

# Circle of Care

2024 ANNUAL IMPACT REPORT



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Dear Friends,

McLean's Circle of Care is constantly evolving while we adhere steadfastly to our mission. Strategic growth, historical context, and commitment to providing the best care – these guide everything we do for our community.

We care for people in need, engage the community, and provide a healthy, vibrant environment for those who choose to make McLean their home. Our care team, staff, volunteers, families, and donors foster an atmosphere of excellence, skill, kindness, and perseverance. Our commitment to protect the wildlife and wildlands of the 4,400-acre McLean Game Refuge is also and always important to us.

Each day we embrace achievement, laughter, challenges, progress, loss, and hope, and no one is alone. There is someone looking out for the needs of everyone at McLean.

For your part in sustaining our mission, we are grateful. With your support we are able to enhance our care to keep our standards of service at the highest level. Thank you for your unwavering partnership.

Warmly,

**Lisa Clark**

*President, McLean*



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*A Force for Nature, the Campaign for the Game Refuge, was launched in August 2024 with a goal of raising \$850,000 to renovate the headquarters on Barn Door Hills Road. Like Senator George McLean, our neighbors and the surrounding community have a history of being advocates for nature. To preserve the Game Refuge as McLean intended, and to meet the challenges facing it today, now is the time to invest in the future. We need your support to undertake much-needed renovations to the Game Refuge headquarters, to ensure space for collaborative research, artifact preservation, expanded educational opportunities, and so much more. For more information on naming opportunities, please contact the Development Office (860) 658-3702.*

## Game Refuge

Much like 2023, this year was heavily influenced by unusual weather. El Niño rains saturated the spring forests of the Game Refuge. Then a weakened La Niña brought warm dry weather through December. Projects delayed in the spring were completed in rapid succession in the fall, including improvements to the gravel surfaces of Brook Road, Broad Hill Road, and Pond Road. We also improved access from the main parking areas to trail heads and resurfaced Chestnut Road from Route 10 to Trout Pond in our efforts to make the Game Refuge more accessible to visitors traveling in strollers and wheelchairs.

Each year we add numerous new species to our comprehensive registry of living things at the Game Refuge, what we call our All-Taxa Database. A flurry of new flying creatures highlighted the finds of 2024 including three state-listed birds – Bobolink, Common Loon, and Red-Headed Woodpecker – and four state-listed bats – Hoary Bat, Tri-Colored Bat, Silver-Haired Bat, and Eastern Red Bat. These species of special concern together with a bevy of insects, plants, fungi, and other critters accounted for over 60 new additions to our database.

Game Refuge staff worked closely this year with a wonderful collection of researchers, conservation partners, and community members to care for our forest, wildlife, and historical heritage. Our seventh season of Forest Crew members worked with research partners to treat hemlock trees, monitor forest habitat, use acoustic monitors for bats, and excavate Native American sites older than the pyramids of Egypt. Our Development and Marketing teams met with neighbors to gain perspective and strengthen community ties. Most importantly, our Director, President, and Board clarified our mission and refined our strategy for the coming years.

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With generous, continuing support from the Richard P. Garmany Fund, we are able to provide two important programs for the benefit of our community.

The “McLean Presents” performance series, offered free of charge thanks to the Richard P. Garmany Fund, is very well-known in our community. We have presented 19 performances, with attendance of over 2,700 people. Guests at each performance are divided equally between the public and residents of McLean, including those from our Skilled Nursing, Assisted Living, and Independent Living neighborhoods. Featured performers include local talents, non-profit arts groups, and artists from beyond Connecticut.

The Forest Ranger program is a paid professional training internship designed for college undergraduates to develop conservation and land management skills while working for a summer at the McLean Game Refuge. This program is a wonderful success that has supported the Game Refuge tremendously through the hard work, bright ideas, and enthusiasm of college students. It has increased the capacity of the Game Refuge to engage in habitat management, trail maintenance, and connection with the community. Forest Ranger alumni have taken their skills acquired at the Game Refuge to dozens of organizations locally, regionally, and nationally.

Community members enjoy a performance.



Director Connor Hogan and the Forest Rangers lead a hike for McLean residents.



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## Hospice Care

This program has a long history of serving the Farmington Valley with clinical excellence and compassion for patients as well as their loved ones. One client had been an avid life-long swimmer, who, due to their illness, could no longer swim. Our home health aides and nurses worked together to develop a plan and safely enabled the client to swim at their independent living facility, making it a weekly tradition that brought joy to both the client and their family.

We are most proud of our truly extraordinary volunteer program. Over the past year, our volunteers provided 600 hours of their time that included pet therapy, music therapy, reiki, and life review. We are fortunate to have committed staff and volunteers who bring “life to the days” of our clients. In the past year, hospice has served 427 patients within our community and on the McLean campus. We also welcomed a new hospice director to guide the team.





### Gifts In Honor of

Sally Albrecht  
David Drumm  
Daniel P. and Nannie W.T. Brown  
Charles and Brenda Larsen  
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Auxiliary members host Casino Afternoon for residents.

