



Partners For Community Living

enhancing the quality of life for people served by
Choices In Community Living and Resident Home Association



And the winner is

Karla Yenney couldn't believe it when she answered the phone in her Troy, Ohio home, the call telling her the good news that her name was drawn to receive the autographed basketball signed by all the players and coaches of the exceptional 2019-2020 University of Dayton men's basketball team. "Oh my gosh, you're kidding me!" were her first words. "You don't know how excited my whole family will be when they hear this. They will be so thrilled! Thank you so much!"

We couldn't have been more excited as well, knowing the basketball would be at home with a family that is truly die-hard UD basketball fans. Karla and her husband have had UD season tickets for almost 35 years. Their oldest son and his wife also have season tickets. This past November the entire family, including a one-year-old grandson, made the trip to Maui to watch the Flyers play, along with friends and other families. "I think there were over 40 of us," says Karla, "and we were all there to cheer on the Flyers. I'm so thrilled to have this autographed basketball. Thank you so much to Partners For Community Living and to Larry Hansgen for making it possible!"

"We at Choices, Resident Home and Partners try to be the voice for people who don't have a voice. We want to speak for them and provide them the things that we all want a place to live, a sense of purpose, a quality of life and that's what we strive to do every day. For those of you who bought tickets for our drawing, you have done a lot to make that mission come to fruition."

— Larry Hansgen as he drew the winning ticket.

His is one of the most recognizable voices in the Miami Valley. We are indebted to the voice and work of Larry Hansgen in not only drawing our winning ticket, but for making our drawing possible. He combined two of his community passions when he donated the autographed basketball to help raise funds for Partners. He is passionate about the University of Dayton Flyers.



"Everybody wins! The Flyers were big winners this season and those who purchased tickets for the basketball made us all winners, especially the people we serve. Thank you so much!" – Pete Roll, Executive Director, Resident Home Association

Larry joined WHIO Radio in 1981. In 1982 he was named the play by play voice of Flyers basketball. He also announces Flyers football. He has been the host of WHIO's Miami Valley Morning News since 2003. A man of varied interests, he is a certified personal trainer and also enjoys doing stand-up comedy in venues throughout southwest Ohio.

He is also passionate about continuing to build an open and accessible community for people with intellectual/developmental disabilities. He serves in a volunteer capacity as a member of the Board of Trustees for Choices In Community Living and as a member of Partners Joint Development Committee. His support in making our drawing possible is just one example of his commitment as an active and creative partner with us in support of those we serve.

Thank you, Larry and those who generously participated in our drawing that helped us raise \$4,150 designated to our whole-home generator fund.

"We provide services for people with developmental disabilities. They need support and our staff – essential workers – provide that help. Big hats off to our staff for what they do every day, as well as to each of you who joined us for our fundraising effort with the UD basketball." – Tom Weaver, Executive Director, Choices In Community Living

The wind and the storms – one year later

It's now been one year since we lived through the darkest of nights when 15 tornadoes ripped through our neighborhoods, leaving a path of destruction that will take so much more than just one year to rebuild.

While we were fortunate that no one was injured, there were those days and nights without power, the relocation of people from their homes to hotels, the disruption in services, the heroic actions of staff who protected and served even as some of them dealt with their own personal losses ... we remember all this and how life changed in just one dark night. **It made us think about our priorities!**

Our highest funding priority, installing whole-home generators in our homes, began the morning after the tornadoes struck. We had to assure, first and foremost, that the people served by Choices In Community Living and Resident Home Association would be safe in their own homes when the next emergency comes. It will remain a funding priority until all the homes we have identified are equipped with generators.

Wind and Storm *continued from front*

The good news – because of individual donors and community organizations who have provided us grant funding, we have installed generators in five homes!

The concerning news – the COVID-19 has magnified the need for us to be prepared for any emergency or crisis.

We need to install four more generators, at a cost of \$20,000 each. Despite a pandemic, the need to assure safety has never been more important. If you are one of those who made it possible to install our generators, thank you beyond measure for what you have done!

