

Sue Lefes

GENEROUS LEGACY GIFT BENEFITS GLENAIRE RESIDENTS



When people at Glenaire think of the late Sue Lefes, one thing that often comes to mind is how dedicated she was to supporting the causes and organizations important to her— and that included her home, Glenaire, where she and her husband, Bill, were actively involved.

“Sue and Bill lived all over the world, and Bill’s work was humanitarian in nature,” recalls Glenaire Chaplain Jeanell Cox. “Both of them were deeply committed to making others’ lives better, efforts that were centered in their faith.” Sue, who was very

active in her church, First Methodist Church in Cary, was on Glenaire’s Spiritual Life Committee, serving on the Worship Subcommittee, and regularly attended Vespers services on Sunday afternoons.

Meanwhile, Bill was involved with Glenaire’s Rise Against Hunger effort, including as resident chair when the effort first launched.

No doubt the Lefes’ faith and devotion were at the root of the couple’s continued support of Glenaire through a generous bequest from Sue’s Trust of \$40,000 to Brightspire Foundation.

The Lefes bequest was unrestricted, meaning there were no specific directives provided on how it should be used. As such, the gift will be directed by the board to the Micou Browne Endowment for resident financial assistance at Glenaire.

This is in line with what Glenaire and team members knew mattered to Sue and what she supported during her life, Marisa Ray, Executive Vice President, Philanthropy, at parent entity Kintura, pointed out.

“As residents, Sue and Bill were great donors to Glenaire, and I enjoyed knowing them very much,” Ray recalled, adding that Sue Lefes had let her know in 2022 that she had earmarked funds for Glenaire, becoming a Glenaire Society member.

“The Lefes gift will have a positive impact on supporting residents in need at Glenaire,” said Ben Stevens, Executive Director.

“We are most grateful for Sue Lefes and the Lefes family for making this generous gift a reality,” he added. “We so appreciate support that can help residents who have outlived their assets and need extra assistance.”

Sue Lefes was a native of Knightdale and grew up on a farm. Heavily involved with 4-H activities – which would become a lifelong endeavor – she traveled as an undergraduate to Western Australia as a 4-H International Farm Youth Exchange Student working on sheep ranches. After marriage to Bill, his job with the federal U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) took the family to the newly created country of Somalia. Later the family lived in such diverse places as Vienna, Virginia, the Philippines, Kenya, Sierra Leone, Ghana and, finally, Cary for retirement.



Have you thought about investing in the future of Glenaire?

Current and future gifts to Brightspire Foundation can be earmarked to support Glenaire to reflect your philanthropic priorities. If you would like to learn about the various ways you can make a gift that fits your specific goals, please visit kintura.mylegacygift.org for more information. On our planned giving website, you can also read more stories, like this one, of individuals whose legacies of generosity greatly impacted their community. To discuss planned giving opportunities or to share your intentions of including the Foundation in your estate plans, please contact Terrill Sandiford, Director, Philanthropy, at tsandiford@kintura.org or Marisa E. Ray, Executive Vice President, Philanthropy, at mray@kintura.org or by calling 336.886.6553.

Those who have made provisions to include Glenaire and the Foundation in their estate plans are invited to join the Glenaire Society.

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