## McLean Auxiliary

This dedicated group of talented volunteers contributed \$13,215 in grants and scholarships last year from funds raised through the Gift Shops, membership dues, donations, and events. The Auxiliary enhances the lives of our residents with engaging, entertaining programs, and we are incredibly grateful for their enduring generosity.

- Annual Membership Meeting
- Wreath and Gift Auction
- Veteran's Day flowers delivered to McLean residents
- Casino Afternoon in the Health Center Living Room
- Art Lounge Receptions
- Bake Sale and Craft Show
- Holiday Cards and Gift Certificates for Health Center residents
- Angel Hearts for residents for Valentine's Day
- Strawberry Festival for members, celebrating grant and scholarship awards

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## Flagpole Donation

Through the generosity of Barbara Hartwell, McLean resident, we now have a beautiful new flagpole in the center of the courtyard for all to enjoy. Barbara's donation honors her late husband John Hartwell, a former resident and long-time friend and supporter of McLean.



## Sorenson Media Center

Established by Wesley T. Sorenson in 1986, with a generous endowment gift and supported annually by the Sorenson family, the Media Center provides technology access and connections for our residents across the McLean continuum of care.

A few highlights from this year include:

- Two new electrically adjustable computer desks were added to increase accessibility.
- Weekly tech support hours available to entire campus and drop-in hours in the Goodrich.
- New Sorensen Media Center Satellite Tech Center in the Burkholder.
- Friday Movie Club at the Health Center.
- End-of-Summer Movies on the big screen in the Courtyard.
- Internet and Social Media Safety presentations provided by high school volunteer.
- Presentation on Using Technology for Safety at Home.
- Two phase reorganization of Watson Library by volunteers.
- Weekly Wii bowling group in the Koopman Room.

## Grateful Gifts

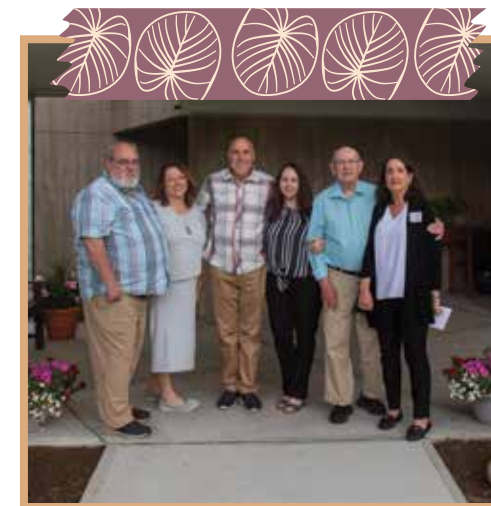
This fund provides a meaningful way for individuals and families to make a donation in honor of a specific caregiver, team, or staff member, or as a way to show gratitude for the many ways McLean cares for someone close to them.

## Meals on Wheels

Sixty-four volunteers delivered 9,658 meals to 89 clients in Avon, Canton, East Granby, Granby, and Simsbury in 2024. In addition to a nutritious meal, MOW provides a friendly visitor for our clients. This special relationship is a meaningful connection for those who live alone. The Meals on Wheels program, established at McLean in 1978, is able to deliver this service thanks to charitable support from town grants, businesses, and individuals.

## Community Impact

- \$3,040,053 in subsidized skilled nursing care
- Patient personal needs supported by McLean
- \$20,440 for cottage rental subsidies
- Meals on Wheels subsidized by McLean
- Tesone Cottage available free of charge for families of hospice patients
- McLean Presents, free performance series open to the public, made possible by the Richard P. Garmany Fund at the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving and hosted by McLean
- Partnerships with University of Hartford, Sacred Heart University, Avon High School, Bloomfield High School, and UConn School of Medicine for student experiential learning
- 280 community volunteers, including students from Simsbury High School and Westminster School, support our residents.



## Mary C. Donahue

The family of Mary C. Donahue, at the dedication of the entrance to the Carling Chapel, renamed in recognition of their gifts in memory of their mother. This contribution enabled McLean to create a beautiful new outdoor chapel entrance, honoring Mary's life and service to others as a nurse, as well as recognizing the compassionate care given to their mother.





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Dear Friends,

Each of us has the ability to make a positive, lasting impact for the benefit of others. This report celebrates those who chose to be champions of the care and protection for others provided by McLean.

We count on our community to help us sustain the non-profit mission of the Health Center, Meals on Wheels program, Hospice, Home Care, Memory Care, Rehabilitation, and Game Refuge.

All gifts matter, and for those who would like to establish a legacy gift, there are many options: monthly giving, DAF giving, IRA distributions, bequests in your will, and commitments from family foundations.

McLean exists thanks to the foresight of Senator George McLean and others who made provisions for future generations.

For all that you have given to McLean, we are grateful.

**Michael R. Paine**

*Chair, Board of Trustees*



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- Independent Living
- Assisted Living
- Memory Care Assisted Living
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- Boundless Wellness Programs
- Short-Term Rehabilitation
- Long-Term Care
- Home Care & Hospice
- Meals-on-Wheels
- Adult Day Program

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