

From the desk of

*John Oldland*



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Dear Friends,

I am writing to you today as this year's Honorary Chair of the Grace Village Care Foundation's Annual Campaign. As you may know, we have been longtime supporters of Grace Village, and formerly of the Connaught Home in North Hatley. It has been so encouraging to watch the growth of this important local organization over the last five years, as they began their Capital Campaign to save the homes of our cherished senior community.

2020 has been a year of change, and my family is no exception. This fall, my wife Alice moved into Grace Village. We have long been aware of the dedication and compassionate care given by the excellent staff at Grace, and knew that when Alice's care needs grew more than I could handle, her new home would be waiting for her. She is surrounded by support from the wonderful nurses and caregivers, and we are grateful that we can be with her safely and easily as our family makes this transition.

When Alice & I moved to North Hatley over 30 years ago, we had no idea how invested we would become in our new Eastern Townships community. From my work as a professor at Bishop's University, to Alice starting the Little Blue House (and then Hatley) with our sons, we never imagined how deeply we would come to feel about this wonderful area and its wonderful people. This is why we care so much about the future of Grace Village - we well know how important this home is, particularly for the English-speaking seniors in the Eastern Townships.

This year, the Grace Village Care Foundation is focusing their Annual fundraising Campaign on their Advancement Fund. This fund is to finish paying for the new Care Pavilion completed in 2017 at Grace Village. In this time of pandemic, their Foundation has been working hard to continue fundraising, but have had to cancel all their special events, and get creative in what they can accomplish. As you can imagine, this season has been tough financially for Grace Village, with so many new regulations and personal protective equipment to purchase, and so many sanitation rules to follow. These are all well-needed, and so far has kept COVID-19 from their residents and staff - but the costs add up.

This is just one more way we can help these deserving seniors to continue to live peacefully and safely in the community they have been part of for so long. Will you join Alice & I in donating towards the Grace Village Care Foundation's Annual Campaign?

Thank you all for your support - only together can we ride out this storm.

Sincerely,

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