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These dedicated residents are part of Sunny View's "Knitting with a Purpose" club. Together, they've created nearly 300 scarves for people in need, demonstrating the power of community and compassion. Pictured here from left: Mim Davidson, Mieko Yoshiura, Maggie Timeus, Barbara Johnson, Cille Emery, Lorraine Del Prette.

Maggie Timeus: weaving community and generosity at Sunny View

When Maggie Timeus first visited Sunny View in Cupertino, it was to see her pastor in the care center. "Sunny View was owned by my church (at that time), so I was very aware of it," Maggie remembered. "When I decided to move out of my house before I took a fall or my health got worse, it made sense to choose Sunny View." Six years ago, she made the move, finding not just a residence, but a true "comfort zone, a home away from home."

Sunny View's continuum of care offers Maggie peace of mind, knowing that whatever the future holds, she has a home. But it's more than just the facilities that make Sunny View special. The staff is marvelous, she said. "Everyone is so caring." **Maggie Timeus** continues on page 2

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Life at Sunny View for Maggie looks much as it did before, filled with family and the companionship of her neighbor's dog, whom she happily cares for during vacations. But Sunny View has brought a new kind of family: a vibrant community that Maggie has embraced wholeheartedly.

Maggie's passion for community is evident in her many activities. Shortly after moving in, she brought Rummikub, a favorite pastime, to the Sunny View game room, and now, thanks to her initiative, residents gather twice a week to play.

Her enthusiasm also extends to creative projects. Maggie participated in a Front Porch Gallery weaving project a few years ago. When that ended, she and her fellow participants at Sunny View wanted to keep creating. Their endeavors blossomed into "Knitting with a Purpose," a club that gathers every Saturday to knit scarves to give away to people who need them. For the past two and a half years, the group has knitted nearly 300 scarves, all donated to Front Porch care centers and affordable housing communities. One resident does one scarf a day, she proudly shared.



Additional members of the Sunny View knitting club: (Front) Kathy Byrne, Carolyn Hultberg. (Back) Bev Harrison, Pat Seifert, Nina Clark, Gillian Garcia, Valerie Glassford.

(Not pictured) Shirley Abe, Renée McNiel, NanCelia Horobetz, Cynthia Gilkey, Linda Imura, Anne Pho, Elaine Hanson.

Beyond knitting and games, Maggie has served on the resident council in various capacities. "When I moved to Sunny View, the resident council was looking to find volunteers to be the member-at-large," Maggie remembered. "I asked what the position did, and they said nothing. I thought, 'Well, I can do that!'" She didn't do "nothing" for long, soon taking on the role of hospitality chair.

"I brought birthday celebrations to Sunny View, complete with a birthday march, with tambourines, balloons, and singers in the dining room," Maggie shared. "I never got to do much for my birthday growing up, so I love celebrating now and celebrating others." She also works closely with the sales and marketing department and other resident leaders to help new residents feel welcome and integrated.

Her decision to support Sunny View through philanthropy stems from a deep appreciation for the staff and a desire to make a difference. Maggie got to know Kimberly Manning, Foundation philanthropy officer, through the knitting club and explained that "she knew I was interested in having an impact with my donation." As a result, "I learned more about the Sunny View Scholarship Fund, and I saw a need where I thought my money can help. I just can't praise our staff enough," she emphasized. "So much fun and so caring. This is where I thought I could make a difference."

Sunny View has given Maggie more than just a home; it's given her a community. Her life there is a beautiful tapestry woven with threads of friendship, creativity and a deep sense of belonging. "I never would have imagined to be blessed with such dear friends," she reflects. "Residents at Sunny View are special in that they are so loving and really care about each other."

Maggie's story is a testament to the vibrant and caring community she has found at Sunny View. Her dedication to her fellow residents and her support for the staff exemplify the spirit of giving that makes Sunny View such a special place. ●

Building a culture of philanthropy through inclusion

As director of philanthropy for Front Porch Communities Foundation, I've been reflecting a lot lately on what we mean when we talk about the "Front Porch culture of philanthropy." It's a phrase we use often, but what does it really signify and how do we nurture it?

At its heart, a true culture of philanthropy is about fostering a spirit of giving and generosity that permeates our entire community and truly supports Front Porch's mission. I recently came across a quote from fundraising expert McCabe Callahan that resonated with me. He described an engaged community steeped in philanthropic values not as a "piggy bank," but as "the legs, hands, and heart" of an organization. I think that beautifully captures the essence of what we're striving for — a powerful, self-sustaining force that opens up entirely new possibilities.

