



Navy Marine Coast Guard Residence Foundation

February 2023 Foundation Update

Love is in the Air!

February is the month when we celebrate Valentine's Day, and it's also a time for celebrating and sharing love itself. At the Foundation, we shared ours in many different ways this month. We invited preschoolers from Kidstretch, a local preschool for homeless families, to campus so that our residents could share their love with these four-year-olds during a fun intergenerational playdate! We reached out to all our donors last year to express our gratitude, with NMCGRF board members making over 240 calls during our annual Thank-a-thon. And we secured a new \$55,000 grant to benefit the Employee Caring Fund that will help let us show our wonderful staff how much they are loved and appreciated. This generous award was facilitated by a resident and his family through their family foundation, the William H. Donner Foundation, out of gratitude to VHRC staff. At the Foundation, we heart February – and we heart you!

Foundation Helps Build Bonds between Local Preschoolers and VHRC Residents

One of our favorite roles in the Office of Philanthropy & Engagement is to help build relationships between the residents of VHRC and organizations in our area. So we were delighted this month to welcome back students from Kidstretch preschool for another intergenerational playdate on campus, the third in a series we launched last fall!



The 10 preschoolers from Kidstretch arrived on a VHRC bus on February 9 and joined about 25 residents in the Ballroom for an hour of fun and games. Led by resident Midge Holmes, the four-year-olds twirled paper parasols, learned songs, and tossed corn bags, followed by a "snowball

fight” with residents! The playdate finished up in the popular VHRC Drum Circle, with the kids and residents drumming and shaking their instruments to the beat.

Kidstretch director Kim Rose said the children are always so excited to come back to VHRC and “play” with the residents. She gave a special thanks to Midge “for creating great programs for our preschoolers’ visits” and for being “so engaging and dynamic with people of all generations.” Kidstretch is run by Homestretch, a nonprofit organization that helps homeless families rebuild their lives by offering subsidized transitional housing and providing them with the skills and support they need to become self-sufficient. NMCGRF is proud to have initiated this new partnership with our neighbors in Falls Church, and we look forward to our next playdate in April!



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Thank-a-thon Gives Board Members A Chance to Say Thank You

This month, we held our fifth annual Donor Thank-a-thon to thank last year’s Foundation donors for their support. Members of the NMCGRF Board of Trustees gathered together on campus, cell phones in hand, on February 13 to kick off the event, and continued reaching out to donors in the days that followed. A total of 243 donors who had given a Membership gift of \$100 or more last year received a call from one of eight callers: VADM and Board chair Mark Skinner, RADM and Board Secretary Sandy Daniels, CAPT and Board Treasurer Scott Slocum, CAPT and Philanthropy & Engagement Committee Chair Wes Burnett, RDML Michael Browne, CAPT and Vinson Hall Residents’ Association President Bud Dougherty, VHRC CEO Chip Warner, and



Having the opportunity to make a personal connection with you, our supporters, is something all of us at the Foundation look forward to every year. Board member Wes Burnett said it best: "Sometimes the simplest of gestures is the most rewarding. At the Thank-a-thon, I and other Board members called our donors to thank them for their generosity and support. Some remembered my call last year, which shocked me, and all were wonderfully supportive of our Foundation and Vinson Hall. What a delight!"



Celebrating Our 2022 Star Members

Before we closed the books for good on 2022, we are pleased to share the [final list of our 2022 Star Members](#), which is posted on our website. In 2022 we had 203 Star Members – those who gave a Membership gift to the Foundation of \$250 or more. Thanks to your support, we were able to achieve some wonderful accomplishments last year, including providing five residents with financial assistance so that they did not have to leave their home, awarding \$75,120 to VHRC staff through the Employee Caring Fund, and supporting many innovative technology projects and enhancements across the campus. Thank you!

Grant from William H. Donner Foundation Keeps Employee Caring Fund Going Strong

We are thrilled to share that the Navy Marine Coast Guard Residence Foundation has received a grant of \$55,000 from the William H. Donner Foundation. NMCGRF has been the grateful recipient of several grants in recent years from the William H. Donner Foundation, a family foundation of the Winsor family. Ambassador Curtin Winsor is a resident of Vinson Hall and his late wife, Ann, had lived at The Sylvestery.

Ann's Cafe



The Winsor family's gifts through their family foundation all benefit the Employee Caring Fund – and have been instrumental in the success of the Fund since its launch in 2020. At the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Winsors sought a way to express their gratitude to the staff at VHRC – “all the wonderful people we have gotten to know who have played such an important role in our family's life,” said Anita Winsor. At the time, the Employee Caring Fund had just been launched, and the Winsors' donations through their family foundation helped get the Fund off to a strong start.

Since then, the Foundation has also fundraised for the Employee Caring Fund, adding to the Winsors' donations. To date, the Fund has been able to award more than \$270,000 to staff through over 630 financial awards. This latest grant of \$55,000 – the largest we've ever received for the Fund – brings NMCGRF's total support from the William H. Donner Foundation to \$155,000 over the last three years. We are grateful for this generous donation and look forward to putting it to good use in supporting our dedicated staff at VHRC!

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