



Press Release – For Immediate Release:

Still The Mission, Still for Marjorie

*Marjorie P. Lee, the original ERS Community, Enhanced and Upgraded to Feel More Like Home.
Thanks for a Successful \$4.25M Capital Campaign, and the Generosity of Friends.*

**What's New: \$4.25M goal raised as part of \$20M Capital Campaign goal, project completion in 2019.
Master Plan: Memory Support, Short-Term Rehab/Therapy, and Long-term Nursing Care.
Rehab/Therapy Space to be Doubled, Individual Suites Expanded to Boost Privacy.**

[CINCINNATI, Ohio ~ Nov. 15, 2018] With financing fully bestowed, the \$20 million transformation of the **Marjorie P. Lee Retirement Community** is cruising towards its planned 2019 conclusion, delivering upon the original promises of [Episcopal Retirement Services](#) (ERS) founder **Charles Lee** to his wife, **Marjorie**.

Friends, family, benefactors and supporters of **Marjorie P. Lee (MPL)** – owned and managed by Cincinnati senior care pioneer **ERS** (www.episcopalretirement.com) – have recently completed a \$4.25 million capital-campaign milestone to close funding for the \$20 million master-plan improvement project. The balance of capital needed to finance the renovation came from a 2017 bond issuance that was privately placed at BMO Harris Bank in addition to a contribution of cash from ERS.

ERS is reinvesting in **Memory Support, Short-Term Rehab/Therapy, and Long-term Nursing Care** and has expanded personal and healthcare options for independent living residents, in a new service line called Residential Living. Space dedicated to rehab and therapy has been doubled, to ease the transition of seniors between hospital to home. Residential suites for those needing transitional care after a hospital stay or needing long-term nursing care have been expanded and designed to provide more privacy and space for the individual in an elegant setting. At the heart of it all: the **ERS** mission of serving older adults in a person-centered, innovative and spiritually-based way.

After years of design and planning, and almost two years of construction, the Hyde Park community is poised to complete all improvements in 2019. The MPL master plan receives a physical upgrade approximately every 10 years; the most current iteration of **Marjorie P. Lee Retirement Community** “brings a facility up-to-speed with an entire legacy and commitment to seniors,” said ERS President and CEO **Laura Lamb**.

Renovated Spaces Renamed

Many new and renovated spaces have been renamed as an honorarium, or to recognize individual donors.

More than 90 individuals, foundations and faith-based supporters contributed to the MPL campaign. When improvements and renovations are complete, the following **ERS All-Stars** will have:

- Rededicated the Shaw Café as the **Adams Café**, in honor of a gift from **Richard and Virginia Lee Adams**. The café overlooks the **Adair Gardens**, previously named in honor of Lee’s parents, **Robert and Virginia Adair**, through a gift from their estate;
- Renovated the **Amstein House**, which will remain a Skilled Care Center for individuals requiring memory support;
- Replaced Lee Gardens with the **Berghamer House**, a new Long-Term Skilled Care Center providing nursing care for residents with physical support needs, but not cognitive support needs, named in memory of former MPL resident **Ellen Berghamer**. This gift was made through a trust established at **Fifth Third Bank**. In addition, during her lifetime **Ellen** made her own generous donation for the naming of the **Archea Dining Room**, redecorated as part of the current MPL renovations and named in memory of **Ellen’s parents also former residents**;



- Rededicated the **Shaw Lobby**, as the **Tom Craig Lobby**, in memory of former newscaster and resident **Tom Craig**, through a gift from his stepson and daughter-in-law **Greg and Amy Power**;
- Relocated the **Morris House** and constructed the new **Kirby House**, thanks to a gift from **Deupree House resident Jack Kirby** in honor of his late wife **Alberta**, both are new Memory Support Households, established to care for individuals with early- to mid-stage Alzheimer's disease and dementia;
- Renamed the main MPL Event Center as the **Krug Event Center**, in honor of longtime supporters **Mike and Kathy Krug**, both who have had loved ones at MPL, **Mike** is a former **ERS Board Chair** who has served in multiple leadership capacities, **Kathy** is a longtime volunteer with **Deupree House Meals On Wheels**;
- A future, third Memory Support household named **Luther House**, thanks to a grant from the **H.B., E.W. and F.R. Luther Charitable Foundation**, **Fifth Third Bank** and **Narley L. Haley**, co-trustees, **Frances Luther** was a former MPL resident;
- Expanded **The Meyer Family Therapy Center** two-fold, thanks to a collective gift through a realized estate gift from former **Deupree House resident Dan Meyer**, his daughter **Jennifer Meyer Angus**, sisters **Corky Meyer Ladd** and **Marian Meyer Allen**, and longtime friends **Mike** and **Digi Schueler**;
- A special activity room within the **Luther House** in memory of **Jean Bond Seyboldt**, a 25-year MPL resident, made possible by a gift from current **Deupree House resident Gay Bain** and her husband **St. John**.

"Though the changes have been monumental, the transformation of Marjorie P. Lee has been as intimate a project as any in our 60-plus-year history," **Lamb** said. "Needless to say, the community that bears the name of the founder of this company is special.

"The master plan redesign has put our resources where they are most critically needed, for Residential Living, Assisted Living Memory Support, Rehab/Therapy, and our Long-term Skilled Nursing Care. But we've also upgraded much of the communal environment, removing excess staff space, to make things more conducive to living, more inviting for visits, or just relaxing and having a coffee."

The members of the **Marjorie P. Lee Capital Campaign Committee** are **Dr. Robert Reed** (Chair), **Richard Adams**, **Michael Krug**, **William Knodel**, **Terry Lilly** (in memoriam), **the Rev. David B. Lowry**, **the Rev. Susan C. Lehman**, **Michael Schueler**, **Gates Smith**, **Linda Stetson** and **Francie Williams**.

ABOUT MAJORIE P. LEE RETIREMENT COMMUNITY: Located at 3550 Shaw Avenue in Hyde Park, the Marjorie P. Lee Retirement Community bears the name of Marjorie P. Lee, wife of ERS founder Charles Lee. MPL was built in 1963, marking the first large scale community for Episcopal Retirement Services (ERS). ERS offers several levels of senior care at MPL, accommodating the changing needs of residents.

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