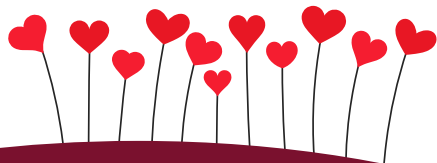


# Gratitude REPORT



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Mount St. Rita Health Centre

A Member of Covenant Health

## *You Made Our First 401 Gives Day a Success!*

April 1 is a special day in Rhode Island — it's 401 Gives Day, a time when the statewide community shows its love for the non-profit community through a day of online giving. Thank you to those who choose to support Mount St. Rita! We raised \$3,350 from 23 donors!

When you joined us on 401 Gives Day with your gift, you thanked the Sisters of Mercy who have cared for our Rhode Island community and founded Mount St. Rita Health Centre. You also said thank you to the loved ones and neighbors who helped care for you.

"We are proud to give to Mount St. Rita to honor everyone who ever worked or volunteered there," said Mike and Cheryl Ethier with their gift. "The Sisters of Mercy have left a wonderful legacy for all to emulate — by doing small acts of kindness for those in need."

Thank you for making our residents' lives fulfilling by providing fun activities, a beautiful outdoor space and a connection to our residents' faith traditions. This was the first year that Mount St. Rita participated in this special giving event. We appreciate the support we received and look forward to participating again next year!

Did you miss 401 Gives Day but still want to make a gift? You may give anytime online at our website [mountstrita.org/donate](https://mountstrita.org/donate).





## A Shady Space for Our Residents

The beautiful grounds at Mount St. Rita are one of its defining characteristics, and we want our residents to enjoy them to the fullest. With thoughtful contributions from our donors, we added a new roof to our outdoor pergola! This improvement offers a shaded area for residents to spend time outdoors, visit with family or enjoy outdoor activities.

In addition to the funds raised during our spring 2021 Annual Appeal, donations from Jet Thorsen's Annual Ride to Remember, a bicycle ride through Rhode Island in memory of his mother, Rosalie Thorsen, were used to complete the project. "I am glad we were able to help make this possible. I understand the demands on a direct care budget can often limit extras such as enhancements to the outdoor space," said Thorsen. "My mom lived at the Mount for two years. She found joy in the time she spent outdoors during our visits. It is nice to know that our efforts will help other residents look forward to and enjoy their time outdoors."

Pride Exteriors of North Attleboro did a fantastic job installing the new roof. They even did part of the work pro bono. "Our elders should be able to enjoy living their lives inside or outside. If they choose to spend time outdoors, it's nice for them to have the option to stay out of the sun or rain," said Bob Brandzen, vice president of Pride Exteriors. "It was an honor and a privilege to help with this project."

Thank you to everyone who came together to improve the pergola for our residents!



## Happy Birthday to Armand!

The enhancements donors helped make possible to our pergola and outdoor space provided a perfect place for Armand Pontbriant to celebrate becoming a centenarian with a large gathering of his family, friends and fellow residents.

## The Champlin Foundation Grant Completes Short-Term Stay Unit Upgrades

A short-term stay is often the first impression a future resident and their family have of Mount St. Rita. Often, a patient is transferred directly from the hospital for skilled care after an illness or injury that requires careful monitoring or physical, occupational or speech therapy. Providing this short-term option is an integral part of our Mission to provide healing and care for the whole person in service to all in our communities.

Recently, Mount St. Rita refurbished 12 rooms. All were repainted and have new furnishings, including wardrobes, overbed tables and bedside tables. These upgrades were made possible through our capital budget and gifts from several individual donors.

A generous \$40,000 grant from The Champlin Foundation will complete the project by funding the purchase of 12 new Hillrom 100 beds. These electric beds are engineered to meet the highest safety standards for our patients and staff. They feature an expandable frame, drop-down foot rails and a drive system to allow for easy transport of patients. These new beds, which complement our refurbished spaces, will offer an enhanced care experience for our residents.

“The Champlin Foundation is pleased to provide grant funding to Mount St. Rita to help this important institution advance its vital mission. Champlin Foundation grants are awarded on a competitive basis, and our grant to Mount St. Rita is a reflection of our confidence in the organization’s ability to improve the lives of Rhode Islanders in significant ways.”



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Hillrom 100 bed





## Beautiful New Dining Rooms Bring Residents Back Together

More than 100,000 meals are served to our residents in our dining rooms each year. The spaces offer the opportunity to dine with friends and host different social activities. After dining room renovations were begun in 2019, progress was delayed due to the pandemic. However, we are excited to announce the new dining spaces are now complete!

These new spaces have been freshly painted and feature all-new flooring, lighting and furnishings. In addition, each room includes a kitchenette equipped with small appliances for residents to use independently.

The icing on the cake will be the purchase of new artwork featuring images of Rhode Island. We hope this new art will trigger happy memories for our residents of their time visiting Rhode Island landmarks.

Thank you to all the donors who made newly renovated dining rooms for our residents possible with your gifts. A special thank-you to Mark Gallogly and Lise Strickler, who gave the leadership gift that launched the renovation project. One of the new dining rooms will be named in memory of Mark's aunt, Sister Rosellen Gallogly, a Sister of Mercy who dedicated her life to developing services for the homeless. Sister Rosellen resided at Mount St. Rita in the last years of her life. Each week, she and her fellow residents made approximately 180 sandwiches to feed the homeless and poor in the city of Woonsocket.

We are very excited to bring our residents back together for meals in these wonderful new spaces. We are also grateful for the support that made it possible!

**If you are interested in making a monetary gift to aid in the purchase of new artwork for the dining rooms, please give online at [mountstrita.org/donate](https://mountstrita.org/donate) or by mail to Mount St. Rita Health Centre, 15 Sumner Brown Road, Cumberland, RI 02864. Please include a note that your gift is for the purchase of artwork.**

## Giving Through Your IRA Can Save You Money!

Many retirees take the standard deduction when filing taxes and thus can't claim a charitable deduction. But a qualified charitable distribution (QCD) from your IRA has a greater benefit: *You often save more by lowering your taxable income rather than claiming a tax deduction.*

**example:**  
**71-year-old couple**

required minimum distribution  
of \$24,000

**Standard deduction  
is \$26,550**

**NO TAX ADVANTAGE!**

**MAKE QCD GIFT OF  
\$5,000 AND REDUCE  
TAXABLE INCOME  
BY \$5,000**



Other Benefits:

- Potentially THOUSANDS in federal and state tax savings.
- Make a gift to Mount St. Rita.
- Could fund a charitable life insurance policy for larger gift in future.



*Thank you* for all

you've done! We hope that this report will convey the difference you have made for our residents and staff this past year.

With a grateful heart,

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