

November 2026

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Goddard House Family Caregiver Group

This group welcomes Goddard House resident family members.

Meets on **Tuesday, November 10** 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.

Veterans Day Flag Raising & Ceremony

Wednesday, November 11

at 10:30 A.M.

Followed by a Coffee & Donut Social

RESIDENT PROFILE



Patricia "Pat" Belanger was born in St Louis, Missouri, and spent much of her life in Wayland, among other Massachusetts towns. Her father was a veteran, and her mother a naval service officer.

Pat raised two children, and is a proud grandmother of two, whom she calls "the loves of my life!" She misses her husband, John, who died about ten years ago. Family has always been an important part of Pat's life, and she fondly remembers a family trip to Hawaii.

Pat was an interior decorator, and ran her own business for over 20 years. She found interior decorating to be fulfilling as it allowed her to be creative, work with people, and come up with a satisfying final product. Pat tried to always have something new in her office to keep things interesting and visually exciting, and she appreciates a fun pair of shoes as a way to spice up an outfit.

Pat enjoys talking to people, walking, and all kinds of music, and at Goddard House is seeking connections and community. Pat, we are happy you're here, and it's a pleasure getting to know you!

-EnrichedLIFE Director Rebecca Margolin

Thanksgiving at Goddard House

Stay tuned for more information on our Thanksgiving Luncheon on Thursday, November 26th!

New Spaces Coming to Life at Goddard House!

by President & CEO ***Candace Cramer***

Construction continues to move forward at Goddard House, and as we head toward the end of the year, it is exciting to see many of the spaces we have been planning for so long beginning to take shape.

We've reached several important milestones in recent weeks. Our new roof is substantially complete, with only the remaining guardrails to be installed. Inside, the new Administrative Suite, Wellness Suite, and all-gender bathroom on the first floor are substantially complete, as are the renovated second-floor corridors *(see photo at right)* and office.



Next up are some of the spaces that will have the greatest impact on the daily life of our community. Work is well underway on our new, large Community Room, Reception area, and Courtyard, and we anticipate welcoming residents into these spaces in late December. The Community Room and Reception area will feature all-new furnishings, while the Community Room will also include state-of-the-art technology for lectures, films, performances, programs, and gatherings. We can't wait to see these new spaces come to life!

At the same time, the Dining Room expansion is taking shape. The structure is now up, and work is moving toward connecting the addition to our existing building. Our kitchen renovation is progressing as well, although some unexpected conditions uncovered during demolition required additional plumbing, wall, and finish work. We anticipate the kitchen will be completed in December.

Looking ahead, work has begun on the third floor and will proceed in sections, with careful coordination to minimize disruption to residents.

Overall project completion is anticipated in late summer 2027. We are grateful for the continued patience and flexibility of our residents, families, staff, and friends—and look forward to sharing these new spaces with you as they are completed.

Pumpkin Painting!









Enjoying a festive fall activity of pumpkin painting on the Goddard House patio are residents (clockwise, from top left): ***Parvin M.***, ***Sue D.***, ***Judy S.***, *and* ***Mima L.***

Monster Mash!

















*Clockwise, from top left: Dining Room Supervisor **Maria Depeiza**; Transportation Associate **Robert Pellegrine** and **Myrna B.**; Community Relations Associate **Heaven Aguirre**; Olmsted Program Director **Kristen Cipriano** and Programming Assistant **Charlotte Cahill**; Programming Assistant **Emily Jaillet** and **Ina R.**; **Barbara F.**; **Myron T.** and **Mae T.**; **Nancy E.***

Intergenerational Visits at Goddard House

*by EnrichedLIFE Director **Rebecca Margolin***

In addition to our Lesley University Expressive Therapy interns, we have students visiting from Hellenic College, Boston College, and Brookline High School.

Since 2021, we have hosted students from the Hospital Ministry program at Hellenic College, which is located about one mile from us. These graduate students visit weekly, providing companionship and conversation, and in turn are gaining exposure interacting with a variety of personalities and experiences. New to Goddard House this year are students joining us from Boston College, as part of their 4Boston organization, which pairs students with social service, healthcare, or education entities with the goal of building connections and community. Several students from Brookline High School stop by regularly to say hello, and are excited to meet with residents, listen to their experiences, and share their own goals and plans.

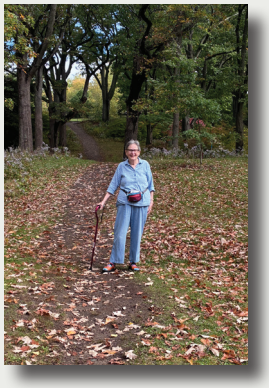


***Barbara B.** participates in our annual Alzheimer's Mini Walk with **Nikko** and **John** from Hellenic College*

An annual favorite is the Halloween visit from the Lincoln School first graders, who come by in costume to share Halloween poems, songs and cheer.

We find the student visitors to be thoughtful and engaging, and look forward to meeting them each year!

Around Goddard


Above: Autumnal Outings! Left to right: ***George C.****,* ***Myrna B.****,* ***Bich N.****, and* ***Jo U.*** *at Verrill Farm;* ***Jude K.*** *leaf peeping at the Arnold Arboretum;* ***Susan F.****,* ***Nancy E.****, and* ***Edie B.*** *enjoying the Arnold Arboretum*





Above: Some adventures with our Goddard House chickens! Center: Programming Assistant ***Emily Jaillet*** *brings Dolly out for a visit!*

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ASSOCIATE PROFILE



Dining Associate **Jared Mercado** joined the team at Goddard House last spring, and quickly became known for his friendly and helpful demeanor. He learned about Goddard House through a school job fair, and was interested in the opportunity to work with the age demographic, feeling a personal connection following spending time with his grandmother, who has Alzheimer's. Jared appreciates that his role at Goddard House allows him to help people in a tangible and direct way, and finds it to be a fulfilling work environment.

Jared grew up in Revere, and currently attends Suffolk University, where he studies sociology and philosophy with a minor in literature. Eventually he plans on writing novels and stories. When Jared is not studying or working, he likes to read, go to the movies with friends, and spend time with Juno, a young pitbull mix he adopted.

Jared's favorite aspect of Goddard House is finding time to sit down and chat with the residents, and he loves daily small conversations and friendly interactions with others in the building. Jared, we are happy to have you at Goddard House!

-EnrichedLIFE Director
Rebecca Margolin