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As we reflect on 2025, we do so with deep gratitude for all that was accomplished together. This past year marked a significant milestone in the life of Lourdes Senior Community as we celebrated our 60th anniversary - six decades of faith-filled service, compassionate care, and steadfast commitment to older adults and their families. I also completed my third year of service as President & CEO. It has truly been a joy to witness our campus continue to evolve to meet the needs of the future.

Our anniversary year was filled with meaningful moments that reminded us just how strong and connected our community is. We gathered for a special blessing in gratitude for all who have shaped Lourdes over the years, unveiled our donor wall in honor of those whose generosity sustains our Mission, and celebrated with a birthday bash during our Golf for Lourdes event in June. These moments honored our past while affirming the future we are building together.

That future is already taking shape across our campus. The Ranch Style Villas will be completed in May 2026, and they are all spoken for. Excitement is growing as residents prepare to make these beautiful, leased homes their own. Designed to support independence, and peace of mind, the villas reflect our ongoing commitment to meeting the evolving needs of today's older adults. You can read more about this exciting project on page 3.

In addition, we are preparing to break ground on a new independent living apartment building, expanding our ability to offer supportive, community-centered living for older adults who seek connection, security, and belonging. Learn more about this upcoming project on page 4.

Philanthropy also played a meaningful role in 2025. Through our Legacy Event, we raised more than \$50,000 in support of the newly established Sister Frances Mary Compassionate Care Fund, created in honor of Sister Frances Mary Kernasovich, OP. This fund will support residents who lack the financial resources necessary to live at Lourdes, because we believe everyone deserves safe, secure housing. Planning is already underway for the 2026 Legacy Event. More information can be found on page 5.

Looking ahead, we are excited to once again gather for Golf for Lourdes on June 11, 2026; a day that brings our community together in support of programs and services for our residents. Details about the upcoming outing can be found on page 7.

None of this would be possible without you. Your generosity, prayers, and belief in our Mission allow Lourdes Senior Community to remain a place where older adults are known, valued, and cared for with dignity and compassion. Thank you for being part of our story - and theirs.

With gratitude,

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FINDING HOME

A COMMUNITY THAT CARES



Don Overy, Resident at Mendelson Home Assisted Living

At 103 years old, Don Overy has lived a full and remarkable life. But some of the most meaningful memories, he says, have come in the past seven years.

For nearly seventy years, Don and his wife, Elsie, woke up under the same roof. It was the home where they raised their children, celebrated anniversaries, and gathered for holiday meals. Every room held a memory. Every corner carried part of their story.

Leaving was never part of the plan.

“No one wants to come here at first,” Don admits gently. “It means giving up your home.”

Leaving their home meant stepping away from the place where he and his wife had built a lifetime together. The familiarity. The independence. The comfort of knowing every sound and every view from every window.

But as their needs changed, they realized they could no longer do it alone.

What Don did not expect was that in leaving one home, he would find another.

“When you have a good group of people and good staff who genuinely care for you, you start to feel at home,” he says. “There are wonderful staff and wonderful people here.”

Over time, neighbors became friends. Staff became trusted companions. The unfamiliar slowly became familiar.

During his time at Mendelson Home Assisted Living, Don has celebrated birthdays, shared holiday meals, and spent countless afternoons in conversation with neighbors who have become dear friends.

There have been countless moments that have reminded him just how deeply he belongs, such as a grand “welcome home” he never expected.

After spending a month in the hospital battling COVID, Don was finally able to return to Mendelson Home Assisted Living. His son brought him back around dinnertime. As he was wheeled into the lobby, residents and staff who had gathered there began to clap.

“They pushed me in, and everyone started applauding.”

Don recalls with a smile. “It really made me feel like I was part of a family.”

That feeling has never left him.

Today, Don continues to take part in daily life at Lourdes Senior Community.

While his children visit as often as they can, he knows not every resident has family nearby. So he makes it a point to reach out to new neighbors himself, inviting them to sit with him at lunch, accompanying them to activities, making sure they know they are not alone.

And he is not the only one. That is what makes Mendelson Home so special to him.

“Mendelson becomes your family,” he says.

When people ask Don what it takes to live to 103, he smiles. “No one really knows,” he says. “But having a lot of good people and great support in your life makes a difference.”

He lives by a simple motto: have great faith, great determination, and a great desire to help people.

At Lourdes Senior Community, he has found a place that shares those same values; a place where he is cared for, and where he continues to care for others in return.

And to Don and many others, that has made all the difference.





Conceptual Design of New Independent Living Villas on the Lake

THE RANCH STYLE VILLAS

OPENING MAY 2026

This winter marks an exciting milestone for Lourdes Senior Community as the Ranch Style Villas begin to take shape along the shores of Scott Lake. Designed to support independence while fostering connection, these new homes reflect Lourdes’ continued commitment to meeting older adults where they are: today and for generations to come.

