consists of one hundred and

twenty-five members from a variety of Masonic lodges across the state who like to gather for relaxation and good fellowship at various campgrounds throughout New England. Dick Bennet, who has been a member since 1989, explains, "We like to get out, have fun and enjoy each other's company!" But the fun-loving campers do much more than have a good time. They are also long-standing supporters of the Masonicare Annual Appeal.

Throughout the year, The National Camping Travelers, CT raise money through various fundraisers to build what they call a "rally fund." This fund is in turn used to support their functions as well as to make charitable donations. Then, each October, the group holds their annual turkey roast at a local campground. This year, Most Worshipful Grand Master George Greytak was invited to attend as a special guest, and the group presented him with a generous check, earmarked for the Masonic Healthcare Center Quality of Life Fund.

"Donating to The Foundation is one of the things we choose to do with the organization's money," says Dick. "It is our big charity donation of the year." And who better than a fun-loving bunch of Masons to turn a bird into a buck.★

Family Makes Holiday Gift

The Masonic Charity Foundation would like to give thanks to the Hansen family for their special donation last December. After Mildred B. Hansen passed away at the age of 103 at Masonic Healthcare Center, her son Richard and his three children pooled their funds to make a generous gift in her name. Richard Hansen wrote to The Foundation: "The care she received in your nice facility was excellent, for which we are very thankful. I am enclosing our checks as a contribution in her memory that may help others to be cared for at your Healthcare Center." Thank you, Hansen family, for your thoughtful support of the residents and patients of Masonicare and welcome to the Builder's Society of the Annual Appeal.

The Foundation's Bequest Language

The Masonic Charity Foundation of Connecticut deeply appreciates gifts of all kinds. Should you wish to remember The Foundation in your Will, we encourage you to provide the following bequest language to your attorney:

"I give, devise, and bequeath \$ _____ (sum of money), or _____ % (percentage) of my estate, or all the rest, residue, and remainder of my estate to The Masonic Charity Foundation of Connecticut, Inc., located in Wallingford, CT."

Bequests provide important revenue in support of the mission of Masonicare, enabling us to provide the highest quality healthcare programs and services to our residents and patients regardless of their ability to pay. If you wish to discuss a bequest to The Foundation, please contact Jennifer King, Vice President of The Foundation, at 203-679-5570.

A Gift of Stock: Creative Ways to Support the Annual Appeal



The donation envelope in this newsletter is only one of the many ways you can donate to the Masonicare Annual Appeal. Another great way to make a donation and benefit from it as well is to give a gift of stock. Donating long-term appreciated stock (owned one year or more) to The Masonic Charity Foundation of Connecticut will enable you to make a meaningful gift to the Annual Appeal. In addition, you will avoid capital gains and will also receive an income tax deduction. Your deduction will be equal to the fair market value of the stock or up to 30% of your adjusted gross income.

To reap these tax benefits on a gift of stock, it is important that you transfer the stock shares directly to The Foundation and not attempt to sell personally the stock you intend to gift. If, for example, a donor has stock worth \$5,000 with a cost basis

of \$1,000 and was to sell the stock and give the proceeds to The Foundation, the donor would recognize capital gain on \$4,000, and pay tax of roughly \$600 on the gain, netting \$3,400. The donor's charitable deduction would be \$3,400, the amount received by The Foundation. If the donor were instead to donate the stock shares to a tax-exempt charitable organization like The Masonic Charity Foundation, The Foundation would receive an amount equal to the full value of the stock. The donor would have a charitable deduction (subject to the usual limitations) on the full value of the stock transferred, and would not incur capital gains taxes.

Betty Thelin, a resident of the A. Norman Johnson Apartments at MHC, has given stock gifts to The Foundation in the past. "The financial reward was a great attraction," she admits. "Since

availing myself of the opportunity to live in a Masonic residence and having had several relatives who received excellent care in the Masonic hospital, I chose to give to The Masonic Charity Foundation."

Sound like something you would like to take advantage of? The process is simple. If you personally hold the stock certificates, The Foundation will assist you in completing the necessary paperwork that needs to accompany the certificates. If your broker holds the stock, The Foundation will provide specific wiring instructions to transfer your stock into one of our donation accounts. For assistance in completing a stock gift, please contact The Foundation at (203) 679-5555 or (800) 562-3952.

Please note that the stock donated must be publicly traded on the New York Stock Exchange. ☆