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Grant from Ocean State Charities Trust Strengthens Safety for Home Care Staff

Saint Elizabeth Home Care has received a $6,500 grant from Ocean State Charities Trust to launch a workforce safety pilot program for caregivers visiting patients' homes.

The funding will purchase portable, two-way communication devices that operate independently of a cell phone and allow caregivers to discreetly request help, connect with a dispatcher, and share their GPS location in an emergency.



A grant from Ocean State Charities Trust provides Home Care staff with a portable safety device.

"Home care workers often travel alone and provide care without immediate on-site support," shares Saint Elizabeth Home Care Director, Lori Crowshaw, MSHM, RN. "While visits are screened, caregivers may encounter medical emergencies, patient aggression, domestic disturbances, or other unpredictable situations. This grant allows us to take an important step toward strengthening the safety net around our caregivers."

That need became especially clear in 2025, when a caregiver was present during a domestic violence situation while caring for a client.

> *"We are grateful to Ocean State Charities Trust for recognizing the importance of protecting the people who bring care, comfort, and dignity into the homes of older adults. We appreciate their commitment to ensuring staff have the support they need to feel safe in the field."*



Green House resident Judy on her visit with the penguins at Mystic Aquarium.

Enriching the Lives of our Residents

At Saint Elizabeth Community, encouraging our residents to engage in the world around them is an important part of the work we do. Every day, we provide opportunities for the elders in our care to continue making new discoveries and building new relationships.

A Close Encounter with Penguins

Judy, a resident in Saint Elizabeth Green House Home 15, has a special love for penguins. So much so that she told Cory, a Shahbaz caregiver, that she wanted to take a trip to Antarctica to see them.

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A Message from our President & CEO



Dear Friends,

As the Fall season brings us closer to the holidays, we often find ourselves gathering with our families to give thanks.

Here at Saint Elizabeth Community, we are grateful for the many individuals who support our mission to create a space where everyone feels like family: our exceptional residents and their loved ones, our dedicated staff, our tireless volunteers, and our generous donors.

Since our founding in 1882 as a nursing home for elder women in need, we have added an array of services to meet the needs of our community. Most recently, we acquired The Seasons in East Greenwich which is now Saint Elizabeth Assisted Living. Our goal is to help every person find the right place at the right time for the right care. We call it our continuum of care.

Responding to changing times requires innovation and creativity. We recently launched atHome Together, a membership program designed to allow older adults to age in place confidently while protecting their assets. When they need care, members will have access to all of the services offered through Saint Elizabeth Community. You can learn about this initiative on page 7 and register for a webinar to find out more.

We're also happy to share the results of this year's hugely successful Rose Bids Auction and Gala. We're so appreciative of everyone who joined the cause to make this event one of the best ever. Check out some fun photos from our annual fundraiser.

Across Saint Elizabeth Community, we pledge our commitment to delivering the best care. A number of recent awards recognize these efforts. You can read about them in these pages.

None of this work would be possible without you, and for that, we are thankful. We wish you and your family all the best for a happy and healthy holiday season.

Best -



Matthew R. Trimble, NHA
President & CEO

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Enriching the Lives of our Residents *(continued)*

While a trip to Antarctica might have been challenging to arrange, Cory had another idea: **Why not bring Judy's dream a little closer to home?**

Partnering with former Green House Meaningful Life Coordinator Hannah (who is now Activities Director at our Assisted Living in Providence), Cory planned something truly special—a Penguin Encounter at Mystic Aquarium for Judy and a few of her friends from House 15.

Thanks to the generosity of Saint Elizabeth Home's Wish Fund, the team was able to make the adventure a reality. Judy, her daughter, and two fellow residents enjoyed the trip, getting an up-close look at the penguins she loves so much.

It was a beautiful reminder that sometimes, wishes can be fulfilled in unexpected ways—and that meaningful moments start with simply listening to what matters most to each person.



Into the Deep with Sam
Residents at Saint Elizabeth Home also had the opportunity to explore the ocean blue, without getting wet. Our Activities team at the Home celebrated Shark Week with a number of engaging activities that brought the deep blue sea to our elders.



Sam, our physical therapist with Functional Pathways, shared his experience as a scuba diver, a hobby he has enjoyed since he was ten years old. Everyone already knows and loves Sam, so they were excited to learn about his personal adventures, from swimming alongside sharks to hunting for shark teeth and other undersea treasures.

Along with demonstrating his scuba equipment, Sam showed a fish-filled video from his travels and offered residents the chance to hold his shark teeth souvenirs.



"The residents are always so interested in learning new things," said Tara Perfetti, Activity and Volunteer Services Director. "Especially something as strange and exciting as swimming with sharks. Sam's presentation was a real hit."

Other Shark Week activities included a friendly photo op with an inflatable shark, and live music including everyone's favorite, *Mack the Knife*.

All Aboard for the 25th Anniversary Rose Bids Auction & Gala







The S.S. Saint Elizabeth set sail with more than 350 guests on Thursday, September 10, for an incredible evening filled with fun, friendship, and generosity as we celebrated the 25th anniversary of the Rose Bids Auction & Gala.

From the moment the doors opened at Rhodes on the Pawtuxet, the room was filled with energy, laughter, excitement, and an unmistakable love for Saint Elizabeth Community. But the evening took on a deeper meaning when guests had the opportunity to hear directly from the people whose lives are touched by their support.