In January, future villa residents gathered for lunch with Lourdes leadership before heading out for a special hard-hat tour of their new homes. The day offered a first glimpse of the spaces they will soon call home: two-bedroom, two-bath ranch-style villas, each approximately 1,620 square feet. Thoughtfully designed for a peaceful and independent lifestyle, the villas will feature private deck spaces, one-car attached garages, and beautiful views of Scott Lake.

During the tour, residents walked through their villas, took photos, and began preparing for move-in by noting

layouts and measurements. While construction was still underway, the experience transformed anticipation into excitement, turning blueprints into real places where new memories will soon be made.

The Ranch Style Villas were carefully designed to blend the comforts of home with the reassurance of support nearby. Each one-level residence features open floor plans, modern finishes, private entrances, and scenic views of Lourdes’ natural surroundings. Residents will enjoy worry-free living, convenient access to campus amenities, and the freedom to remain independent, with care close at hand should it ever be needed.

In the months ahead, Lourdes looks forward to hosting a special blessing and welcome gathering for villa residents. Plans include a blessing of the homes, a ribbon-cutting ceremony, and a reception where new residents can connect with neighbors from Fox Manor Independent Apartments.

With Fox Manor currently at full capacity and the number of older adults continuing to rise, the Ranch Style Villas represent an important step forward. This expansion ensures that seniors seeking a more private independent living experience can still enjoy connection, support, and peace of mind.

As construction continues, the villas are anticipated to be move-in ready by May 2026. Lourdes is deeply grateful to the donors, partners, and future residents who have helped bring this vision to life. Together, we continue to grow a place where care, community, and compassion come together.

INDEPENDENT LIVING FOR THE NEXT GENERATION



For more than six decades, Lourdes Senior Community has been a place where independence and peace of mind go hand in hand. When Fox Manor on the Lake opened in 1991, it was in response to a growing need in the community: a place where older adults could maintain their independence without the burden of home maintenance, while still having access to support, companionship, and care if needed.

Since then, Fox Manor has become home to countless residents who have found not only a private apartment, but also a sense of belonging. Daily life is made easier with meals prepared, housekeeping provided, and staff available around the clock, allowing residents to focus on what matters most: friendships, hobbies, and

enjoying each day without worry.

Over the years, Fox Manor has often maintained a waiting list, reflecting the continued demand for independent living that offers both freedom and community. With a growing older adult population and changing expectations for aging well, Lourdes is preparing for the next chapter of independent living on our campus.

In addition to the Ranch Style Villas, Lourdes is excited to introduce plans for a new 60-unit independent living apartment building, which we hope to break ground on by the end of this year. Designed with both comfort and connection in mind, the building will feature lakefront views from nearly every residence, along with private balconies or patios overlooking Scott

Lake. A variety of floor plans will be available, including one-bedroom, two-bedroom, and one-bedroom with den options.

The new apartments are envisioned to include shared amenities such as a movie theater, wellness center, and inviting indoor and outdoor dining spaces with scenic lake views, along with opportunities for outdoor activities. Together, these features are intended to foster a lifestyle that supports wellness, social engagement, and ease of living.

Lourdes plans to begin accepting deposits for the new independent living apartments in September 2026. Those interested in learning more about this exciting project or expressing early interest are encouraged to contact Rich Acho at 248-886-5611 or racho@lourdes-sc.org

A GIFT THAT LASTS

Did you know your generosity can continue to support Lourdes Senior Community for generations to come?

Through planned giving, you can create a legacy that reflects your values, provides for your loved ones, and sustains the Mission of Lourdes

far into the future.

Planned giving can take many forms: a bequest in your will, a charitable remainder trust, or a contribution from a retirement account. These gifts provide more than financial support; they ensure that Lourdes can continue offering

that Lourdes can continue offering compassionate care, enriching programs, and spaces that nurture body, mind, and spirit.

To learn more about planned giving please contact Rich Acho at 248-886-5611 or racho@lourdes-sc.org

LOURDES LEGACY EVENT

FROM REMEMBRANCE TO MISSION - ENSURING OUR LEGACY FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS



Imagine reaching a point in life where you need help, not because you planned poorly, not because you were careless, but simply because you lived long enough to need care.

You worked. You raised a family. You served your community.

And now, when support matters most, you discover that your savings will last only a few months, or, if you're fortunate, a few years.

This is a story we hear often at senior expos, community events, and in quiet conversations with families. The cost of senior care continues to rise, while many older adults find themselves caught in a widening gap: not poor enough to qualify for assistance, yet unable to afford the long-term care they need.

