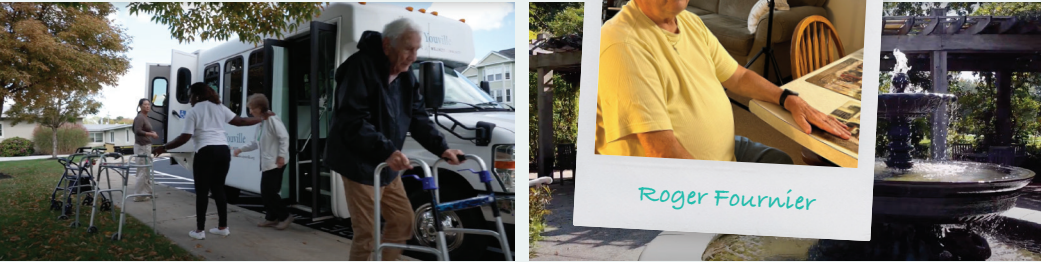


## Resident Spotlight: Life On Our Campus



We invite you to visit our website to learn more about some of the residents who call our campus home. Visit our website at [www.dyouville.org](http://www.dyouville.org) to watch the video that debuted at our 20th Anniversary Lasting Impressions Gala to learn more about several of our residents including:

**Roger Fournier**, currently resides at Bruyere Gardens and is the proud president of the activities club. He came to live on our campus when his beloved late wife was a resident at D'Youville Senior Care.

**Dot Bergeron**, absolutely loves calling Bruyere Gardens home. Over the years she has raised funds for D'Youville participating in our former walk-a-thon and now does her own annual "walk" and donates funds back to the campus.

**Mary Savard**, shares what it is like to be an assisted living resident at the Saab Residence.

**Paula McCarron**, a former employee at D'Youville, and now currently a resident at the Saab Residence and shares her experience.

**Mary McNally** and her daughter talk about the continuum of care we provide on our campus that allowed Mary to easily transition from assisted living at the Saab Residence to long-term care at D'Youville Senior Care, when her needs changed.

**William Conlon**, details his second stay at D'Youville Center For Advanced Therapy (DCAT) for short-term rehab care.

## A Huge Thank You: D'Youville Foundation Board

Our thanks to Jill Adie, John Bukala, David Clermont (Clerk), Joe Clermont (Vice Chair Parent Board), Stephen Deveau (Treasurer), Sr. Peter Lillian DiMaria (Sponsor Executive), Mary-Jo (Griffin) Flood (Vice Chair), Mother Mary Rose Heery (President), Alison Hughes (Chair), Sr. Pr scille Malo, Elias Manolis, Scott McKiel, Bruce Robinson, Michael Reid and Kaitlin Swett.

## THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR 2024 OVERALL EVENT & PROGRAM SPONSORS

A special thank you to our Ultimate, Titanium, Platinum, Diamond and Gold Level Sponsors for supporting **all** of our 2024 events.

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### DIAMOND LEVEL



### GOLD LEVEL

## SAVE THE DATE: 2025 Events

**Ladies Golf Tournament**  
Tuesday, May 13th, 2025 | Four Oaks Country Club, Dracut, MA

**Golf Classic Tournament**  
Monday, June 23rd, 2025 | Indian Ridge Country Club, Andover, MA

**Lasting Impressions Gala**  
Thursday, November 6th, 2025 | Four Oaks Country Club, Dracut, MA

For the latest news on our events and happenings at D'Youville, please ensure we have your current email address. To update your info, or join our mailing list, please email [tdhar@dyouville.org](mailto:tdhar@dyouville.org). We will also announce updates via our Facebook page.

# Caring Connection

## HOLIDAY 2024

### Message from Mike

Dear Friends,

It's hard to believe another year has passed! I'm happy to report that 2024 has been another wonderful year here on the D'Youville Campus. I continue to be overwhelmed by all the support we receive from so many individuals and organizations. Every day we are inspired by how much the mission at D'Youville is valued by the community.

Many exciting things have transpired in the last year. First, we started a significant project to expand the day room on Belvidere Lane at D'Youville Senior Care. This was funded by a \$900,000 grant from the Department of Public Health. The new room is going to have ample space and provide a beautiful setting for residents to enjoy meals, music, and activities.

Many other capital improvement projects have also taken place over the last year. Our parking lot looks brand new after some repairs and resealing, the Dementia Special Care Unit got an extensive refresh to the common areas, and we replaced many pieces of kitchen equipment to give our dining department the best cooking tools in the industry.

Right after we finish our current construction project, we plan on starting to renovate the lobby at D'Youville Senior Care. Not only will this be a welcoming environment for our residents and their guests, but it will also have a caf  where people can relax with a cup of coffee!