The question, of course, is how do we cultivate such a culture? I've realized it's not a destination we arrive at, but rather an ongoing journey. One of the most important aspects I've observed in my work is the critical role of inclusion in developing a culture of philanthropy. It's so easy to fall into the trap of thinking about our organization in segmented silos — donors, residents, leadership, staff — and treating each group separately. But I believe that true strength lies in creating a shared experience where everyone feels a sense of belonging and ownership. At Front Porch Communities Foundation, we are actively working to cultivate this single, inclusive community, where everyone can engage, contribute and share in the philanthropic spirit.



Through documenting the contributions of generous donors and working closely with team members like Kimberly Manning, Northern California philanthropy officer, and Leslie O'Brien, Northern California associate philanthropy officer, Julie Hoerl, director of philanthropy, appreciates the diverse generosity that fuels the Front Porch culture of philanthropy.

In my role, I have the privilege of meeting so many of our generous donors, and I'm consistently inspired by their stories and their passion for our mission. Writing about their contributions for this newsletter has given me a unique window into the diverse motivations behind giving. These experiences have reinforced my belief that inclusion is absolutely fundamental to a thriving philanthropic culture. It means ensuring that every member of our community, regardless of their background or role, feels valued, respected and truly included in all aspects of our work. It's the beautiful synergy between the work we do in the Foundation and the passion and compassion that exists throughout the entire organization that makes real, lasting change possible. This interconnectedness truly defines the Front Porch culture of philanthropy.

Julie Hoerl
Director of Philanthropy
Front Porch Communities Foundation ●

Community support makes a difference: stories of resilience and gratitude in times of crisis



A Front Porch team member who lost his home in the Eaton fire shared photos from before and after. He is grateful for the support from the HEART Fund as he prepares for the next phase of rebuilding.

The devastating wildfires that swept through Southern California in January 2025 left a trail of destruction, deeply impacting the Front Porch family. As it spread, Front Porch employees and their families escaped Altadena and northern Pasadena overnight, through crowded streets filled with tree debris and downed power lines toppled by 70+ miles per hour winds. One team member shared, “My daughters and I evacuated before midnight and the power was out, so I had to leave my car in the garage. My husband checked on the house when he got off work at 1 a.m. Everything was fine. By 7 a.m. when he checked again, everything was gone — our home, our neighborhood — all gone. We learned it all burned within three hours.”

Those who didn’t receive warning escaped flames coming toward them, with burning embers flying sideways in the wind. “I woke up in the middle of the night to the smell of smoke. It was so cold and windy, I thought my neighbor had lit a fire in his fireplace,” said another team member. “When I got up and looked around, I saw flames everywhere.

I ran to my truck to escape. I wore my slippers because I didn’t have time to change my shoes. There is nothing left.”

The impact on our dedicated team members was profound. In total, 17 lost their homes, and many others endured prolonged evacuations.

Front Porch sprang into immediate action, providing wide-ranging support to residents and team members in need. This included:

- Prepared meals delivered to Villa Gardens to alleviate staffing pressures.
- Hotel accommodations for those displaced from their homes.
- Paid time off for team members to begin the arduous task of recovery.
- Information resources and support to navigate the complex challenges.
- A caring, responsive community of team members and residents.

The Front Porch Communities Foundation, through its HEART Fund (Helping Employees At Risk Today), became a lifeline for those affected. This vital fund, designed to assist employees facing unanticipated financial hardship, provided:

- Immediate cash grants to team members, many of whom fled with only the clothes on their backs.
- Fulfilled wish lists for essential items such as clothing, hygiene products, food and supplies.
- A second round of grants for those who lost their homes, helping to bridge gaps left by disaster response and insurance funds.

The outpouring of support has been truly remarkable. To date, over \$300,000 has been raised for the HEART Fund, a testament to the generosity of residents, business partners and Front Porch team members across all communities. These donations, often accompanied by heartfelt messages of concern, have made a tangible difference in the lives of those affected.

“I would like to express my sincere gratitude for your generous financial support,” shared one employee who returned home to unexpected water damage. “Your assistance has made a significant difference in helping me manage these unexpected repair costs during this difficult time. I deeply appreciate Front Porch’s commitment to supporting its employees during challenging times. This kind of support demonstrates why Front Porch is such a wonderful organization to work for.”

