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Exemplary living for generations.



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Board Chair and CEO Welcome

At Plymouth Place, impact is more than an outcome. It's a ripple effect. It starts with one person's generosity, one act of kindness, one opportunity extended — and grows into something that touches countless lives.

In the last issue of the Monarch, we highlighted our Community Impact Award from LeadingAge Illinois. In this issue, we showcase the impact of our actions. You will meet team members whose lives have been transformed through our **scholarship** and **CNA Academy programs** — initiatives made possible through the generosity of our incredible donors. Their stories remind us when we invest in people, we create pathways to greater purpose.

You will learn about our **kitchen renovation**. This transformation will give our culinary team the tools and space to serve with even greater excellence right here within our home and beyond our walls. It is an investment not just in infrastructure, but in community — expanding our ability to nourish others, body and soul.

Community commitment shines through in our participation with local food outreach organizations, including the First Congregational Church of La Grange. This is one more example of how Plymouth Place is living out its mission through meaningful action with our residents and community partners.

As you read these stories, we hope you will see what we see every day: the extraordinary heart of this community — people who give, serve, and believe in the power of doing good. Because here at Plymouth Place, impact isn't measured in numbers, it is measured in lives touched — and in the generosity that makes it all possible.

Respectfully,
Nick Lynn, Board Chair, and Jay Biere, CEO



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RESIDENTS' COUNCIL PRESIDENT

LETTER FROM RESIDENTS' COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Recently, a resident asked me, “Why are all these new faces in the building?” It was a good reminder of how much activity happens here every day and how important our outreach is. Welcoming visitors and connecting with our broader community are key parts of Plymouth Place’s purpose, giving us the opportunity to share who we are and all that makes life here so special.

Then I stopped to consider: What does Plymouth Place mean to my life? For me, it’s being confident that my future is secure through careful management and knowing that, as my age increases and abilities decrease, Plymouth Place is there throughout the process.

The future is one thing, but day-to-day living is another. Just a phone call away are wonderful dining options. Even without pre-ordering, there are several choices available for a healthy lifestyle. How does the saying go? Use it or lose it. No problem. With our first-rate professional team and exercise facilities, we have access to nearly every form of physical activity.

I often read of loneliness among seniors. Although some initiative is required, it shouldn’t be an issue here with the number of outings, programs, and social events happening daily. Add to that our resort-style amenities — like a 10-person hot tub and a heated swimming pool — and need I say more? ●



The Go Green Greater La Grange Committee (ABOVE) and Katie Freese (R) at the Summer Expo; Salt Creek Butterfly Farm members and resident volunteer, Alice Chin, maintain the beehives.



CULTIVATING A GREENER FUTURE

Deepening our commitment to sustainability

From composting and pollinator gardens to tree preservation and recycling, Plymouth Place is in full bloom with innovative ways to nurture environmental stewardship — both on campus and throughout the greater community. This reflects our commitment to managing the gifts bestowed upon us, working with and listening to our incredible resident volunteers, and expanding our partnership with **Go Green Greater La Grange (GGGLG)**.

GGGLG empowers residents through education, engagement, and hands-on initiatives, with a vision for a thriving, environmentally conscious community. Their programs reach every corner of local life — from recycling collections to climate cafés, and a comprehensive **community resource guide** that answers the question, “Where can I recycle this?” GGGLG works hand-in-hand with local schools, libraries, faith groups, and non-profits like Plymouth Place.

Our partnership with GGGLG was on full display when Plymouth Place proudly hosted the **Sustainable Summer Expo 2025**, welcoming over 400 attendees and 15 exhibitors including our very own **Horticulture Committee**. Guests enjoyed

hands-on demonstrations, engaging discussions, and practical tips for living more sustainably.

That spirit of partnership extended to our work with **Lori Harris of Salt Creek Butterfly Farm** who leads our pollinator program. This year, **Lyons Township High School** students joined us to prepare our beehives for the season and to assist with other conservation projects.

Our commitment to preserving nature is further reflected in our **Level I ArbNet Accreditation**, recognizing Plymouth Place’s 17-acre arboretum — home to more than 360 trees representing 36 species — as a destination for tree care, conservation, and education.

