

Altenheim

SENIOR LIVING

A Not-For-Profit Life Plan Community

Why I Give



By Ken McEntee

When Sandi Jardine's mom, Betty Kaminski, had to move into a senior community that provided dementia care, the choice of her new home was clear, Sandi recalled.

"My dad (Bob) had been a resident at Altenheim Senior Living and we were very happy with the quality of care he received from the staff there," she said. "They go above and beyond for my mom. You can tell they love what they do. We trust them, and we know that she's safe at Altenheim."

That's one reason why Sandy and her husband, George, support Altenheim through its Annual Appeal, which kicked off this month. Sandi and George also participate in Altenheim's Holiday Staff Fund and are recognized members of its Giving Society.

Altenheim is a not-for-profit organization that offers a wide variety of senior services for residents and their families in Strongsville and surrounding communities, including short term rehabilitative therapies, skilled nursing, assisted and senior living, memory care, home health care and private duty services. It also provides Meals on Wheels to seniors throughout the Strongsville community.

"Being a non-profit, community support is essential and appreciated," said Donna Cantlin, director of institutional advancement. "There are many ways to support our core values of treating others like family, spreading joy and health, and bringing quality and passion. Those include tax-deductible gifts to our Altenheim Foundation and planned giving - such as a bequest in your will - that will benefit generations of residents. Planned giving is a good way to leave your legacy."

Support from donors allows Altenheim to offer innovating programs for residents, such as Opening Minds Through Art, through which high school students collaborate with seniors with dementia to create artwork.

"Our mission is to serve not only our residents, but also their families," Donna said. "Altenheim has always stood for family."

Along with financial contributions, she said, volunteers - like Meals on Wheels drivers - are essential to help Altenheim maintain its valuable programs.

"With all that Altenheim offers, we decided that it is important to us to continue to give them our support," Sandi said.

You can learn about the many ways to support Altenheim's service to the community by visiting altenheim.com/ways-to-give/, or by calling Donna at 440-238-3361 X 171.