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Goddard Times

GODDARD HOUSE

UPCOMING EVENTS

GROUPS AT GODDARD HOUSE

Olmsted Family Caregiver Group

*This group welcomes Goddard House family members. Meets monthly on the **second Tuesday** from 6:30–7:30 P.M. on Zoom. Please contact Olmsted Program Director Kristen Cipriano at kcipriano@goddardhouse.org for more information.*

LGBTQ & Friends Conversation Group

*This monthly group is open to all. Meets this month on **Thursday, July 24** at 3:30 P.M. For those who are not Goddard House residents, families, or associates, please contact EnrichedLIFE Director Rebecca Margolin at 617-731-8500 or rmargolin@goddardhouse.org for more information.*

RESIDENT PROFILE



Alan Johnson, better known as “Lanny,” was born and raised in Boston and has spent his life deeply connected to public service, community, and creativity. After earning a master’s from

Rutgers, he returned home to graduate from Northeastern Law and later earned an MBA from Boston University. An important part of Lanny’s career was spent working with Governor Michael Dukakis as a campaign manager/director of environmental affairs. He then went on to run and consult on numerous local campaigns, becoming a trusted figure in Massachusetts politics.

Outside of his professional life, Lanny loves spending time with his family exploring the New England coast—especially Martha’s Vineyard, Nantucket, and Wellfleet. Music from the ’50s and ’60s is his favorite (they just don’t make it like that anymore!), and he’s recently become the newest member of the Olmsted Choir. He’s also a talented artist, participating in the Opening Minds Through Art program. Whether through politics, art, or song, Lanny brings humor, warmth, and heart to everything he does.

-Olmsted Program Director Kristen Cipriano

LEDP Walk-a-thon Raises \$6,000+ for Olmsted Art Programs


by Director of Community Partnerships **Christine Nagle**

This spring, the children and educators of Brookline's Lawrence Extended Day Program (LEDP), an after school program for grades K-6, came together to support the residents of Goddard House in a special act of community kindness.

A key part of LEDP's mission is teaching children the importance of giving back. This year, LEDP chose a cause especially meaningful to their community—especially since one LEDP staff member previously volunteered in our Olmsted Memory Neighborhood and another served as a Goddard House summer intern.

On May 21st, LEDP hosted a Walk-a-thon that raised more than \$6,000 to support the Opening Minds through Art (OMA) program and other art program initiatives in our Olmsted Neighborhood.

As part of the initiative, LEDP students took part in a hands-on OMA workshop led by Goddard House Art Therapist **Meredith Griffiths**. The session gave students a firsthand experience of the same creative process used with memory care and neurodiverse older adults. Through this interactive workshop, students built a meaningful connection to the cause they supported—while learning how creativity fosters empathy, joy, and connection across abilities and generations.

We are deeply grateful to the LEDP community for their generosity and partnership. Their efforts will bring the joy of art-making to our memory care residents throughout the year—and have created connections across generations that we hope will continue to grow. 



*Above: Lawrence Extended Day Program presents their gift. Back row, left to right: LEDP Director **Mary Gardiner**; LEDP 4/5/6 Coordinator **Irene Limlengco**; LEDP Assistant Director **Janet Harrington**; Goddard House Creative Aging Specialist **Katherine Gilliland**; GH Assistant Executive Director **Lance Chapman**. Front row: **Sue D.**; **Peggy M.**; GH Art Therapist **Meredith Griffiths**; GH Director of Community Partnerships **Christine Nagle**. Below: **Meredith** enjoying the artwork and photos*



*Left: RCAs **Oxane Leveque**, **Taina Menes**, and **Rose Gabriel**; right: Lead RCA **Ruth Porter**, Olmsted Program Director **Kristen Cipriano**, and Resident Care Director **Lou Auger***

CNA WEEK!

We hosted an ice cream party in honor of our fantastic team of Goddard House resident care associates! RCAs are present 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, offering one-on-one support. They lend a steady hand, a kind ear, and a friendly reminder and are compassionate, patient and warm-hearted. Over time they bond with the residents with whom they work, forming relationships and building trust. Thank you for all you do!



Celebrating Pride!

We celebrated Pride Month with events including the Flag Raising Ceremony, Film Fest and Frames film discussion group curated by Resident **John K.**, a panel of speakers from SpeakOUT Boston, and a dance party. These events highlighted our commitment at Goddard House to maintaining an inclusive, respectful, and diverse community.



*Clockwise, from top left: Director of Community Partnerships **Christine Nagle**, **Roberta S.**, Dining Associate **Maria Depeiza**, and **Peter T.**; Friends **Elaine S.** and **Carol S.** at Pride Party; **John K.** speaks at our annual Pride Flag Raising Ceremony. This year's guest speaker was Brookline Police Officer and LGBTQ+ Liaison, **Kristin Healy**; Creative Aging Specialist **Katherine Gilliland**, and Art Therapist **Meredith Griffiths***

Renovation Project Launching in July!

by President & CEO Candace Cramer

We're thrilled to announce that our long-awaited building renovation and addition will officially kick off in July! Inspired by thoughtful input from residents and families, this transformative project will expand and refresh our resident dining and fitness areas, introduce a dedicated art studio, and unveil a dynamic Creative Aging Hub—designed to elevate our music, theater, film, and lifelong-learning programs.

To keep everyone in the loop as the project progresses, we'll host regular in-person resident meetings, share updates in our monthly newsletter, and gather for quarterly Resident and Family Town Hall Zoom meetings. Plus, on July 24th we'll celebrate with a Groundbreaking & BBQ event featuring fun construction-themed goodies, summer refreshments, and plenty of excitement as we toast the start of this new chapter together!

We can't wait to watch our community grow in spaces built for connection, creativity, and care. Stay tuned for more updates and thank you for your continued support as we bring this vision to life! 🏡





Around Goddard



*Top row, left to right: Residents from both our Traditional and Olmsted neighborhoods had a Special Access tour viewing of the Art of John Wilson exhibit at the MFA; **Marjorie S.** with a pin from the MFA. Bottom row: a visit to Larz Anderson Park with **Steve H., Vivian F., Jude K., Herbert K., and Kris R.** who enjoyed the walking path; and **Myrna B.** exploring the park*

ASSOCIATE PROFILE



Building & Grounds Associate **Mauro Moreira**, who has been working at Goddard House for 14 years, is known for his friendly

demeanor and readiness to help out. He was born and raised in Guatemala, and came to the US as a young adult. Mauro lived in California initially, then moved to New York City where he lived in the South Bronx, working in private sanitation. Eventually, in search of a quieter setting, Mauro moved to Roslindale, Massachusetts. He worked as a cabinet maker for over 10 years, and later did carpentry for museums. Mauro, a father of three, enjoys finding time to relax when he is not too busy. He likes to watch the news, movies, and soccer, and will sometimes cook, too. He appreciates the residents and other associates at Goddard House, and is always willing to lend a helping hand. Mauro, we are happy to have you at Goddard House!

-EnrichedLIFE Director Rebecca Margolin

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HOME GROWN!

Priscilla G. holds lettuce grown in our raised garden beds!