“As a community, we’re rooted in responsibility ...caring for people, caring for nature, and teaching the next generation to do the same,” said **Jay Biere, CEO**. “Through collaboration and education, we’re creating something that will grow well beyond our campus — a more sustainable future for all.” ●



◀ **To learn more about our partnerships with GGGLG, scan the QR code to listen to our podcast.**



Conor Cook (FAR LEFT) commutes by train from downtown Chicago daily using his transportation flexible account.



GOING THE EXTRA MILE *Breaking Down Barriers*

At Plymouth Place, care extends far beyond residents. It's deeply rooted in how we care for our employees. Whether it's providing professional growth opportunities or finding new ways to make daily life easier, we are always looking for meaningful ways to invest in the people who make this community feel like home.

As part of that commitment, Plymouth Place recently applied for a **transportation grant** designed to ease the daily commute for team members — including the potential purchase of a 14-passenger bus. For many employees, the commute to La Grange Park can be a challenge, especially without reliable transportation.

"Some of our employees take two or three buses to get here," said **Dr. Rebecca Lake**,

Plymouth Place Board Member and a newly arrived resident who helped write the grant. "Others rely on family or friends, or even bike here — in all kinds of weather. This grant represents hope. It's about breaking down barriers so our staff can safely get to work, earn a living wage, and focus on what they do best: caring for others."

"It's yet another step in removing the everyday obstacles that make life harder for working families," said **Cheri Boublis**, *Senior Director of Hospitality*. "One young team member from **Mercy Home for Boys and Girls**, for example, travels from downtown Chicago to work in the culinary department. Having access to consistent, affordable transportation would not only ease his commute but also open the door for others seeking meaningful work."

Plymouth Place also offers employees a **transportation flexible spending account** that allows staff to set aside pre-tax dollars for commuting costs such as train passes or parking.

"It's a nice benefit," said **Conor Cook**, *Fitness and Wellness Coordinator*, who commutes by train from the city. "It saves me money every month and is one of the many ways Plymouth Place really thinks about the details of our daily lives. It's not just a workplace. It's a place that looks out for you."

That sense of belonging runs deep. Employees often describe Plymouth Place as a second family, one that celebrates their success and supports them through life's challenges. "I've never worked anywhere that goes to such great lengths to make life easier for staff," Cook added. "If a team member is facing an emergency, they can apply

to the Employees Helping Employees (E2E) fund for support. Plymouth Place doesn't want to see employees struggle."

As **Paddy Homan**, *Vice President of Philanthropy and Community Affairs*, states, "Giving back to support your colleagues is part and parcel of the Plymouth Place culture. All our senior leaders and managers participate in E2E. It's a great opportunity for us to be part of this helping ministry."

For **CEO Jay Biere**, it all ties back to our mission. "When we take care of our people, they take care of our residents," he said. "Every initiative — whether it's transportation, wellness, or education — is about strengthening our community from the inside out. Because when our team members thrive, everyone benefits." ●



WELCOME TO *Mimi's*

"It's knowing that your door is always open and your path is free to walk,"
sang The New Heartaches, as they officially kicked off the opening of our new Mimi's Lounge.

This poignant rendition of John Hartford's *"Gentle on My Mind,"* made famous by Glen Campbell, set the tone for an evening filled with joy, laughter, and warm remembrance of **Melva "Mimi" Luker Grimes**, the cherished namesake of our newly updated pub and live music venue. The redesigned space now features a state-of-the-art sound system and a professional performance stage, elevating the energy of Chicago's live music scene at Plymouth Place.

"The sound system was installed by **Ray Quinn of Martyrs'**, one of Chicago's best live music clubs," said **Jim DeWan**, who curates performing arts for Plymouth Place. "We wanted Mimi's to be like any other great venue — a place where artists love to perform and residents feel perfectly at home, whether they're listening to the music or just chatting with friends."

That spirit of connection echoed throughout the evening. As the last notes lingered and friends raised their glasses, Glen Campbell's sentiment rang true: *"That you're waiting from the back roads, by the rivers of my memories — ever smilin', ever gentle on my mind."* ●

With a snip of a ribbon and the strum of guitars, Mimi's Lounge opened with the New Heartaches taking stage.