A resident of St. Paul’s Towers echoed this sentiment, saying, “When I first heard about the fires, the first thing that came to my mind, of course, was: ‘What happened to my friends in LA?’ . . . These are my sister communities. I consider St. Paul’s as my home, very possibly for the rest of my life. . . Those employees affected by fires are just like those who work for SPT. So, I decided to donate to the HEART Fund. At least this is what I can do now.”

The HEART Fund is not solely for natural disasters. It is a long-standing resource that provides

assistance during various emergencies, such as funeral costs or unexpected car repairs. It provides a sense of security and belonging, reminding individuals that they are not alone.

“Knowing that others care makes all the difference in the world. It gives me the strength to keep moving forward,” shared another recipient.

Generosity, especially towards the HEART Fund, is about more than financial contributions. It’s about extending a hand, offering hope, and strengthening our community. These stories of resilience and gratitude, particularly amidst the devastation of the fires, highlight the true power of community.●



Donations are still being accepted to support this immense need. Every contribution to the HEART Fund makes a real difference in the lives of our colleagues as they rebuild and heal. Please consider donating to the HEART Fund today to support our team members in need.



Scan the QR code or visit frontporch.net/give to make a donation.



Tee up with Front Porch Communities Foundation

Front Porch Communities Foundation is looking forward to bringing the Celtic Cup to Southern California on April 27, 2026. In preparation for this transition, we will be hosting a golf outing at La Canada Flintridge Country Club on June 9, 2025. **If you are interested in joining us for golf, please reach out to Julie Hoerl at jhoerl@frontporch.net.**



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Funds raised at the Celtic Cup support Front Porch’s Community Services division, which primarily serves isolated and low-income older adults living in the community at large. Community Services focuses on four areas of impact: food security, stable housing, creative engagement, and social connection. Funds raised through the Celtic Cup, along with grants from local governments and foundations and Front Porch’s support, enable the Community Services programs to reach people with life-changing services.

Well Connected/Well Connected Español

Well Connected and Well Connected Español (WCE) are virtual social connection programs that reduce social isolation and loneliness in older adults by bringing them into a participant-led virtual community for lifelong learning and social support.

Creative Engagement

Creative Spark, Ruth’s Table and Front Porch Gallery use creativity as an important means of bringing people together. The workshops, installations and events created by these programs inspire staff and residents and enrich the lives of participants.

Social Call

Social Call fosters new friendships and a sense of belonging by thoughtfully matching older adults and volunteers for one-on-one weekly phone or video visits.

Home Match

Home Match connects community members seeking housing with older adults who have extra space in their homes. Each match is personalized with the process overseen by program staff — at no cost to participants. Home Match benefits everyone. It decreases isolation, provides housing security and, above all, builds community.

Market Day

Market Day promotes healthy eating by bringing weekly produce markets into neighborhood settings including senior centers and affordable housing communities. More than a market, each site provides unique opportunities for connection, volunteerism and access to important resources. ●

**To learn more about Community Services,
please visit frontporch.net/connect**

Offset capital gains and secure your legacy with a charitable remainder unitrust

During a recent presentation on using a charitable remainder unitrust (CRUT) to bypass/offset capital gains on real estate sales, an attendee commented that “this seems too good to be true.” I thought about it for a moment and agreed — indeed, it does seem too good to be true. The example we were discussing provided a large amount of cash at sale to the donor, an annual income paid quarterly, and it eliminated the state and federal capital gains that the donor would have otherwise paid if she had sold the property outright.

A CRUT can be a powerful tool in the right circumstances, both for the donor and the charity or charities the donor wishes to support in the future. A “zero-tax CRUT plan” works by deeding just a portion of the donor’s piece of appreciated real estate (e.g. 1/3) to the charitable trust. This allows her to bypass a share of capital gains on the real estate and she offsets the rest with the charitable tax deduction created by funding the trust. The trust pays income at a fixed percentage (typically between 5% and 6%) of the trust assets, which is revalued each year. If the CRUT earns/appreciates more than it

