



December 2017

Dear

As we at Marbridge prepare to celebrate the Holiday Season, we are grateful for so much. Our volunteers, donors, and staff have given generously to make it possible for us to do the important work that keeps our mission alive. **This season, we have a special matching grant that we hope you partner with us to receive!**

With 250 residents calling Marbridge home, our labor of love is ongoing. **This year alone, we are honored to care for 10 residents who have lived at Marbridge for over 40 years!** Being able to age-in-place like these residents have done is something we all strive for. It's hard to imagine that this option isn't always available for some of our community's most vulnerable. In this and many other ways, we are proud of how Marbridge fulfills the crucial mission to provide a safe and caring home in order for residents to age, in one place, throughout their lives. In many cases, we are their only family.

We are committed to keeping tuition as affordable as possible, while ensuring that our mission is also sustainable for many years to come. Due to extenuating circumstances, **some residents, after many years of care, cannot continue covering the full costs of their expenses.** In order to close the gap between tuition received and actual expenses, while continuing the high level of care to all our residents, we are required to pull from our general operating fund to offset these costs.

**The Marbridge Benevolent Care Fund enables residents who have outlived their families and/or financial means to remain at Marbridge regardless of their circumstances.** For many, Marbridge is the only home they have ever known.

Letter continues on back



Your donations ensure that residents like Leo, who have lived at Marbridge for 40+ years, remain in a safe and caring home regardless of life circumstances. (Pictured above)

**Keep in mind the following ways you can continue your legacy with Marbridge:**

If you are 70½ or older you may also be interested in a way to lower the income and taxes from your IRA withdrawals. An IRA charitable rollover is a way you can help continue our work and benefit this year.

#### **Benefits of an IRA charitable rollover**

- Avoid taxes on transfers of up to \$100,000 from your IRA to our organization.
- Satisfy your required minimum distribution (RMD) for the year.
- Reduce your taxable income, even if you do not itemize deductions.
- Make a gift that is not subject to the 50% deduction limits on charitable gifts.
- Help further the work and mission of our organization.

**A life-changing, secure online donation can be made at [www.marbridge.org/donate](http://www.marbridge.org/donate).**

#### **2017 Benevolent Care Fund**

Make checks payable to the Marbridge Foundation.

Please include this reply slip with your payment in the enclosed envelope.

Your contribution is tax deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law.

**Include email address for receipt:** \_\_\_\_\_

**I am enclosing my gift of:**

\$35     \$75     \$100     \$250     \$500     Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

My company will provide a matching gift; paperwork is enclosed.

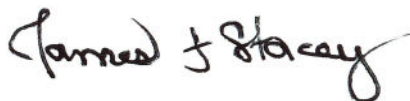
**This critical fund ensures that they can remain in their home until the end of their life.** Benevolent care provides room and board, living expenses, classes, and activities so that the residents in this program are able to enjoy the same active and fulfilling lives as their community of friends.

Today, we are launching our 2017 Year-End Campaign, with the goal of raising \$25,000 this season to support the Benevolent Care Fund. The Carl C. Anderson, Sr. and Marie Jo Anderson Charitable Foundation has graciously stepped forward to match the first \$15,000 raised. Without this important fund, it would be impossible for Marbridge to continue providing care for our residents most in need.

As you consider your year-end giving plans, we ask you to consider the Benevolent Care Fund. **Knowing that your gift will be matched, will you make a special year-end donation to help us meet our goal?** During this season of giving, we need your assistance to make these marching funds possible. Your gift will make a real and lasting impact to ensure that the Benevolent Care Fund remains in place now, and for generations to come.

On behalf of the entire Marbridge family, I personally thank you for your generosity, trust, and friendship.

With Gratitude,



James Stacey, President

p.s. To learn more about our vibrant community, follow us on social media or visit us at [www.marbridge.org](http://www.marbridge.org).



### How an IRA charitable rollover gift works:

- Contact your IRA plan administrator to make a gift from your IRA to us.
- Your IRA funds will be directly transferred to Marbridge.
- **PLEASE NOTE:** IRA charitable rollover gifts do not qualify for a charitable deduction.

### Get Involved at Marbridge:

- Become a volunteer.
- Schedule a time to tour Marbridge.
- Join the Marbridge Young Professionals.
- Follow us on social media.
- Visit our website at [Marbridge.org](http://Marbridge.org).
- Be an advocate for Marbridge and help us spread the word about our programs and services.

### Join the Marbridge Miracle Society

The Marbridge Miracle Society is a dedicated group of friends and supporters with a heart for our mission to provide transitional and lifetime care for adults with intellectual disabilities. Miracle Society Members help to ensure sustainability for the Marbridge community and Life Options Program. Invest in one of three levels:

- **LEARN** – \$1,000 per year for 5 years
- **EXPERIENCE** – \$10,000 per year for 5 years
- **ACHIEVE** – \$25,000 per year for 5 years

### To join our Miracle Society

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**On behalf of the residents at Marbridge, thank you for your generous support!**

#### ABOUT ME:

Name\*

Address

City/State/Zip

Email

Phone

#### PAYMENT INFORMATION:

I've enclosed a check payable to Marbridge.

\*Please charge my:  Visa  MC  
\*Required to process credit card donations

Credit Card Number\*

Expiration Date\*

Security Code\*

Authorized Signature\*