ABOVE L – R: **Dave Grimes, Ann Ream and Kary Ream; Karen Schlueter and Gloria Orner; Melinda Formusa dancing with Javier Otero; Betty Crawford; Barb and Mark Miner; Doris Bryant and Kary Ream.**

PAGE 9: **Our very own Shelly Nagy enjoying the warm atmosphere at Mimi's.**

SNAPSHOTS *of* PHILANTHROPY



LEGACY TEA Ooh là là! Our annual **Legacy Tea** was brimming with French flair as we celebrated those who make our mission possible. *ABOVE L – R: Doris and Dave Bryant, Michael Naughton, Helen and John Weber, Jim Chin, and guests; Maria Sharabaika.*



ODYSSEY CRUISE We set sail on the Chicago Odyssey to honor our **Pillars of Excellence Award** recipients and corporate partners. *ABOVE L – R: Pillars Award Winners; Phil Hannigan and Diane Murray; BELOW L – R: Mary La Palio, Jay Biere and Akua Yeboah.*



WOMEN OVER 70
The **Women Over 70 Aging Reimagined Symposium** brought 120+ women and keynote speaker **Judy Collins** to our campus. *ABOVE L – R: Gail Zelitzky, Jay Biere, singer Judy Collins, Dr. Catherine Marienau.*



CNA GRADUATION Congratulations to our **eighth CNA graduating class: Clayton John Azcarraga, Kaitlin Wheeler and Kya Williams.**



HONORING EXCELLENCE AWARD

We were honored to receive the 2025 Honoring Excellence **Community Impact Award** at this year's LeadingAge Illinois Annual conference.



ARTISAN FAIR Our 5th Annual Holiday Artisan Fair showcased more than 30 participants, including talented residents and outside vendors with a portion of the proceeds going to worthy community causes.



VETERANS DAY At our **Annual Pinning Ceremony**, we proudly recognized more than 20 veterans for their service, courage, and sacrifice.



MONARCH AWARD

Jan Matheny, English as a Second Language (ESL) instructor and ESL student **Carlos Felix** present the **Monarch Award** to **Sister Kathy Brazda** on behalf of the Congregation of St. Joseph for supporting the ESL program at Plymouth Place.



SOUNDS OF SUMMER

Our Annual **Sounds of Summer Concert** filled Memorial Park with incredible music from Chicago's **City Lights Orchestra**, led by **Rich Daniels** with guest vocalists.

ABOVE L - R: **Cheryl Maples** and **Michelle Siegfried** show their dance moves;
RIGHT: singer **Linda Clifford**.



SNAPSHOTS *of* PHILANTHROPY



ABOVE: **Lorrie DuPont** creating the perfect wine formula.

RIGHT: **Jeanine Crouse** with her daughter **Laura** on the Napa wine train.

FAR RIGHT: **Elaine Cue** enjoying another Plymouth Place travel adventure.



MAGICAL MOMENTS IN WINE COUNTRY

Exploring Napa Valley and San Francisco

For **Elaine Cue**, travel has always been a source of joy and discovery. Diagnosed with multiple sclerosis years ago, Cue has lived at Plymouth Place for 15 years — and credits our vibrant wellness programming for helping her live fully. “I work out two or three times a day,” she said. “It’s made an enormous difference in my strength and balance. I couldn’t do these trips otherwise.”

Cue is proof positive of the power of exercise. She has joined the **Plymouth Place Travel Club** on two trips to Ireland, as well as last year’s remarkable journey to Scotland. This past September, she ventured out with the Travel Club to California for yet another unforgettable adventure.

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“From organic farming to wine tasting and opera, this trip was an opportunity to learn and discover. Like every Plymouth Place trip, it’s about so much more than the destination.”