If you have not yet given, or if you would like to give again, we welcome and need your support. Go to our website at partnersohio.com and click on the Give Now button or use the reply envelope in your newsletter to make your tax-deductible gift. You may also make checks payable to Partners For Community Living, 1651 Needmore Road, Dayton, 45414. Your gift may be the one that will make sure that the lights stay on, that chair lifts and other equipment continue to function, that a person can get out of bed, that the fridges continue humming.

Your gift will keep the lights on.

To those who have chosen to pay if forward in the most uncertain of times, we honor you for your caring gifts.

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Dick & Marge Kitchen Stephen & Ellen McHugh
Mary Panstingel (*in memory of Thomas S. Panstingel*)

RESIDENT HOME ASSOCIATION

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| Johnella Bell | Marathon Petroleum |
| Linda Fensel (<i>in-kind gifts to Garber Road Home</i>) | David & Bobbie Murphy (<i>Woodbury Home</i>) |
| Beatrice Gradel (<i>Garber Road Home, in honor of Kris Bergman</i>) | Ryne & Megan Rich |
| Greg Hoertt (<i>in-kind gifts to Garber Road Home</i>) | Lola Rogers (<i>in-kind gifts to Garber Road Home</i>) |
| Bob & Marie Lewis (<i>in-kind gifts to Garber Road Home</i>) | John & Carol Stinson (<i>Hempbill Home</i>) |

PARTNERS FOR COMMUNITY LIVING (*gifts in support of generators*)

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| Julia Bell | Joyce Marsh (<i>in memory of Charles & Roger Marsh</i>) |
| Patricia Burnside | Lisa O'Connell |
| Joseph Coursey | Tony & Janet Peasant (<i>in honor of wonderful Choices and Resident Home family</i>) |
| Steve Klapheke (<i>in honor of Donald Sam Klapheke</i>) | Alice Riancho |
| Larry and Judy Koker | Patricia Sales |

Thank you to everyone who supported us with your ticket purchases for the autographed University of Dayton Flyers basketball.

Celebrations in the time of COVID

Not even a pandemic could take away the joy because staff made sure there would be celebrations of special occasions at Choices In Community Living. Mindy Husmann (Pepper Hill) joined her housemates in creating art for their mothers for Mothers Day, with Mindy spending extra time in making something special for her 96-year-old mother.

And there was not one but two celebrations honoring 70th birthdays, one in Clark County for Donald Little (I) and one in Montgomery County for Michael Holmes.



Double your gift's impact at no cost to you!

Every year billions of dollars in potential matched gifts are left in dusty vaults because donors did not know they were available. If your employer offers a matching gifts program as part of their corporate/community giving, you could double or triple the impact of your contribution when you support Partners, Choices In Community Living and Resident Home Association. Yes, your gift of \$100 could be turned into \$200 or \$300! And just by completing a form. Here is a brief Q&A about matching gifts.

Who has matching gifts programs in my community?

Here's a short list of companies with matching gifts programs in the Dayton area: Speedway; AK Steel; LexisNexis; Home Depot; CarMax; State Farm Insurance; and General Electric.

What do I need to do to find out if my company/employer has a program?

It couldn't be easier. Just call your Human Resources department or office and ask them if there is a matching gift program. Checking your company's website may offer information as well.

Would my gift be eligible?

The average minimum donation to qualify for a matching gift is just \$25.00, so it's likely your gift will be eligible. Current employees as well as retirees could be eligible for a match.

If my company has a matching gifts program, what do I do?

- Get a matching gift form from your employer
- Complete the form (*Choices In Community Living is the fiscal agent for Partners For Community Living – Federal ID # 31-1126222.*)
- Mail your donation and the completed form to Partners at 1651 Needmore Road, Dayton, 45414.
- Leave the rest to us.

Thank you for considering taking that important step to ask your employer about matching gifts. Please call Vel Hux at 937-576-0722 for more information.