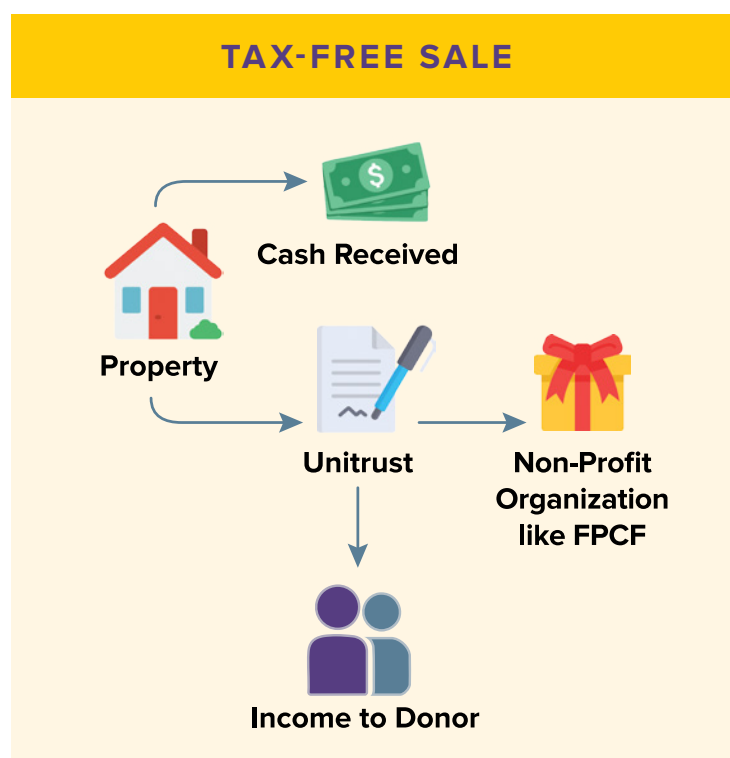


Keith Church, Foundation director of planned giving, and Jackie Smith, Foundation associate philanthropy officer, work with residents at Front Porch communities in Southern California to make planned gifts to support their communities.

pays out in a given year, the donor’s income will increase the following year. After the donor dies, the trust distributes its assets to the charities specified in the document for the purposes designated by the donor.

A CRUT can be a very versatile financial, estate planning and gift planning tool. For example, it can be managed to maximize income growth or focus on tax-free income. They can pay income to children and/or grandchildren for a term of years after the donor has passed. CRUTs can also seem very complicated. They require careful consideration by the donor and their professional advisors. If you are interested in a custom illustration showing how a “tax-free CRUT plan” might benefit you, please feel free to reach out to me. The illustrations for you and your advisors and your personal information remain confidential and are prepared without any cost or obligation. Give me a call at 818.262.8692 or email me at kchurch@frontporch.net.

Keith Church
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Celebrating generosity: honoring donors in Northern California

Earlier this year, Front Porch Communities Foundation honored donors at receptions at three Front Porch communities in Northern California. These gatherings were more than just events — they were heartfelt celebrations of generosity, community and shared purpose. The gatherings highlighted the vital role donors play in sustaining Front Porch’s mission and creating a culture of philanthropy that uplifts everyone involved.

In the world of philanthropy, donors are the unsung heroes whose generosity fuels the engine of progress. Behind every transformative project, flourishing initiative and life-changing program, there’s often a donor who believed in the mission and contributed their resources to make it happen. These individuals and organizations aren’t just supporters; they are collaborators in building a brighter future.

Celebrating generosity is a cornerstone of the Foundation’s work. It’s through celebration that we recognize the enduring impact of our ongoing supporters whose unwavering dedication over time sustains the passion that improves their community. In moments of rapid change, we want to take time to recognize the generous hearts among us. They give quietly, innovatively and consistently, reminding us of the unshakeable strength of community.

These receptions not only provided opportunities to express the Foundation’s gratitude, but also moments to reflect on the values we share. They were reminders of the authentic human connections that philanthropy fosters. By honoring the generosity of our donors, we celebrate their role as changemakers and inspire others to join in the joy of giving.

At each reception, members of the Front Porch Communities Foundation Legacy Society were recognized for their lasting gifts to their communities. Members of the Legacy Society are generous residents who plan future charitable gifts to the Foundation by using one of the following charitable vehicles:

- Will/estate plan/living trust
- Charitable gift annuity
- Beneficiary designation (individual retirement account, bank account, brokerage account)
- Charitable trust
- Life insurance policy

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Legacy Society membership comes with privileges, such as invitations to special events, special recognition (or anonymity, if you prefer), and the opportunity to get to know other forward-thinking, generous people at your community. It also comes with the gratitude of friends and neighbors now and in the future. ●



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Where faith and fellowship meet: the chapel's central role in Walnut Village

The chapel at Walnut Village in Anaheim has been a welcoming presence since 1954, celebrating its 70th anniversary last year. It stands not just as a historical landmark, but as a testament to the enduring spirit of Walnut Village, a place where meaning and purpose thrive. The chapel was built as part of Walnut Manor, which was established in 1938 by Lutherans interested in providing care for older people.



