

A Message from **Carrie McMahon, MS**, Executive Director at The Masonic Charity Foundation of Connecticut

As soon as the calendar turns each year, I begin to reflect on all that has occurred and all that is taking shape at The Masonic Charity Foundation of Connecticut (MCF).

In 2025, MCF had the first opportunity to share our love of humanity as Masonicare leaders distributed hundreds of gifts to residents of our health care center campuses in both Shelton and Wallingford on Christmas Day.

In 2025, we devoted all proceeds from our signature special events to two integral projects at our Health Care Center in Wallingford - the renovation and revitalization of both the courtyard and auditorium spaces. You'll see images from the transformation and ribbon cutting ceremonies inside this edition. I hope you plan a visit to see the beauty in person.

In 2025, we saw a 15% increase in the number of gifts received, and a 13.6% increase in annual gifts, culminating in a whopping \$3.55 million raised! These gifts and the generosity and interest of a couple of our donor families inspired us to fund a new outdoor pavillion at Masonicare at Mystic and launch a virtual dementia program organization wide. This program offers a glimpse of 'what it feels like living with dementia' by educating every employee across all service lines within our organization. We also increased our support to 'Quality-of-Life' initiatives, impacting thousands of individuals statewide by offering them access to programs and services that insurance or out-of-pocket funds simply don't cover.

And, in 2025, we lost dear longtime Masonicare friends and benefactors, including a beloved colleague. In their memories, we will forge a new path to enhance the quality of life for those we serve in 2026 and beyond through our 'Growing Tomorrow' campaign. Together, we will make them – and you – proud of the stewardship and impact of your generous gifts, present, and future!

With gratitude,


Carrie

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Executive Director



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“When we give, we give joyfully.”

- Ed & Joyce Senesac

What **Philanthropy** means to a Masonicare couple

Moving to Masonicare at Ashlar Village four years ago gave Ed and Joyce Senesac a new understanding of community and of philanthropy. Joyce finds great peace in teaching watercolor classes for fellow residents, and Ed has become an avid golfer and billiards player.

“When we first moved in, we didn’t know (The Masonic Charity Foundation) from a boy scout camp, but now that we’ve seen how it works it just makes sense,” said Ed. “This place couldn’t run without hundreds of ‘philanthropists’ like volunteers at our stores, donors big and small, board members ... collective support is what philanthropy means to us.”

Ashlar Village Association President, Ed, invites MCF Executive Director Carrie McMahon to share Foundation updates regularly. The residents have gained an understanding of the impact of their gifts to The Masonic Charity Foundation; such as grants

to staff in a life-altering financial crisis, uninsured therapies for hospice patients, and support for residents who have outlived their assets are examples of some of the Foundation’s impact.

“We have seen so clearly the great things happening at Masonicare, so giving back to the community where we live so fully is a no brainer for us.”


Ed and Joyce donate from a family trust which was intended for use upon their passing. “We want to enjoy life fully, on our terms,” Ed and Joyce shared. “You cannot buy an insurance policy as great as this. We give cheerfully, with care for our neighbors, and ourselves!”



Your Gift Makes an Impact

When you donate to The Masonic Charity Foundation of CT, your gift – no matter the size – makes an impact! Whether you support our Quality-of-Life Fund, Home Health & Hospice, our Holiday Appeal, or the Greatest Needs of Masonicare, the impact of your gift is felt by residents and patients across the entire state. We are happy to share a glimpse at where some of your over 8,000 annual donations go to make the biggest impact.

In fiscal year 2025, we proudly:

 **\$623,000**

Revitalized important gathering spaces, like the Masonicare Health Center's newly updated Courtyard and Auditorium and the soon-to-be-completed new Outdoor Pavilion at Masonicare at Mystic.

 **\$69,400**

Provided support to Home Health & Hospice, including essential therapy visits not covered by insurance, educational and coping resources for patients and families, blankets, medication, and lock boxes.

 **\$186,000**

Provided patients and residents within our health center with 'comfort care' health and beauty essentials, haircare, sundries, and television services.

 **\$45,000**

Provided scholarship funds, creating opportunity for expanding education for as many as 20 men and women in the Masonicare employee family pursuing careers in nursing.

 **\$89,000**

Provided financial subsidy support for our residents who outlive their assets, ensuring that Masonicare can remain their 'forever home'.

 **\$13,500**

Supported social/emotional enhancements such as music, art, and meals in community, which help improve cognitive function and sense of purpose through connection with others.

 **\$12,000**

Provided gift shop subsidies at our Health Center in Wallingford, providing our residents in need access to essential living items when family or friends aren't nearby.

 **\$10,000**

Provided holiday gifts for over 300 residents at our Health Centers in Wallingford and Shelton, ensuring that they experience the joy a gift offers. For some, it's the only gift they receive.





Growing Tomorrow

The Masonic Charity Foundation of Connecticut embarked on a brand-new initiative to invest in our Masonicare communities. The Growing Tomorrow campaign is unlike any other in our history. It is focused on anticipating the needs of our residents for generations to come while investing in vital needs today.

The transformation of the Masonicare Health Center Courtyard and Auditorium in Wallingford was a resounding success as witnessed by hundreds of Freemasons, donors, staff, and corporate and community partners. Thanks to underwriting support from generous donors, groundbreaking on a one-of-a-kind pavilion is underway at Masonicare at Mystic. And, blueprints are being drawn up for new outdoor gathering spaces in Newington, Shelton, and Wallingford for residents to enjoy.



We invite you to be a part of our donor family, ensuring that Masonicare is thriving today and growing tomorrow!

