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### OUR MISSION

Masonic Charity Foundation of New Jersey delivers personalized services and compassionate care to seniors, inspired by the spirit, ideals, and values of Freemasonry, to promote the highest quality of life for Freemasons, families, and others in the community.

## LETTER FROM MANAGEMENT

Dear Residents, Families, and Friends,

At Masonic Village, every chapter in our story is shaped by the people who call this community home — and by our shared commitment to compassionate care, innovation, and excellence. Today, I'm honored to share the exciting beginning of our next chapter.

Effective July 1, 2025, Masonic Village will be under the management of Marquis Health Care Consulting Services, a trusted, family-owned New Jersey firm renowned for its exceptional quality of care and forward-thinking leadership in senior services.

This new partnership represents more than a change in management -— it's a meaningful step forward in our ongoing promise to provide the highest level of personalized care and support. Marquis brings deep expertise, a patient-first philosophy, and a proven ability to transform communities through modern, innovative programs tailored to both short-term rehabilitation and long-term care.

Through this collaboration, we will be able to enhance our services, upgrade our facilities, and expand the resources available to our residents and staff. Together, we will introduce specialty care initiatives and invest in a warm, home-like environment where every resident continues to feel appreciated, valued and supported.

Most importantly, our core mission remains the same: to serve older adults with compassion, respect, and excellence. What has always made Masonic Village special will continue to thrive.

Thank you for your trust, your partnership, and the love you show this community every day. We look forward to a bright and inspiring future — together.

Warm regards,

**Anda Durso** *Executive Director Masonic Village at Burlington* 



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Anda Durso, MBA, LNHA *Executive Director* 

### CELEBRATING A CENTURY OF WISDOM AND JOY: MASONIC VILLAGE HONORS ITS CENTENARIANS

On April 24, 2024, Masonic Village joyfully honored five remarkable residents — Elizabeth Burke (age 101), Nellie Barrett (age 101), Martin Gutchigan (age 102), Muriel Holmes (age 103), and Vera Jensen (soon to be 100) — at a vibrant Centenarian Luncheon filled with laughter, balloons, and heartfelt tributes. The event, held in the Village Bistro, brought together more than 50 residents, staff, and special guest Burlington City Mayor Barry Conoway, who praised the centenarians as treasured sources of wisdom and inspiration.

"There's so much we can learn from them," said Mayor Conoway. "They're healthy, they're vibrant, and we should all learn their secrets to a long and happy life."

And those secrets? According to the honorees, they're refreshingly simple: avoid isolation, laugh often, and keep moving.

The celebration coincided with Muriel Holmes' 103rd birthday. A firm believer in the power of healthy habits and home cooking, Holmes credits her longevity to generations of strong women in her family. "My grandmother was a wonderful cook," she reflected. "She taught my mother, who taught me — and I think those home-cooked meals made all the difference."

Executive Director Anda Durso emphasized the deep respect and care Masonic Village extends to every resident. "We pride ourselves in offering not just a place to live, but a place to thrive," Durso said. "Our community's foundation is built on engaging activity, healthy lifestyle, social connection, and treating everyone like family."

Research supports what Masonic Village has long understood: older adults in senior community settings live longer, healthier lives. Studies show they are more active, have stronger immune systems, and are less likely to suffer from dementia.

For these centenarians, Masonic Village is more than a residence — it's a home that celebrates life at every stage. The April Centenarian Luncheon was a joyful testament to resilience, connection, and the power of community.

As we look back on this inspiring day, we are remined that aging is not just about adding years to life. It's about adding life to years.



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### HONORING HEROES: WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA CONVOY STOPS AT MASONIC VILLAGE AT BURLINGTON

On December 11, 2024, Masonic Village proudly welcomed the Wreaths Across America convoy for the second consecutive year — hosting a powerful tribute to American veterans and their enduring legacy of service.

Known as "America's Longest Veterans' Parade," the Wreaths Across America convoy made its final New Jersey stop at Masonic Village's Fellowship Center. The convoy — more than two miles long — featured a stunning procession of 14 tractor trailers, police escorts, Patriotic Guard riders, and a tour bus carrying Gold Star families, veterans, and volunteers on a mission to Remember, Honor, and Teach.

This was truly an emotional and inspiring Community Remembrance Ceremony. In attendance were residents, veterans, military representatives, community members, and dignitaries — including District Director Ginamarie Espinoza from the office of Congressman Donald Norcross, who presented a formal Proclamation to Masonic Village in recognition of their commitment to honoring America's heroes.

Highlights of the evening included a stirring performance of the National Anthem by the Burlington Township High School a cappella choir and patriotic music by the Golden Eagle Community Band, which culminated in a moving Armed Forces Salute. During this tribute, representatives from each military branch accepted ceremonial wreaths in a solemn moment of reflection and pride.

Masonic Village's dedication to veterans runs deep, with many residents having served in conflicts from World War II to more recent engagements. "We are so pleased to have been selected as an official stop on the wreath convoy," said Anda Durso, Masonic Village Executive Director. "It's our privilege to host the convoy and show our gratitude to those who answered the call to serve."

This event was just one stop on the wreaths' journey from Maine to Arlington National Cemetery, where thousands of volunteers would later lay wreaths on the graves of American's fallen service members. Masonic Village looks forward to again hosting the Wreaths Across America convoy in the future.