FAR LEFT: *Attending Rigoletto at the San Francisco Opera; Paddy Homan and Kary Ream playing with the locals at the Chieftain Bar.* LEFT: *A San Francisco trolley.*

ABOVE L- R: *MaryAnn Jirak, Mary Sue Coates, Linda Noer.*

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From the rolling vineyards of **Napa** to a grand performance of *Rigoletto* at the **San Francisco Opera**, each day brought a blend of culture, cuisine, and camaraderie. A highlight was an evening at **Forthright Winery**, where the group savored rosé overlooking Napa Valley and dined in an underground wine cave serenaded by the beautiful sounds of cello and violin.

“It was magical,” Cue recalled. “From the music to the accommodations, Plymouth Place trips are truly first-rate and unique. You get to connect with

everyone on a much deeper level. It’s not like any tour group. It’s much more personal and thoughtful.”

“From organic farming to wine tasting and opera, this trip was an opportunity to learn and discover,” said **Jay Biere, CEO**. “Like every Plymouth Place trip, it’s about so much more than the destination. It’s a great time of friendship and fellowship.”

Paddy Homan, Vice President of Philanthropy and Community Affairs, agrees. “These journeys are about the spirit of togetherness. We laugh, we sing, we share stories — and in the process,

we see each other in a whole new way. That’s what makes it special.”

At Plymouth Place, that sense of adventure starts long before takeoff. **Before every trip, the wellness team helps participants build the strength and stamina needed for travel.** “Wellness is foundational to everything we do,” said **Chris Irvine, Senior Director of Rehab and Wellness**. “When residents prepare physically, they’re opening doors to experiences like this. Seeing that translate into real adventures is incredibly rewarding.”

For Cue, the trip was yet one more example that “there’s nothing slow about life at Plymouth Place if you want to participate.” Thanks to Plymouth Place’s phenomenal preparation and planning, she will continue to explore the world — one magical journey at a time. ●

For their next adventure, the Plymouth Place Travel Club is off to France. To learn more, contact Shelly Nagy, Community Affairs, at (708) 588-6923 or snagy@plymouthplace.org.



Rev. Meredith Onion, Rev. Chrissy Tatum Williamson and Rev. Dr. Rich Kirchherr.

SEASONS OF SERVICE

Celebrating Rev. Rich Kirchherr's Lasting Impact

As the air grows crisp and the leaves begin to turn, **Rev. Dr. Rich Kirchherr** drives east with his wife, Clare, to see the fall colors in Vermont and New Hampshire. It's a long-awaited trip, one they could never take when Sundays belonged to the pulpit and their family weekends were full. Now retired after 38 years of ministry — 28 of those as Senior Pastor of the **First Congregational Church of Western Springs** — Kirchherr is finally taking time to watch the seasons change.

For Kirchherr, this journey isn't just a change in scenery. It's a moment to reflect on the many seasons of life and faith he shared with his congregation and with Plymouth Place. "Our church has always had a strong relationship with Plymouth Place," he said. In fact, the First Congregational Church is part of the United Church of Christ (UCC), which helped establish Plymouth Place in 1944. More than 80 years later, that connection is still strong.

A RICH HISTORY OF CONNECTION

Kirchherr's life has long been intertwined with Plymouth Place. As a young associate minister, he led worship services and taught classes here. He later served on our board and visited the many church members who call Plymouth Place home. "You could feel what made it special," he recalled. "It wasn't just a residence. It was a community of care."

That sense of belonging became personal when Kirchherr's parents moved to Plymouth Place. "My mom was reluctant at first," he laughed. "Within three weeks, she said, 'Why didn't you make me move here earlier?'" His parents lived here for nearly 17 years. "It was a wonderful gift to us as their children. We always knew they were in a place that valued their well-being and independence."

Jay Biere, CEO, described Kirchherr's involvement as "invaluable." "He was more than a board member. He was a bridge who brought the spirit of the church into our community and, in turn, carried Plymouth Place's mission back to his congregation. His leadership reflected what makes our 80-year relationship with the UCC so meaningful: collaboration, compassion, and service."

Biere also noted that the connection between faith and care remains strong. "Our bylaws require a pastoral voice on the board, but we don't do it out of obligation. We do it because we believe in it. Faith is part of our foundation. It reminds us that our work is about people and purpose."