A special video brought those voices into the room, sharing personal stories of life at Saint Elizabeth and what it means to them. As their stories unfolded on screen, the room grew quiet, and every eye was drawn to the people at the very center of our mission.

“Everyone featured in the video was so excited to tell their story,” shared President & CEO Matt Trimble. “It was a window into the lives of the people we serve and a touching reminder of why we were all there. It was a powerful moment.” Click on the QR code to the right to watch the video.

In a matter of minutes, the room had raised more than $55,000- bringing the total raised for the night to $141,000, net of expenses!

“Amid all the excitement of a fun-filled night, the reason for the celebration remained at the center of it all: the elders we are privileged to serve each day,” continued Trimble. “We are tremendously grateful to all of our donors, sponsors, and volunteers.”

Scan the code to watch the video and experience the people, stories, and spirit that made the 25th Anniversary Rose Bids so special.

Mark Your Calendar #GivingTuesday

Tuesday, December 1, 2026

Every story begins with someone who cares.

This #GivingTuesday, we’ll celebrate the people, moments and stories that make Saint Elizabeth Community special. And we want you to be part of it.

GIVINGTUESDAY

Follow Saint Elizabeth Community on social media for inspiring stories and opportunities to get involved, show you care, and make a difference in the lives of older adults and their families.

Inspired to Give

When David Bedard saw his father, Dick, on the screen at Saint Elizabeth Community's Rose Bids Auction and Gala, he couldn't help but laugh. "He was in broadcast mode. I've heard his stories a million times, especially the ones about him quarterbacking West Warwick's incredible 1959 championship victory. But to see him so happy was great," David shared.

"Moving my father to The Seasons wasn't planned. A medical event made it impossible for him to stay safely at home," David explained. "It wasn't easy to convince him to leave the home he built 60 years ago, but we knew it was necessary."

The transition had its challenges, but David said his family received extra-personal, genuine care at every step. "We received a lot of support. People cared. It's holistic family support, not just the nuts and bolts," David shared. "Now, Dad's settled and comfortable. He has a purposeful existence and a sense of community. They hit it out of the park."

As David watched his father on the screen that evening, he was reminded of how much that support has meant to his family. He and his wife, Melanie, were inspired to make a gift.



David's father, Dick, poses proudly with photos from the 1959 championship.

"I made a donation to say thank you, to pay it forward, and to provide resources so the staff has what they need to keep up the good work. They put people first, and that should be recognized."

7 Ways to Make *a Meaningful Difference*

Your generosity helps create stories of compassion, care, and community.

Make an online gift
It's quick, easy, and secure. Give anytime, from anywhere.

Mail a donation
Send your gift by mail using the reply envelope provided.

Become a monthly donor
Provide reliable support that makes a lasting impact all year long.

Make a qualified charitable distribution
If you are 70½ or older, you may benefit by directing gifts from your IRA.

Gifts of appreciated securities
Support our mission and you may receive tax benefits when you donate stocks or bonds.

Employer matching gifts
Many employers will match your gift—doubling your impact.

Include Saint Elizabeth Community in your estate plans
Leave a lasting legacy that ensures compassionate care for generations to come.

However you choose to give, *thank you for being part of our story.*

Community News

New Administrator Joins Saint Elizabeth Home

Saint Elizabeth Community is pleased to announce the appointment of our new Administrator for Saint Elizabeth Home, **Brian McGuinness, MBA, NHA, ALRA.**

Brian is no stranger to Saint E's, having worked at both the Home in East Greenwich and Assisted Living in Providence from 2005 to 2016 for a total of more than ten years. He may be a familiar face to some of you.

With more than seven years of experience in the role of Administrator, Brian most recently served as Executive Director at Oakland Grove Health Care Center, a 178-bed skilled nursing and rehabilitation center in Woonsocket with a staff of approximately 200 employees. Prior to that, he was Executive Director at the 96-bed South Kingstown Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

Please welcome him back to the family at Saint Elizabeth Community.





Saint Elizabeth Community Earns Worksite Health Award

Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Rhode Island (BCBSRI) and the Greater Providence Chamber of Commerce recognized Saint Elizabeth Community for effective programs encouraging employee health and well-being in a meaningful way.

We were one of nearly 50 Rhode Island businesses honored by BCBSRI and the Chamber with a Worksite Health Award at a breakfast attended by hundreds of state business leaders. The event celebrated local businesses that have demonstrated a commitment to improving Rhode Islanders' overall health through innovative wellness programs.

atHome Together Membership Program

atHome Together is a new membership program from Saint Elizabeth Community, created to help older adults live safely, confidently, and independently at home—with personalized guidance, trusted resources, and support every step of the way.

Whether you're planning ahead for yourself, helping a loved one navigate care options, or you're a professional who works with older adults, we invite you to learn more during an upcoming virtual information session.

Our virtual informational sessions are held on rotating days during the last week of every month at 11:00 am and provide an overview of the atHome Together Membership Program.

Scan the QR code to register.



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atHome Together
Membership Program



2026 Community's Choice Award

Saint Elizabeth Home has been recognized as the **Best Nursing Home in Rhode Island** for the FOURTH year in a row!

At this year's *Providence Journal* **Community's Choice Awards**, Saint Elizabeth Community was selected once again.

Thank you to everyone who voted for your support and congratulations to our staff who earned this award through their dedication and commitment to providing compassionate care to the elders and families who put their trust in us.

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