



October 2026



Goddard Times

GODDARD HOUSE

UPCOMING EVENTS

GROUPS AT GODDARD HOUSE

Goddard House Family Caregiver Group

*This group welcomes Goddard House resident family members. Meets on **Tuesday, October 13** from 6:30–7:30 P.M. on Zoom. Join us to discuss shared experiences and offer mutual support. 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 on **Thursday, October 29** 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



Meet **Kendall Gray**, who has lived at Goddard House for over 10 years! Fun fact—this is longer than any current resident. Kendall was born at the Boston Lying-In Hospital, a historic Boston landmark which eventually merged into the Brigham and Women's Hospital. She grew up in Brookline and Chestnut Hill in the 1960s, and after a variety of jobs went on to work at Brandeis University for 34 years.

Kendall is a lifelong parishioner of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Brookline, where she is a verger, helping out every Sunday at the service. Kendall elected to move into Goddard House after retiring at age 65, noting that it marked her first time living in her own apartment—a personal milestone!

Kendall has Asperger's, a condition which impacts social interactions and communications, and she would like others to know this about her in order to be better understood. She appreciates living in a group setting as a means of avoiding social isolation, and is always looking out for those around her. Kendall has a great sense of humor, and is a self-described "punster". She suggested the name "Matilda" (after Matilda Goddard) for our largest chicken, and it is an egg-cellent fit! Kendall, we are glad to have you at Goddard House!

-EnrichedLIFE Director Rebecca Margolin

ASSOCIATES OF THE QUARTER

*Congratulations to Wellness Nurse **Natalia Sanchez**, Housekeeping Lead **Sheereen Montrose**, and Lead Resident Care Associate **Ileida Reis** (pictured with Executive Director **Catherine Haycock**)!*



ALZHEIMER'S MINI-WALK!



Top row, left to right: **Barbara B.** and Lead Resident Care Associate **Ruth Porter**; Programming Assistant **Charlotte Cahill** and **Kris R.**; Director of Building & Grounds **Cody Johnson** with chicken “Phyllis Diller”; **Charlotte** with **Cece E.** and Programming Assistant **Noam Oren-Grinberg**; Programming Assistant **Emily Jaillet**, **Bich N.**, and Assistant Executive Director **Lance Chapman**. Bottom row: **Noam** and **Ann Marie L.**; Resident Care Associate and Programming Assistant **Latoya Johnson** and **Joel P.**; Housekeeping Lead **Sheereen Montrose**, **Myrna B.**, and Maintenance Lead **Marvin Gomez**; **Susan F.**

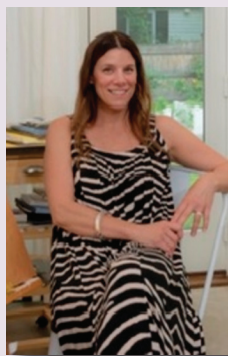
Our Goddard House Stars!

We had a great time celebrating at the Star Awards Dinner! Back row: Lead Community Relations Associate **Ella Yarbrough** (Rising Star), Assistant Executive Director **Lance Chapman**, Director of Building & Grounds **Cody Johnson** (Servant Leadership), Director of Dining Experience **David Orendorf**, Dining Room Supervisor **Elie Marckenley** (Integrity), and Resident Care Director **Cat Morgan**. Front row: Transportation Associate **Robert Pellegrine**, **Elisabeth D.** (Resident Spirit), and Executive Director **Catherine Haycock**. Nominees not pictured: Maintenance Lead **Marvin Gomez** (Valuing Associates) and Lead Resident Care Associate **Ruth Porter** (Resident Quality of Life)



Welcome, Lesley Interns!

In September, we welcomed this year's interns from Lesley University's graduate program! **Aimee Empey Rives** is a second year Art Therapy student, and **Navdeep Kaur** is a first year Expressive Therapies student. Navdeep and Aimee will contribute to a variety of programs while they are here, including our Opening Minds through Art (OMA) program, and will receive supervision from Goddard House Art Therapist **Meredith Griffiths**.



"I am looking forward to learning from both the residents and the Goddard care team this year. Creativity is ageless."
- Aimee



"It's been a pleasure meeting everyone so far! I'm looking forward to making art with all the creative minds that reside at Goddard House!"
- Navdeep



IN THE PRESENCE OF FLOWERS

BY ARTIST ALAN MICHEL

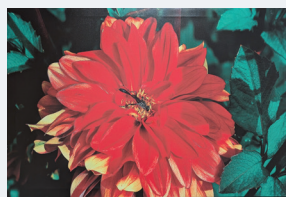
ON DISPLAY SEPTEMBER 16–NOVEMBER 30, 2026

ARTIST STATEMENT

Flowers ask us to slow down. They are everywhere, yet we often pass them without really seeing them. When I photograph a flower closely, I discover an extraordinary world of color, texture, movement, pattern, and light. Through my photo-painting process, I manipulate and layer those images to reveal another way of seeing. I am interested in the moment when a familiar subject becomes unfamiliar—when we look again and suddenly discover something we had never noticed before. That experience of discovery is central to *In the Presence of Flowers*. I hope these works encourage viewers to pause, to wonder, to remember, and perhaps to see the natural world with new eyes.



Dahlias Aglow



Red Dahlia and Insect

ABOUT THE ARTIST

Alan Michel is a Massachusetts artist whose work combines photography and digital painting to create contemporary photo paintings inspired by nature.

Michel earned a master's degree in sculpture and has exhibited sculpture, painting, photography, and digital artwork throughout New England. For more than four decades, he directed HOME, Inc., a Boston nonprofit organization that provided media arts educational opportunities for inner-city teenagers in Greater Boston.





Assisted Living Week!

We celebrated Assisted Living Week with a variety of events including Roxy's Grilled Cheese Food Truck, and a Kindness Rocks program led by Maggie, a local Girl Scout and resident family member!



*Top row: Kindness Rocks by Dining Room Supervisor **Maria Depeiza**, **Elizabeth D.**, **Peggy P.**, and **Nancy K.** Bottom row: at the Roxy's Grilled Cheese Food Truck are Lead Community Relations Associate **Ella Yarbrough**, **Vivian F.**, and Dining Associate **Princess Melewon**; Resident Care Associate **Rosemarie McNeish Waite**; Housekeeping Lead **Sheereen Montose**, Maintenance Lead **Marvin Gomez**, and Housekeeping Associate **Betty Depina***

ASSOCIATE PROFILE



Meet Transportation Associate **Robert Pellegrine**! Outgoing and always up for a good conversation, Robert joined the Goddard House team back in June. Robert was born in Nonantum, affectionately known as "The Lake" to locals, before moving with his family to Waltham where he graduated from Waltham High School. He currently lives there with his wife and daughter.

Prior to Goddard House, Robert spent 30 years driving taxis and limousines, a career that came with plenty of stories, including the time he found himself behind the wheel of a limo complete with a pool for rock legends Aerosmith.

When he's not working, Robert enjoys gardening and considers himself a serious backyard grilling enthusiast. His yard is also a favorite spot for hummingbirds, thanks to his collection of feeders that attract different varieties throughout the warmer months.

Robert says, "Goddard House isn't a job, it's a lifestyle." He especially enjoys helping residents explore new and exciting destinations like the Great Elephant Migration exhibit in early September. He even added extra dates and times so everyone who wanted to could enjoy the display. We're so glad to have him on the team!

*-Olmsted Program Director
Kristen Cipriano*

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