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BUILDING OUR FOUNDATION TOGETHER

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Madison Villa resident Paul knew every child's name by the end of the day.

## Interacting with youth helps residents feel younger, less lonely

ERS is deeply committed to eradicating ageism, defined as “the stereotypes (how we think), prejudice (how we feel) and discrimination (how we act) towards others or oneself based on age.”

One way we work toward this is by promoting intergenerational relationships. This summer, thanks to philanthropy, youth and older adults found common ground through several unique summer programs.

At the Affordable Living by ERS (ALbyERS) community Madison Villa, 6 ArtWorks student apprentices climbed the scaffolding daily to complete a mural. They were joined on a day in July by residents,

donors, volunteers and staff who added their brush strokes to the mural. Earlier that month, 14 students ages 11-18 representing youth groups from several ERS partnering churches participated in a day of service learning. They reflected on positive memories with an older adult in their lives:

- *I love when people tell me stories about when they were kids.*
- *One time my great-grandma showed me around her basement and told me about the old stuff from her childhood.*
- *My friends and I love to listen to live jazz. The crowd is mostly older people and they always love to talk to us.”*

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*Our Mission: We enrich the lives of older adults in a person-centered, innovative and spiritually based way.*

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*Letter to Donors*

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Dear Friends,

Spring Festival is the name of the ArtWorks mural that is being installed at the ERS Affordable Living community Madison Villa. Recently, I attended a presentation by the ArtWorks youth apprentices to hear their perspective on the experience. To a room of nearly 150 people, 19 year old Lexi Spurlock explained how the title of the mural resonated with her. She reflected on our community day of service when more than 50 Madison Villa residents, ERS staff and Church of Redeemer volunteers joined the apprentices to celebrate the community, paint on the mural and socialize with one another.

Lexi explained that just as nature emerges in springtime – with buds bursting into leaves and flowers and butterflies emerging from their chrysalis’ – she marveled at all the budding friendships she observed blooming that day as individuals from diverse backgrounds came together with a common goal: to improve the quality of life for those living, working and visiting the community of Madisonville.

Making a gift to the Good Samaritan Mission Fund and other special initiatives of ERS is like tending our soil so we can continue to flourish to better serve the older adults in our care. Thank you for helping our garden grow.

Sincerely,



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## Leaving a Legacy



*Emerson, on the field at Great American Ballpark this past May during the ERS Gatherings for Good Gala Series kick off, Sponsor Appreciation at the Ballpark*

# The legacy of a dedicated team player

“Put me in coach, I’m ready to play!” are lyrics from the 1980s John Fogerty song *Centerfield* that was honored nearly two decades later by the Baseball Hall of Fame.

A staff member for over 23 years, ERS Executive Director of Hospitality Emerson Stambaugh embodies this willingness to play whatever position he is needed in most at any given time.

This became more evident than ever shortly after the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic when Marjorie P. Lee’s licensed nursing home administrator departed. Beloved by

residents, families and staff alike, Emerson, who holds this license, was asked to fill the role and provide stability during this turbulent time.

Many months later, when Deupree House Administrator Anthony Williams shifted into the role at Marjorie Lee, Emerson was asked to switch positions again and fill the void at Deupree House.

Now with Nichole McCaughey in place as the new Executive Director of the Deupree House, Emerson has returned to his favorite position, heading up Hospitality Services for both Deupree House and Marjorie P. Lee.

So deeply committed to excellence in service and care to older adults, Emerson and his husband Michael Abernathy made the decision to include ERS as a beneficiary of their estate.

When asked what motivated this decision, Emerson reflects, “Daily I see the entire ERS team, staff and friends alike, give so much to those we serve. These gifts of time and talent need to be supported by resources. Michael and I have chosen to commit to a Legacy Gift. We want to support the ERS family in this way so we may continue our mission of serving elders for years to come.”

## Consider a Gift from Your IRA

For IRA owners 70½ or over, a qualified charitable distribution (QCD) from your IRA to ERS is a smart gift option that allows you to make an immediate impact on the important work of ERS. Transfers up to \$100,000 qualify for this favorable tax treatment each year.

There are two good reasons to consider this option:

1. You pay no income tax on the distribution to ERS.
2. Although there is no tax deduction, the amount transferred directly to ERS counts toward your required minimum distribution (RMD) if one is due.

*As always, please consult your financial advisor when considering a charitable gift of significance.*

**Enjoy charismatic Emerson Stambaugh as co-host of the Great Gala Cook-Off!**

A full-scale television quality cooking challenge show that anchored the 2021 ERS virtual gala. [erslife.info/cook-off](http://erslife.info/cook-off)



*ERS is grateful for the following grants, awarded over the past year*

**In support of Affordable Living:**

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**In support of Marjorie P. Lee:**

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*If you know of a grant-awarding foundation that might be interested in supporting an ERS initiative, please contact Susan Cleverly at 513-979-2309 or [scleverly@erslife.org](mailto:scleverly@erslife.org).*



*ArtWorks apprentices were there to guide Madison Villa residents and volunteers with mural painting. Tanya gave a tour of the flourishing Madison Villa gardens, and Sophie returned the following week to visit her new friend Essie.*



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*Affordable Living News*

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# Summer programs for youth and residents to have positive interactions

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The day ended with an ice cream social and a farewell from Tanya, who called out to them, "Please come back and visit us again! Sometimes we get lonely!"

Thomaston Woods and Meadows is unique as the only intergenerational ALbyERS community. The Woods provides housing and support services for families with the goal of breaking the cycle of poverty. The Meadows is home to 13 low income-seniors. This provides opportunities for multigenerational engagement through programs like Challenge Island, a two-week day camp brought into the community. Joined by Meadows volunteers, 15 school-aged children learned while having fun with the STEAM-based curriculum (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math). Toni, a Meadows resident volunteer explained, "Working with these kids makes me feel 20 years younger. I love it!"