# REPORT ON GIVING

Thank you to all of the donors who have been instrumental to the Masonic Charity Foundation of New Jersey's good works during 2024. This charitable support helped the Foundation to continue its 126-year-old legacy of helping others. The total funds raised during the year exceeded \$3 million – an amount that reflects our donors' unselfish dedication. All of these gifts, from individuals, corporate partners, organizations and grant makers, have made a difference in the lives of those we serve.

These funds were secured through both annual and planned gifts. Annual gifts comprised 39% of the total. These contributions were raised through giving programs that included the Foundation's annual appeal, memorial donations, corporate support, funded grants, and major gifts. The 61% balance was raised through planned giving programs, including distributions from trusts and estates, closed charitable gift annuities, and insurance and retirement plan proceeds.

During 2024, the Foundation's donors also established \$5.6 million in new deferred giving arrangements. These financially savvy donors used these tax-advantaged, irrevocable trusts and annuities to secure income for themselves and their loved ones. At the same time, they have committed to support the Foundation's mission in the future, because any remaining funds held in these arrangements at the end of the term will be used to help others in need.

The many facts and figures contained in this report help to measure the impact of this support. But behind the data are individual examples that arise on a daily basis: such as the Masonic Village resident who receives loving care and the promising student who is awarded a scholarship. In these ways and more, the Masonic Charity Foundation's donors improve the lives of individuals in need. Thank you!



MASONIC CHARITY FOUNDATION FINANCIAL SUMMARY		
DECEMBER 31, 2024 & 2023 ASSETS	2024	2023
CURRENT ASSETS - Cash and cash equivalents - Patient accounts receivable, net of allowance for credit losses of \$531,859 and \$373,630 in	\$1,236,456	\$717,734
2024 and 2023, respectively - Grand Lodge receivable - Assets held for sale	\$2,315,417 \$129,917 \$92,317,724	2,189,279 \$394,639 \$8,309,924
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	\$95,999,514	\$11,611,576
INVESTMENTS ASSETS LIMITED AS TO USE	\$8,688,020	\$9,175,960
- Donor restricted	\$24,041,416	\$21,879,190
- Debt service interest fund	\$312,136	\$246,136
- Deferred gift plans	\$1,309,563	\$1,414,817
- Residents' funds held	\$50,207	\$47,209
NONCURRENT ASSETS HELD FOR SALE	-	\$88,164,799
BENEFICIAL INTEREST IN TRUSTS	\$14,388,174	\$6,251,873
TOTAL ASSETS	\$144,789,030	\$139,094,790
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS CURRENT LIABILITIES - Accounts payable and accrued expenses - Liabilities held for sale	\$4,092,275 \$13,993,477	\$3,233,921 \$810,000
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	\$18,085,752	\$4,043,921
NONCURRENT LIABILITES HELD FOR SALE	_	\$14,168,912
ACCRUED PENSION EXPENSE	\$1,563,869	\$155,249
DEFERRED GIFT PLANS SUPPORT	\$836,127	\$904,519
LONG-TERM DEBT	\$77,401,341	\$77,195,721
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$97,887,089	\$96,468,322
NET ASSETS		
NET ASSETS - Without donor restrictions	_ \$8.539.518	\$12.763.519
- Without donor restrictions	\$8,539,518 \$38,362,423	\$12,763,519 \$29,862,949
<ul><li>Without donor restrictions</li><li>With donor restrictions</li></ul>	\$8,539,518 \$38,362,423 <b>\$46,901,941</b>	\$29,862,949
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#### MASONIC VILLAGE AT BURLINGTON OPERATING REVENUES & EXPENSES



### EXCELLENCE RECOGNIZED: MASONIC VILLAGE EARNS NATIONAL DISTINCTION FROM US NEWS & WORLD REPORT

Masonic Village is proud to be recognized by US News & World Report as one of the Best Nursing Homes for 2024-2025, earning top marks in both Long-Term Care and Short-Term Rehabilitation Care. This prestigious recognition reflects our deep commitment to quality, safety, and compassionate service — and places us among the top-tier senior care communities nationwide.

Each year, US News & World Report evaluates over 15,000 nursing homes across the country, but only a small percentage — just 19% — meet the rigorous criteria to earn a "Best" designation in either category. Masonic Village not only met the standard but excelled in both.

To determine the Best Nursing Homes, US News & World Report conducts a thorough analysis based on data from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), evaluating quality measures such as nurse staffing, health inspections, patient outcomes, and more. To be recognized in both categories confirms that Masonic Village doesn't just meet expectations — we exceed them.

These accolades reflect the tireless dedication of our care teams, who consistently go above and beyond to deliver skilled, compassionate care every day. Whether it's helping a resident recover from surgery or supporting those who need ongoing, around-the-clock care, our staff's commitment to safety, dignity, and quality of life remains unmatched.

"This recognition is a direct reflection of the dedication and professionalism of our team," said Executive Director Anda Durso. "It's about our nurses, therapists, CNAs, dining team, housekeeping — everyone who makes sure our residents are treated like family. Our staff is driven by one goal — delivering exceptional care that enhances the lives of every resident."

For residents and their families, this honor reaffirms that Masonic Village provides more than just care — we provide confidence. We are deeply honored to receive this designation and remain committed to continually raising the standard of excellence for those we serve.







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