So much of what we offer to our residents is made possible by D'Youville's Foundation. Music therapy, visits from entertainers, and trips to restaurants are all made possible in-part by the generosity we receive.

Many thanks for all you have done to help D'Youville flourish!

Warm wishes,

Mike Ferrick, CEO



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## Donor Spotlight: Enterprise Bank



We were thrilled to honor Enterprise Bank at our 20th Anniversary Lasting Impressions Gala as a top corporate supporter for the past 20 years! Partnering with community organizations is so important to the sustainability and success of our mission, and Enterprise Bank has been a wonderful, long-standing partner as a top sponsor of our signature fundraising events: The Golf Classic and Ladies Golf and our Lasting Impressions Gala. Their generous contributions have been instrumental in helping us organize fundraising events to benefit the campus.

In addition, Enterprise Bank team members actively support our organization and efforts at the personal level in various capacities. Enterprise Bank CEO Steve Larochelle, for example, currently serves on the D'Youville Parent Board. John Bukala, former Enterprise Bank Senior Vice President and Regional Commercial Lending Manager, is a longtime member of the Foundation Board and has been actively involved on our Finance and Special Events committees. Most recently, we were pleased to welcome Michael Reid, Enterprise Bank Senior Vice President and Senior Finance Manager, as our newest Foundation Board member at our November board meeting. Thank you, Enterprise Bank, for your many years of partnership and support!

## Campus Update: Construction Projects

The new year will bring some exciting changes to our campus! We broke ground this summer at D'Youville Senior Care on a million-dollar renovation of our Belvidere Lane Neighborhood, which was made possible by a funding grant. The expansive new multifunction room is slated to be finished by the end of the year and will feature a grand and modern space for our residents for dining, activities and gathering. We look forward to unveiling the results in a few short weeks! Next up in 2025, our long-awaited lobby project, will focus on much needed updates to provide a welcoming first impression to all visitors to D'Youville Senior Care, and a bright cheerful area for our residents to participate in activities, enjoy entertainment and visit with their loved ones and each other. Stay tuned for updates as we continue to make improvements to our campus to provide a welcoming and comfortable home for our residents.





## Employee Spotlight: Kelly Yonaker, Resident Care Director, the Saab Residence

Welcome back Kelly Yonaker! We are thrilled that Kelly has returned to her position as the Resident Care Director at the Saab Residence, our assisted living facility! Kelly first started when the building was newly opened in 2015. She left in 2022 to pursue a new opportunity but is so happy to be back in the role. Kelly oversees the care received by our assisted living residents from our staff of 25 nurses and CNAs, who she also manages. In addition, she supports the Director with the day-to-day operation of the building as a whole. Kelly remarked "D'Youville has always had a special place in my heart. I had quite a few family members who required their services over the years, whether long-term or rehab and they all received exceptional care. My grandmother, whom I had a very special relationship with, was a long-term resident at D'Youville Senior Care. She unfortunately passed away in August 2015, so being here also allows me to feel closer to her. I wanted to be a part of the caring and compassionate nature that this community showed to my grandmother and all the residents who live here."



Kelly Yonaker

## Employee Spotlight: Jordan Stephens, Clinical Manager, D'Youville Senior Care

Jordan has been a nurse for 6 years and started at D'Youville as the Clinical Manager on our Sweetland unit overseeing the nursing staff on the floor, a little over a year ago. Prior to her nursing career, she worked as a CNA for many years. In a short time has made a big impact for residents in both our long-term care residents as well as short-term rehab patients on the unit. She remarked "You learn to build a relationship with all the residents, with long-term residents you build a bond to ensure they are living their life to the fullest and with short-term rehabilitation patients, you build a rapport and trust to help bring them back to their previous strength to return home." She also works closely with physicians and nurse practitioners to make sure there is a continuity of care. Jordan continued, "I love the residents and my coworkers. Everyone gets along and works together to make it a positive atmosphere for the patients and their families. There is never a day that goes by where you don't hear happiness and laughter throughout the campus. I am honored to work here."

## Event Spotlight: Lasting Impressions Gala, Celebrating 20 Years!

**20**<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY  
**24** LASTING IMPRESSIONS GALA

On November 7th at Four Oaks Country Club in Dracut, MA we celebrated the 20th Anniversary of the Lasting Impressions Gala! The inaugural event took place on May 23, 2003 as a celebration of the newly formed D'Youville Foundation. For our anniversary celebration, we were thrilled to honor our top corporate and foundation supporters, for the past 20 years. We presented an award to the Demoulas Foundation, Digital Federal Credit Union (DCU), Enterprise Bank, Jeanne D'Arc Credit Union, Pridestar Trinity EMS, and the Saab Family Foundation. This generous group has collectively raised more than \$4 million for our campus! Among our attendees were a group of special guests who were featured in a video showcasing what life is like on our campus and how our supporters allow us to make D'Youville Life & Wellness Foundation such a special place to call home. Thank you to all who were able to join us and to all of our event sponsors who made the Gala possible!