CONTINUING THE LEGACY

As Rich Kirchherr passes the torch to the church's new Senior Pastor, **Rev. Chrissy Williamson**, the continuity of spirit is unmistakable. "Rich built a ministry grounded in gratitude, service, and genuine care for others," Chrissy said. "That legacy continues to guide our congregation and strengthen the connection between our church and Plymouth Place."

It's a legacy which continues to evolve, much like both institutions themselves. "Plymouth Place has done an amazing job of balancing its roots with the possibilities of tomorrow," Kirchherr noted. "Just as our church focuses on who we will become next, Plymouth Place continues to grow, adapt, and dream forward."

When asked whether he and Clare might someday call Plymouth Place home, Kirchherr laughed. "We both saw the difference it made for my parents...the community, the care, the quality of life. We're both wired for community. So yes, we could absolutely see ourselves there one day. It would be a gift for us and for our children." ●



FROM THE LEFT: **Tiaria Wideman** and **Aza Wahid**.

OPENING DOORS TO NEW OPPORTUNITIES

When **Aza Wahid** joined Plymouth Place as a part-time concierge in the Center for Healthy Living, she never imagined the generosity she'd encounter. A full-time medical student at St. James School of Medicine, Wahid was drawn to Plymouth Place after reading about our **employee scholarship program**.

"The first week I was here, Paddy Homan encouraged me to apply," Wahid said. "When I found out I'd received a scholarship, I was so surprised. But, after seeing how much this community gives back, it all made sense."

"Just as our residents jump into life here, so does our staff," said **Paddy Homan**, *Vice President of Philanthropy and Community Affairs*. "There's a positivity and generosity of spirit focused on everyone's success."

This same spirit inspired **Tiaria Wideman** to become a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) through our **CNA Academy**. One of 31 graduates since the program began in January 2024, she has flourished in her new role as a CNA supervisor. "I enjoy leading by example," she said. "Everyone here acknowledges how hard I work, which motivates me to do more. I've now decided that I'm going to go on for my RN degree."

GIFTS THAT KEEP GIVING

Every scholarship story represents more than financial support. It's an investment in people

whose passion and purpose elevate the Plymouth Place experience for all. The ripple effect is felt across departments — from healthcare and hospitality to fitness and wellness.

Conor Cook, *Fitness and Wellness Coordinator*, was awarded a scholarship to complete his personal training certification at the National Academy of Sports Medicine. "This helps me grow and expand what we can offer residents," he said. "But it's not just about getting certified. It's about being part of something bigger, a place that believes in you and wants you to succeed."

These stories reflect the true impact of giving. "We want our people to do well in life," said **Jay Biere**, *CEO*. "Of course, we hope they stay with us, but even if their journey takes them elsewhere, that's okay. Supporting their growth speaks to our stewardship and the kind of community we strive to be."

At Plymouth Place, philanthropy opens doors to careers, to confidence, and to the lifelong rewards of helping others grow. Whether it's a future physician like Aza, an amazing CNA like Tiaria, or a wellness leader like Conor, each story is a testament to the extraordinary power of generous hearts. ●



◀ To listen to our podcast featuring some of our CNA graduates, scan the QR code.

NOTES OF KINDNESS

Bringing Fall Fun to S.T.R.I.V.E.

Sometimes the best gift of all is the gift of presence — sharing the warmth of friendship on a crisp fall afternoon. That's exactly what residents and staff from **Plymouth Management Services** brought to the participants of **S.T.R.I.V.E.**, a day program for adults with developmental disabilities in Prophetstown, Illinois.

With clients located throughout the country, Plymouth Management Services works with non-profit senior living organizations to improve operations and financial return. For our clients, we also offer little extras that make life a bit sweeter. One of those magical events was a day filled with food, laughter, and music at S.T.R.I.V.E. . "It truly was an amazing couple of hours we spent with them," said **Shelly Nagy**, *Community Affairs*. "You could feel the joy in every smile."

The afternoon featured games, prizes, a fun lunch, and the highlight — an energetic musical performance by **Paddy Homan**, *Vice President of Philanthropy and Community Affairs*. "Every note they sang, they were shouting along with pure joy," Homan said. "Some of these folks have been part of S.T.R.I.V.E. for 25 or 30 years, and there wasn't a single unhappy person in the room."