These special interactions were made possible thanks to the following generous donors and partners: Ohio Capital Impact Corporation, ArtWorks, ArtsWave, Episcopal Church of the Redeemer, St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Gary Lubin, and an anonymous donor.



*Drew said, "I want to talk more with Vincent! He's funny!"*



*Toni showers a Thomaston camper with love.*

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**Are you interested in learning about special funding needs within Affordable Living by ERS?**  
Contact Joy Blang by calling 513-979-2313 or by emailing her at [jblang@erslife.org](mailto:jblang@erslife.org).

# ERS Gatherings for Good

— GALA SERIES —



INTIMATE AND FUN EVENTS TO BENEFIT THE GOOD SAMARITAN MISSION

**“There is so much fun to be had, we just can’t limit it to one night!”**

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## *A new approach to fundraising events*

In recent years, the ERS gala has grown in size and scale, peaking in 2019 with The Mad Hatter Ball, where nearly 400 friends, donors and sponsors came

together in one space. The pandemic forced us to reinvent ourselves and produce virtual events in 2020 and 2021.

## *We may be done with COVID but, COVID is not done with us*

We continue to be hyper vigilant in our efforts to protect our staff and the older adults we serve. These times have taken their toll. The isolation we have endured these past two years has caused many of us to crave intimate

moments with those we care about the most. The balance we all try to find each day is how to keep ourselves and others safe, while satisfying our basic human needs for companionship and social interaction.

## *Reinventing ourselves once again*

As we optimistically move through a brighter 2022 with the return of in-person events, we are once again looking at a new approach that will allow us to gather

with our closest friends in intimate settings that not only feel safer, but also allow us to find more meaningful connections.

## *A series of unique and more personal events*

The Gala Series will offer not only the opportunity for our guests to interact with one another at a more personal level, they will also provide access to unique places throughout Cincinnati that are not open to the general public. Each event is designed

with different theme and tailored with a specific audience in mind. We kicked off the series earlier this year by honoring our corporate and church partners at Sponsor Appreciation Night at the Ballpark and now it’s your turn!

**Don’t delay, register today at [erslife.org/gala](https://erslife.org/gala)**

Due to limited space at each venue, we believe each event will sell out. With a variety of ticket packages, you have many options to attend any or all of the events that strike your fancy.



## Gatherings for Good Gala

### Timeless Traditions

Friday, August 19th  
6:00-9:30pm  
Hyde Park Country Club

**Sponsored by:**  
**TheKey and the**  
**Diocese of Southern Ohio**



At our residents' request, we are bringing this event closer to home. It's right around the corner from our Deupree House and Marjorie P. Lee retirement communities. Family members, friends and staff of these communities are encouraged to join our residents for an elegant evening at one of Cincinnati's oldest and most prestigious private clubs. Highlights include cocktails and hors d'oeuvres in a seated lounge setting, gourmet dinner with wine service, live musical entertainment and the sharing of traditions, old and new.

### An Evening of Grandeur

Friday, September 23rd  
6:30-10:00pm  
Peterloon

**Sponsored by:**  
**PNC**



Home of the family of John J. Emery, known to be the principal developer of downtown Cincinnati and one of our city's greatest philanthropists, Peterloon was built in 1928 to rival the grandest houses of Europe and America, and is situated on 1,200 wooded acres. Guests will enjoy alfresco cocktails on lavish grounds followed by an elegant dinner inside the stately home with an opportunity to tour the family's private living quarters. Join us as we raise our glasses to toast the impact philanthropy has had on ERS through the decades.

### Jazzin' at The Manse

Friday, November 4th  
6:30-10:00pm  
The Manse

**Sponsored by:**  
**The Model Group,**  
**tdgFacilities, and**  
**Jostin Construction**





Renovated into Affordable Living for low-income seniors, The Manse is one of ERS' most celebrated communities due to its incredible history. Originally the first Black-owned hotel in Cincinnati and one of the few that welcomed African-Americans during the era of segregation, The Manse was listed in the 4th edition of The Green Book. During its heyday in the 40s and 50s, many jazz greats, athletes and notable African Americans stayed at the first-class hotel or attended events in the grand ballroom. Now the event center for resident activity and engagement, the former ballroom will be transformed into a jazz club for one incredible night with featured entertainment by The Mandy Gaines Trio. We will kick off the evening next door at the Cincinnati Federation of Colored Women's Club, a service organization since 1904.

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-  Deupree Meals On Wheels
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## The MLB is not the only place you can find All Stars!

We kicked-off the Gala Series in May with Sponsor Appreciation Night at the Ballpark and created our own version of ERS All-Star cards. To view them all, visit our gallery [erslife.info/gala-photos](http://erslife.info/gala-photos)



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### Elaine Rayford

**Team:** Maple Knoll Meadows

**Position:** Resident

**Hometown:** Cincinnati, OH

**Favorite Team:** Cincinnati Bengals

**Favorite Ballpark Snack:** Ice cream sundae in a mini-plastic Reds cap

#### Most Memorable Sports Experience:

Going to Findlay Market to watch the Opening Day Parade. Then I went to Fountain Sq. to watch the game. I was with my daughter and friends. The Reds won!

**Why I am a fan of ERS:** I feel like I can be engaged with residents and staff. I volunteer by passing out flyers, meals twice a month to residents, set up and clean up for Bingo. I participate in Wii Bowling, Bingo, Chair Exercises and walking club will start soon.