## Campus Activity: Halloween Hi-Jinks

Our Assisted Living facility, the Saab Residence held their first-ever Trick-or-Treat event this year and it was a spooky success! Residents thoroughly enjoyed handing out candy and seeing all the creative costumes, as family members and staff's little ones joined us for Halloween fun. Residents and staff at D'Youville Senior care were "all shook up" with a visit from Elvis. Everyone got into the spirit dressed in fun costumes, enjoying entertainment and treats! The smiles, laughter, and joy shared made it a truly memorable experience for everyone involved!



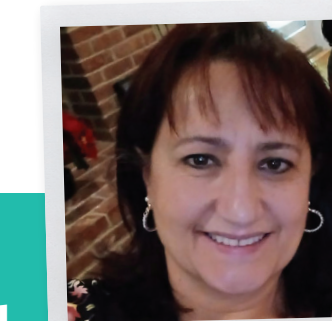
Halloween with Elvis

## Employee Spotlight: Iliana Rivera, Director of Nursing, D'Youville Center for Advanced Therapy

Congratulations to Iliana Rivera, who was named the new Director of Nursing at the D'Youville Center for Advanced Therapy (DCAT), our short-term rehabilitation facility. Iliana first came to the D'Youville campus 15 years ago through an agency and was one of the first nurses at the DCAT when it first opened. Iliana brings 26 years of nursing experience. During the pandemic, she was sent to many hospitals and clinical settings as an emergency medical reserivist, through deployments in various states, including Texas. When she came back home, she was looking to come home for work too and was thrilled to be able to come back to the DCAT. Iliana shared "My favorite aspect about working at D'Youville is the mission. As a strong Catholic, faith is very important to me and helps guide me in my life." Welcome back Iliana, we know you will thrive in your new role!



Iliana Rivera



Luisa Villa

## Employee Spotlight: Luisa Villa, Environmental Services Worker

Luisa started working for D'Youville in 2002 in our housekeeping department as an Environmental Service Worker and occasionally also works in the kitchen helping our Dining Team! In her role she is responsible for the general cleaning throughout D'Youville Senior Care as well as General cleaning at Encompass Health, a tenant on the D'Youville Life & Wellness Campus! Luisa is well-liked by her peers for being dedicated and always doing an outstanding job. Her team says "Luisa is a great team player. She always goes above and beyond. Luisa is always willing to help where help is needed. She takes pride in what she does for D'Youville Senior Care. When it comes to the residents, she always shows compassion." Luisa shared, "I love what I do. I love the environment. I love to make the patients and residents happy!" Fun Fact: Luisa has only one grandson, who means the world to her. When she's not working, she loves spending time with him. She also enjoys baking desserts and traveling. Thank you, Luisa, for all that you do for D'Youville!

## Every Gift Counts. Please Donate Now!



Please consider a gift to D'Youville this holiday season. Any amount, large or small, will allow us to provide programing enhancements for our residents in 2025.

To make a donation scan the QR code or visit [www.dyouville.org](http://www.dyouville.org). To send a gift via the mail, please make checks payable to the D'Youville Foundation, 981 Varnum Avenue, Lowell, MA 01854. Questions? Contact Tara Dhar via email at [tdhar@dyouville.org](mailto:tdhar@dyouville.org) or mobile at 323-697-8681.

Best wishes for a wonderful holiday season and a Happy New Year! On behalf of all we serve, thank you for our continued support! With Gratitude!

### Here's how your donation can help:

**\$10K (or more)** = Provides a part-time music therapist (20 hours a week) for our Traditional or Memory Care residents.

**\$5K** = Provide one month of subsidy for one qualified assisted living resident at the Saab Residence. The typical assisted living in the Lowell area costs about \$7,500 a month. Most residents who are a part of our subsidy program pay less than \$2,000 a month. We project that in 2025, the program will subsidize approximately \$1.5 million to keep older people in their home, with the care they need.

**\$2K** = Pet therapy & programming for our traditional and memory care residents, once a month in 2025!

**\$1,000** = 8 to 10 musical performances, pet therapy interactions and other activities or our residents.

**\$500** = 10 visits from our Chair Yoga specialist for traditional and memory care residents.

**\$175** = Help us fill the D'Youville Bus with a full tank of Gas to transport our residents to shop, or experience fun excursions such as dining out, or a trip to the beach.

**\$150** = 1 visit or performance from various artists and musicians to enhance or own activity programs.

**\$100** = Provide extra refreshments, holiday decorations and other enhancements to make our activities special all year long.

**\$25** = Consider making a monthly pledge of \$25 or more to help seniors on our campus!