No one who has devoted their life to family, work, and community should reach an age where care is needed and find it unavailable.

That belief has guided Lourdes Senior Community since its founding. It is also the reason the **Sister Frances Mary Compassionate Care Fund** was created.

A Legacy Worth Celebrating

In 2025, Lourdes' Annual Legacy Event carried special meaning as we celebrated the **90th birthday of Sister Frances Mary Kernasovich** and honored a lifetime devoted to the care and dignity of seniors.

Sister Frances Mary played a vital role in shaping Lourdes Senior Community into what it is today. Through her leadership and vision, Lourdes expanded its continuum of care to include assisted living, memory care, and independent living while remaining steadfast in its founding mission: to provide quality care to all, regardless of race, creed, religion, or ability to pay.

That same spirit of compassion and inclusion inspired the creation of the Sister Frances Mary Compassionate Care Fund; a lasting commitment to ensure that seniors who need assistance can continue to access the care and community they deserve at Lourdes.

A Powerful First Year

Thanks to the generosity of many supporters, the inaugural year of the Compassionate Care Fund surpassed expectations.

In its first year alone, the fund raised **\$54,592**, exceeding its initial goal and establishing a strong foundation for the years ahead.

But the true impact reaches far beyond the dollars raised.

This fund represents a promise: that Lourdes Senior Community will continue to respond to the changing realities of senior care without abandoning the values on which it was built.

Decades ago, Sister Frances Mary Kernasovich took deliberate steps to ensure residents would never be asked to leave after outliving their resources.

The Compassionate Care Fund expands that vision, helping seniors access care when they need it most.

A Broader Purpose

The Legacy Event has always honored those who have helped secure Lourdes' future through their time, talent, and treasure. Today, it does that and more. The event continues to recognize individuals who support Lourdes Senior Community in serving seniors with dignity and respect, while also raising critical funds to help ensure that future residents can access the care they need.

While the Sister Frances Mary Compassionate Care Fund helps address the growing gap in senior care affordability, Lourdes recognizes that financial assistance alone is not enough. This work also includes equipping individuals and families with the tools, resources, and knowledge they need to prepare thoughtfully for the future.

In March 2026, Lourdes partnered with Dahring|Cusmano Investment Professionals to offer an educational program focused on planning and saving for senior care. The session provided practical strategies and guidance, including:

- Updates on SECURE Act 1.0 and 2.0, helping participants understand recent changes affecting retirement and savings.
- Legacy and estate planning insights to help families preserve and distribute wealth thoughtfully and effectively. Together, these topics addressed both the accumulation and distribution stages of financial planning, empowering families to make informed decisions about future care needs and legacy considerations.

Later this year, Dahring|Cusmano Investment Professionals will return

to Lourdes to present an additional educational program focused on fraud prevention and awareness, helping protect seniors and their families from financial exploitation.

Looking Ahead

As we move into spring, planning is already underway for this year's Legacy Event which will be taking place **September 17, 2026** at the **Fountains Banquet Center** in Clarkston, MI.

What began as a celebration has become something more; a movement that honors the past, responds to the present, and prepares for the future.

Because **ensuring a legacy for future generations** isn't just a mantra. It's a responsibility. One that Lourdes Senior Community is proud to carry forward.

GOLF FOR LOURDES

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AND COUNTING



Spring may still feel far away, but one of Lourdes' favorite traditions will be here before we know it. Golf for Lourdes returns on **June 11, 2026**, at the **Fountains Golf and Banquet Center in Clarkston, Michigan**, bringing another day of fun, fellowship, and support for our residents.

Each year, Golf for Lourdes raises between \$40,000 - \$50,000 to support resident services, amenities, and educational opportunities across our community. Proceeds from the outing have helped fund meaningful enhancements such as a resident bus for outings, music and art programs, Alzheimer's education and awareness initiatives, and important facility upgrades and renovations.

Whether you love to golf or just want to join us for dinner, there are ways for everyone to participate. You can play on the course, attend the evening celebration, sponsor the event, or support an auction basket. More details will be shared soon, so be sure to stay tuned!

Golf for Lourdes isn't just about fundraising. It is about camaraderie, friendly competition, and celebrating all we do together for our residents.

If you would like to register or learn other ways to participate, contact Elisha Christopher in the Development Office at 248-886-5673 or echristopher@lourdes-sc.org.

See you on the links!

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INDEPENDENT LIVING APARTMENTS ON SCOTT LAKE



AMENITIES INCLUDE:

- Open Floor & Two Bedroom Floor Plans
- One Bedroom & Den Floor Plans
- Up To 1200 sq ft
- Indoor/Outdoor Dining
- Views of Scott Lake
- Wellness Center



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