For more information, or to donate, please contact **The Masonic Charity Foundation of CT** Executive Director, Carrie McMahon, at 203-679-5572 or cmcmahon@masonicare.org

"Gathering here a little
and there a little, so
that we may provide
for the infirmities..."

It is a quote that members of the Order of the Eastern Star are familiar with, and no one has put that quote into practice more profoundly than the Eastern Star Charity Foundation.

In 1968, The Eastern Star Charity Foundation (ESCF) made their very first donation of \$18,000 to The Masonic Charity Foundation of Connecticut with the hope and directive to care for those in need at the Masonicare Health Center. Nearly sixty years later, their incredibly generous donations total around \$12 million, making them the most significant outright major gift donor.

Their support has quietly yet significantly transformed Masonicare over the years. From new audio-visual equipment and daily sundries delivery for the patients and residents at the Masonicare Health Center, to stable support for the Quality-of-Life Fund that provides for patient care needs across Connecticut, ESCF continues to leave a positive mark on the care and services provided at Masonicare.

"The gifts from the Eastern Star Charity Foundation are our way to help promote the mission of Masonicare; providing exceptional care for many, including members of the Order of the Eastern Star." said Carl Anderson, ESCF Chairman and Masonicare VP of Fraternal Relations.

"When these gifts are made from ESCF, it truly begins in the loving hearts of our Eastern Star members across Connecticut," said Suzie Dana, 2025 Eastern Star Worthy Grand Matron and ESCF Emeritus Secretary. "We are proud to continue the good work, and humbled and grateful for the responsibility."

"ESCF's unwavering support of The Masonic Charity Foundation shows a clear commitment to Masonicare and our residents and patients across the state," said Carrie McMahon, Executive Director of MCF. "We are so grateful to Carl, Suzie, and all the kind and caring women and men who continue to show the Masonicare community how much they care."



Leaving a Legacy!

The Foundation's Legacy Society is a group of benefactors and donors who have remembered us as part of their estate plan. These legacy gifts touch the lives of those we serve today and for generations to come.

All Legacy Society members are invited to our annual President's Reception to be recognized and celebrated for their generosity.

If you would like to receive an "intentions of the heart" promise form, we invite you to return the enclosed envelope indicating your intention.



Is a Charitable Gift Annuity right for you?

With a charitable gift annuity (CGA) you agree to make a one-time gift to us and we, in return, agree to pay you (or someone else, if you choose) a fixed amount each year for the rest of your life. The balance is used to further our mission. To receive a personalized sample annuity illustration, please contact Associate Director of Philanthropy Alison Lavelle at 203-679-5573 or check the box on the enclosed envelope provided.

American Council on Gift Annuities

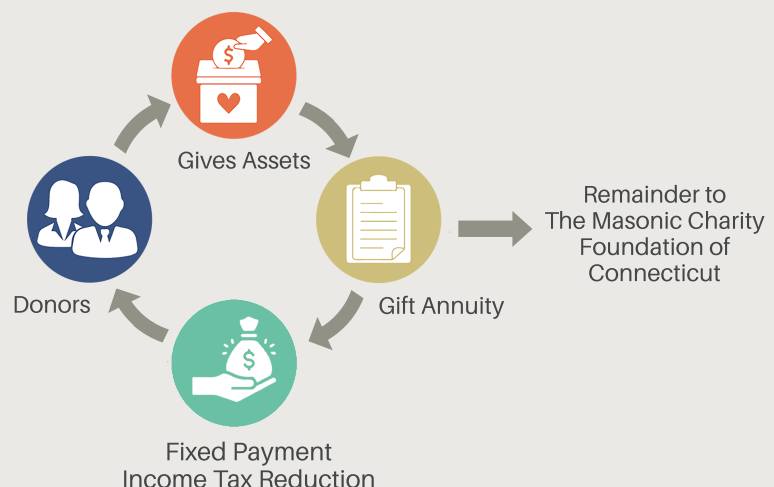
Single Life		Two Lives: Joint & Survivor	
Age	Rate	Ages	Rate
65	5.7%	65-65	5.0%
70	6.3%	65-70	5.2%
75	7.0%	70-70	5.5%
80	8.1%	70-75	5.8%
85	9.1%	80-80	6.9%
90	10.1%	80-85	7.3%
ACGA: Promoting Responsible Philanthropy		85-85	8.1%
		90-90	9.8%

Rates accurate as of January 1, 2026

(Note: if a CGA is funded with appreciated securities, capital gains taxes may be reduced).

Example:

Eleanor D., age 82, contributes \$20,000 in cash and receives a lifetime annuity of \$1,700, of which \$1,273.00 is tax-free for approximately the first eight years. As the annuitant, she receives an income tax deduction of \$9435.00, resulting in tax savings when she claims it. At Eleanor's passing, the gift annuity remainder goes to The Masonic Charity Foundation of Connecticut.



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Masonicare at Ashlar Village Independent Living | Masonicare at Ashlar Village Assisted Living & Memory Care | Masonicare at Mystic The Apartments on Masonic Ave | Masonicare at Chester Village | Masonicare at Greenridge Place | Masonicare at Middlewoods of Farmington | Masonicare at Middlewoods of Newington | Masonicare at Crosby Commons | Masonicare at Wesley Heights | Masonicare Home Health | Masonicare Hospice & Palliative Care | Masonicare at Home | Masonicare Health Center | Masonicare at Bishop Wicke Health Center | Masonicare Hearing Center | Masonicare Behavioral Health Hospital | Masonicare Intensive Outpatient Therapy Program