Within the historic walls of the Walnut Village chapel, community bonds are strengthened through shared faith. “It builds a sense of community that we’re all seeking,” says Cara Giorgio, “a sentiment reflected in the faces of those who gather here.”

In 1999, Walnut Manor joined Front Porch Communities and Services. When Walnut Manor was completely torn down in 2005, and rebuilt as Walnut Village in 2009, the chapel remained, preserving a piece of history. The chapel hosts diverse spiritual practices, including Roman Catholic Mass and Communion, led by local clergy.

Rev. Dr. Les Bishop, director of spiritual care, describes the chapel's vital role. “It functions just like a regular church. I act as pastor. The Church Council meets once a month. People worship here on a regular basis. For many residents, this is their church home.”

Virginia Pickering, president of the Church Council, supports the Chapel Fund through her donations because she feels so lucky that Walnut Village has this amenity available to residents. “I love that we have this beautiful chapel rather than just a meeting room, and a full time chaplain. Most communities don’t have this at their fingertips. I want to support this to the fullest extent.”

“We have a small group that regularly attends the Walnut Village Church service, and I feel that the service gives me comfort. I give to the Chapel Fund because of what it gives me and I feel that it is a worthy cause,” shares Gail Moffatt.

Rev. Bishop adds, “We use funds donated to the chapel through the Foundation to enhance worship through musicians, speakers for special events and altar guild supplies. We also support Jewish holiday observances with rabbis and cantors.”

Beyond religious services, the chapel serves as a performing arts center, hosting the community's chorale, musical theatre troupe and Chimers. “The chorale is fantastic, and the Chimers are extremely important,” says Dr. Bishop. “People who are part of it consider it extremely important to their lives. They formed community there.”

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The power of community: celebrating the Circle of Friends

Residents in several Front Porch Life Plan communities will gather this spring and summer to raise awareness and support of the Front Porch Community Foundation’s resident assistance funds, called the Circle of Friends.

Front Porch communities support and celebrate the Circle of Friends in a variety of ways. Several communities place special emphasis on the resident assistance funds, educating residents during a special Philanthropy Week or doing specific outreach to raise assistance dollars.

This spring, the Foundation will team up with dining partner Morrison Community Living and a committee of residents to design a special menu for events throughout California. Residents at Spring Lake Village (Santa Rosa), St. Paul’s Towers (Oakland), Canterbury Woods (Pacific Grove), and San Francisco Towers will gather to share food and drink with friends at their



community and learn about the assistance fund, which provides support for residents who outlive their resources. In Southern California, residents at Casa de Mañana (La Jolla), Walnut Village (Anaheim), Claremont Manor and Carlsbad By The Sea will also gather at their communities to celebrate and learn more about the Circle of Friends.

The residents of Vista del Monte in Santa Barbara have been particularly dedicated to supporting this cause. Spurred into action out of appreciation for a long-time executive director, the residents of Vista del Monte started their campaign in 1999

to establish a permanent fund to help support their resident assistance program. Thanks to their efforts and generosity, the Charles E. Frazier Resident Assistance Endowment Fund helps to support those residents who outlive their resources.

The safety net that resident assistance programs provide offers peace of mind to residents at all the supported communities. Giving to the Circle of Friends fund through Front Porch Communities Foundation ensures that this safety net will remain in place in the future. As one resident put it succinctly, “Any of us could have the need.” ●

Who Receives Assistance throughout Front Porch



AVERAGE AGE:
91½ years



MARITAL STATUS:
87% single



LEVEL OF CARE:
37% higher level of care



GENDER:
86% female



LENGTH OF RESIDENCY:
16 years

(Memory Care, Assisted Living, Skilled Care)



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“It’s more than a building,” Cara Giorgio, Front Porch regional director of sales, affirms. “It’s a gathering place that helps us create those connections that we’re craving as seniors. This is a 70-year-old beautifully preserved piece of architecture that we get to use day in, day out. It builds a sense of community that we’re all seeking, and I think we need to celebrate it.” ●



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