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# Community

*Special Edition:* A SUMMER UPDATE FROM PORTER HILLS & PORTER HILLS FOUNDATION



Charting  
a Course for

# Excellence

SERVING SENIORS WITH GRACE  
FROM SHORE TO SHORE

# A Summer Update

I am delighted to serve as the Vice President of Philanthropy for the Porter Hills Foundation and grateful for your partnership as – **together** – we ensure that older adults at Porter Hills are living lives filled with grace, purpose, and well-being. Your generosity and kindness make this possible.



Joanna Hogan

My focus in my new role is YOU – getting to know you and learning what inspires you to support Porter Hills. For many of you, it's a family member who has received excellent care. For some, your support has a faithful connection. Still others serve Porter Hills as a way to give back to this wonderful community.

As this year unfolds, Wendy Brightman and I look forward to getting better acquainted with you. **We can't wait to share all the wonderful work your support is allowing us to provide for the older adults, families and team members at Porter Hills.**

With gratitude,

Joanna Hogan,  
Vice President of Philanthropy  
Porter Hills Foundation



Wendy Brightman, President of UMRC Foundation and Porter Hills Foundation, and Joanna Hogan, Vice President of Philanthropy for the Porter Hills Foundation, look forward to getting acquainted with you.

In 2006, my wife and I moved from New England to East Grand Rapids to find a better quality of life for our young daughter. We quickly fell in love with the place. It's wonderful to live in a caring community that treats one another like family.



Jay Wisentaner

The same is true at Porter Hills. Five years ago, I was invited to join the Porter Hills Foundation Board through my work at Norris, Perné & French, LLP, with long-standing ties to Porter Hills. My volunteer service has been the perfect way for me to give back to the community which has become my home.

As Chair of the Porter Hills Foundation Board, I am excited about our affiliation with United Methodist Retirement Communities (UMRC). It is refreshing to have Wendy Brightman and Joanna Hogan serving in their roles with the Porter Hills Foundation and **rekindling long-standing relationships with you – our friends in the community who have meant so much over the years to the older adults we serve.**

Together, UMRC and Porter Hills are sharing best practices to enhance facilities and services on the west side, support excellent work environments for our dedicated team members, and provide the best possible care for older adults in communities that feel like home. I look forward to all that we will accomplish together with you.

Sincerely,

Jay Wisentaner,  
Porter Hills Foundation Board Chair



# From Porter Hills and Porter Hills Founda

**M**y family and I have made our home in Grand Rapids for the last fifty years. During that time, I have been honored to volunteer with many local nonprofits, including Porter Hills. My involvement became more personal as my wife's mother, father, and aunt came to live at Porter Hills Village, and I grew to appreciate more fully all that Porter Hills has to offer. I have been deeply committed to this mission for over 20 years, serving in every capacity on the corporate and foundation boards.



**Jim Preston**

In 2020, Porter Hills will celebrate its 50th year of providing outstanding care and services for older adults and their families in west Michigan. Though much has changed, Porter Hills' passion and commitment for "serving seniors with grace" is unwavering. Our affiliation with UMRC in 2019 has seen our reach grow from shore to shore across the lower half of our state. We are pleased to welcome Steve Fetyko as our new President and CEO.

2020 also marks the 25th anniversary of the Porter Hills Foundation. With Wendy Brightman and Joanna Hogan at the helm, we are seeing a new direction in philanthropy and, with it, a renewed sense of faith and confidence. *I believe we are setting a course for excellence that will serve us well for our next fifty years at Porter Hills.* Thank you for joining us in this journey!

With warmest regards,

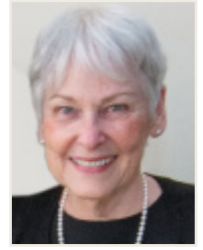
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- Benevolent Care Fund
- Capital Improvements
- Life Enrichment for Older Adults
- Employee Staff Scholarships and Emergency Aid

Remember, your gifts remain local to support these exciting initiatives. For more information, call the Porter Hills Foundation at **616-949-4975**.

**A**s a retired nurse and executive with a passion for healthcare, I have always admired Porter Hills. I love the fact that Porter Hills provides care and services for a broad spectrum of people, in a way that dignifies all older adults, regardless of their resources. This philosophy originates with our faithful founding by Westminster Presbyterian Church in Grand Rapids, with a rich history of embracing inclusiveness and new ideas. Porter Hills exemplifies this creativity in our array of offerings, from Cook Valley Estates to affordable housing and PACE, from homecare to hospice.



**Mary Wagner**

This out-of-the-box thinking led to our decision in March to affiliate with UMRC. Our visionary organizations have over 160 combined years of seeking the best ways to serve older adults, not only now, but ten and twenty years from now. I am delighted that Steve Fetyko is leading the way as our President and CEO.

Together with UMRC, Porter Hills is embarking on a long-range strategic planning process, with our residents, families, friends, and team members at the heart of all we do. ***It is an exhilarating time for Porter Hills, and I hope you will continue to be part of all that's ahead!***

Warmly,

**Mary Wagner,**  
Porter Hills Board Chair



**Steve Fetyko and Mary Wagner.**



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