



# Newsletter

# Holiday 2023

All of us at the Farrell Foundation wish each of you a joyous Holiday Season and the best in the coming year! May the spirit of the holidays bring an abundance of goodwill to you and your home.

## A Message From Our Board President:

At this time of the year there is a lot to be thankful for. One of the things I am most thankful for is Dr. Charlie Farrell and those like him. People who see a need and find a way to create something that benefits others, brings people together and reminds us that we need each other and that kindness and grace go a long way towards making this a better world.

After more than a decade of forming, growing and steering the Carolyn L. Farrell Foundation into being such an important community asset, Dr. Farrell has stepped down from the Board to focus more on enjoying and taking advantage of the wonderful programs that he helped create. Thank you, Dr. Charlie, the number of lives you have touched is incalculable.

I would also like to give a huge shout out to our many volunteers and staff. They all do such an incredible job of making Charlie's vision come true. In October, we had a lovely cookout to recognize the work our volunteers do. For those that couldn't make it, I hope you know how much we really do appreciate what you do.

At the Carolyn L. Farrell Foundation, we continue to use your generous donations and the time and talents of our staff and volunteers to empower, engage and educate individuals, care partners and families living with dementia or other brain health issues to live a more fulfilling life through the arts, social interaction and community outreach.

Wishing you Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!

Sincerely, *Andrew Mangels*



Farrell Foundation Board President Andrew Mangels



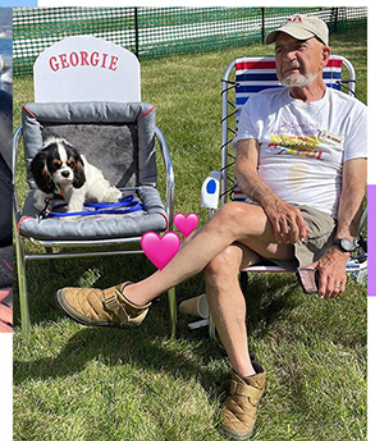
WKYC Special Projects Reporter, Lindsay Buckingham, hosted the 2023 Foundation Gala and greets Dr. Charlie.



Ribbon cutting of the Center in 2018 with Westlake Mayor Dennis M. Clough.



Charlie & Luise at their Swim to Alcatraz for dementia in 2018.



Dr. Charlie's best friend Georgie.



## Volunteer Spotlight: **Rev. Dave & Joanne Schantz**

"The Farrell Foundation programs make such a difference for the lives of the participants. I only wish there was a similar program for my brother and sister, each affected by Alzheimer's." Rev. Dave shares his delight when he discovered the programs with his wife Joanne. Joanne had been a participant with her late husband Joe and she knew firsthand the impact that the programs and socialization provided for her husband and herself.

Joanne is well known at the Center for her effort volunteering and for the incredible oil painting portraits she creates. Her accomplishments and talent have been enjoyed by many families. Joanne began painting after her 36-year teaching career with Lorain City schools as a second-grade teacher. She is a proud mother of a son and daughter and four grandchildren.

She and Dave have been married almost two years and have enjoyed traveling and creating a wonderful life together. Dave, originally from New Jersey, served as an Air Force pilot and was in air rescue during Viet Nam and served on a team in the Pacific Ocean related to the Gemini 8 mission. Dave served as a Methodist Minister in Florida. He continues with his interests in photography and delights all with his baking skills.

Thank you, Joanne and Dave, for the smiles and care you bring to everyone's life!



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## Participant Spotlight: **Therese Oakar**

My Mom, Therese, has a way of lighting up a room and making those around her smile. While she always did that for us, her family, she has always had that gift, that energy and spirit just about every place she goes.

I hear she does the same when she arrives at the Farrell Foundation! Before her semantic dementia diagnosis, Therese was active in many different areas in addition to being a very proud and involved Mom with each of her three daughters. She and her husband, our Dad, have been partners for more than 57 years of marriage. She was a dedicated school volunteer and served for Meals on Wheels. She was talented in sewing and created baby blankets/hats, soft toys and Christmas stockings that were donated to children and mothers in need in the Cleveland area. Therese attended and graduated from Baldwin Wallace University later in life. Ironically, she attended graduation and commencement with her daughter Margaret, who also graduated on the same day.

Therese practiced yoga long before most and she also enjoyed Silver Sneakers classes and continues taking walks around our neighborhood. She still enjoys different music styles and lights up when she hears a song that she can sing along to.

When our Care Team from Senior Concierge Services told us about the Farrell Foundation, we really weren't sure how she might react to attending. Now she is a regular and we've seen her enjoy exercising, dancing, creating art and socializing over a meal. Our family and our Care Team have seen that she thrives on days she visits her friends at the Farrell Foundation. We are so grateful for our wonderful Care Team. This includes Linda, Megan and Faith who accompany Therese to programs and all of those at the Foundation who have become a part of her life.

Thank you for giving Therese the opportunity to participate in this great community. We hope she makes you smile as much as you all do for her.

*Margaret Oakar, Daughter*



**Therese Oakar with her artwork.**





# Highlights from 2023!



Participant Alice Nagy (L) with CWRU Medical Student David Silva (R). Volunteer Coordinator Rosemary Ware enjoys the music.



A special smile from our Community Outreach Coordinator Nadine Kodysz.



Manisha Ramprasad, CWRU Medical Student, enjoys an art activity with Hilde Schade, while Marianne Cunningham helps with the program.



Provider Sara Lawrence-Sucato from "Dancing Wheels" shares an activity with Dorothy Louth, Wendy Vadini, Jackie Lamoreaux & Richard Ramsey.



Volunteer David Hopka, participants Gary & Diane Cole, CWRU Medical Student Sophie Lu, Biba Bell & Dorothy Louth stretch a giant parachute!



A special time in our New Sensory Garden! Here's Dr. Charlie with volunteer Peggy Deierhoi.

Lauren Lanphear, wife Susan & Ike Brooks share their scrapbook activity at the Cleveland Heights Library Memory Cafe.



Diane Cole enjoys a music activity with volunteer Diane Brinich.



WKYC Channel 3 Reporter Kiera Cotton interviewed Dr. Charlie along with Executive Director Jerry Devis for a "We The People" segment at the WKYC TV Studio.



## FARRELL FOUNDATION - 2023 REVENUE:

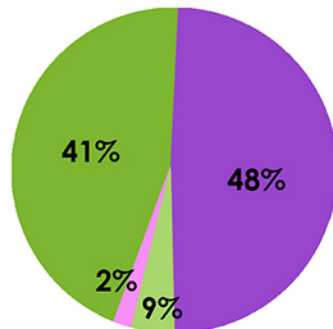
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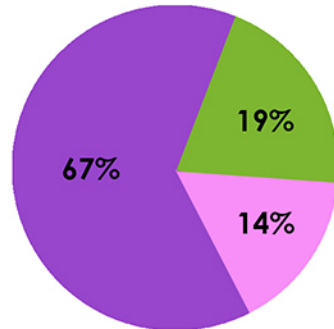


## 2023 EXPENSES:

PROGRAMS

ADMINISTRATIVE  
EXPENSE

SPECIAL EVENTS



**Board Members:** Dorothy Fallor, Ed Farrell, Lydia Gadd, Carmen Iditoiu - Treasurer, Andrew Mangels - President, Sally Ollerton and Betsy Wallace

**Co-Founders:** Dr. Charlie Farrell and Rev. Katie Farrell-Norris

**Staff:** Jerry Devis - Executive Director, Kate Fayen - Accountant, Nadine Kodysz - Community Outreach Coordinator, Linda Santanen - Graphic Designer

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