"The day was incredible," said **Michelle Hart-Carlson**, *Vice President of Plymouth Management Services*, who organized the event. "It's a reminder that joy lives in the smallest victories — a shared smile, a new skill learned, a moment of connection. Their strength, humor, and honesty remind me that care isn't just a profession. It's a privilege." ●



Paddy Homan and service dog Hoover enjoyed the fall festival with S.T.R.I.V.E. residents Jason (L) and Immy (R) .



Sue Gelderman – author, illustrator and Plymouth Place resident.



A wonderful holiday gift, A Special Me is available in the Plymouth Place Marketplace.

DARING TO DREAM

A story of courage, creativity, and giving back

The message behind **Sue Gelderman's** new children's book, **A Special Me**, is simple but powerful: "It's not what you look like. It's what's in your heart."

Standing six feet tall, she remembers feeling out of place as a child. "I was always taller than everyone, even the boys, and I hated it," she said. "That's why I wrote this story."

While living in Chicago, Gelderman took a class at the Art Institute and began illustrating the verses she had written years earlier. "There's a big difference between being an artist and an illustrator," she laughed. "You have to tell the story with pictures. It's not easy!"

With encouragement from friends and family,

Gelderman completed the 32-page book over the course of a year. *A Special Me* is now available on Amazon and Kindle, with **all proceeds benefiting the Plymouth Place Scholarship Fund.**

"Who among us has not felt out of place or unable to fit in," said **Rev. Dr. Christina Vosteen**, *Plymouth Place Chaplain*. "The message of Sue's book is timeless and true, no matter your age. I'm so very grateful for Sue's courage in taking her childhood experiences and transforming them into this beautiful gift to Plymouth Place and to all of God's children." ●



Plymouth Place Executive Chef, Lily Corpus.

COOKING UP THE FUTURE

Day in and day out, the main kitchen at Plymouth Place is a hub of activity, **preparing over 1,000 meals** — from casual bites in the Bistro to pub fare at Mimi's Lounge, upscale dining in Sarah Tudor, and comforting meals for residents in healthcare and memory support. Behind it all is a hardworking culinary team operating in a kitchen that has far exceeded its lifespan. **Originally built over 20 years ago**, the main kitchen has served the community well. But as Plymouth Place has grown — and with it, the expectations and tastes of residents — the space has reached its limit.

"Our kitchen was built to sustain the original footprint of the building," said **Cheri Boublis**, *Senior Director of Hospitality*. "As we've grown in both size and scope, it's simply outlived the age of its equipment. We're now serving eight different dining venues from one compact space, and that takes Herculean effort."

A RECIPE FOR RENEWAL

With an anticipated completion date of July 2026, this \$2.7 million redesigned space will feature state-of-the-art equipment, expanded refrigeration and freezer capacity, and a more efficient layout

“As we expand, so does our ability to provide more outreach to the community. Whether its nutritious meals for our residents or our neighbors in need, this kitchen allows us to operate on a whole new level.”

that improves both workflow and sanitation. The kitchen will support distinct areas for Mimi's Lounge and the Sarah Tudor Dining Room, allowing culinary staff to prepare and deliver meals with greater speed, creativity, and precision. It will also allow us to expand our robust catering services.

For **Bridget Reilly**, *CFO*, this massive culinary project really gets to the heart of what our mission is all about. "We believe in this project, and it is well underway. Even though this is a large capital infusion, it's important that we do a good job in setting Plymouth Place up for long-term culinary success. We are grateful that others have also joined us in reimagining this space for future generations."

Knowing the impact of this new culinary space on all areas of Plymouth Place, the office of Philanthropy received a **\$400,000 matching gift** from a current resident and two former board members. "One of the former board members commented how they wished they could have done it years ago, but they are glad to be able to help at this time," remarked **Paddy Homan**, *Vice President of Philanthropy and Community Affairs*.

"Ultimately, this renovation isn't just about new equipment," said **Jay Biere**, *CEO*. "It's about giving our team the tools and space they need to deliver on our promise — scratch-made meals tailored to individual preferences and dietary needs."

SERVING MORE THAN OURSELVES

The impact of this kitchen reaches far beyond our campus. Plymouth Place prepares meals each

month for local organizations including **First Congregational Church of La Grange's Saturday Meals Program**, as well as **St. Francis Xavier Food Pantry**, and **Neighbors Helping Neighbors**. Earlier this year, our food outreach efforts were recognized with a very generous community grant. "People are recognizing the impact Plymouth Place is making in the community and are joining in to help us make a difference," said Homan.

"As we expand, so does our ability to provide more outreach to the community," said Boublis. "Whether it's nutritious meals for our residents or for neighbors in need, this kitchen allows us to operate on a whole new level."

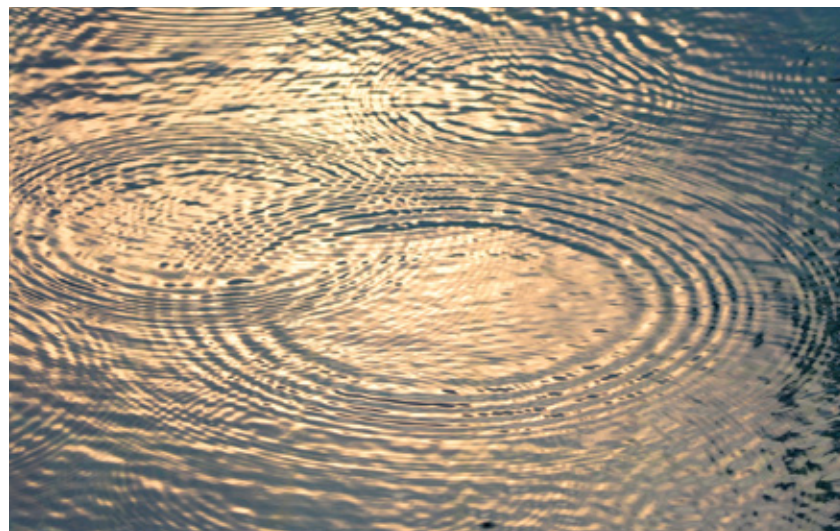
A MOVEABLE FEAST

This renovation is no small undertaking, as it requires a full kitchen shutdown. To ensure uninterrupted meal service, a fully equipped kitchen housed inside a semi-trailer will be parked by the loading docks. The temporary kitchen will arrive several weeks before the transition, giving staff time to train and adjust. The kitchen at Thirty North will also play a key role in meal preparation. It's a logistical feat, one that reflects the same thoughtful planning and teamwork that define Plymouth Place's hospitality.

"With this investment and effort, we're not just updating a kitchen," Biere added. "We're strengthening the heart of our community — one meal, one neighbor, and one act of kindness at a time." ●



PADDY HOMAN
VICE PRESIDENT OF PHILANTHROPY
& COMMUNITY AFFAIRS



THE QUIET POWER BEHIND EVERY STORY

As you turn these pages and read about the scholarships we've awarded and the outreach programs that have blossomed, there's a deeper theme that ties it all together: the gentle but powerful impact of philanthropy. We were honored recently with the **LeadingAge Community Impact Award**, but the real honor is seeing how each act of giving — each partnership — creates ripples of change. For where much is given, much is asked.

In this prologue, I simply want to invite you to feel part of this journey. Your support is the quiet force that makes these stories possible. So, as we share our next steps — including a new matching gift opportunity to uplift our kitchen and community spaces — I hope you'll see yourself not just as a reader, but as a vital part of this ongoing story of community spirit. ●

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MISSION STATEMENT

At **PLYMOUTH PLACE**, a nonprofit life plan community, our mission is to create a welcoming and inclusive environment that inspires individuals to grow, connect, and live their best lives. We empower residents, team members, and partners to cultivate independence, wellness, and spirituality, while fostering meaningful relationships and a deep sense of belonging.



In a magnificent finale at our 2025 Legacy Tea, 100 monarch butterflies took flight — symbolizing transformation, connection and the lasting impact of giving.



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