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## A Letter from the Desk of the CEO

Dear Friends:

It is a privilege to serve as the Chief Executive Officer for The Beechwood

Home facility. The Leadership Team and staff are committed to effective governance and healthcare oversight to ensure that The Beechwood Home continues to conduct its vital mission. Our mission is always front and center in the minds of our excellent leadership team — a cadre of healthcare professionals and experts who work tirelessly every day. We are focused on outcomes and results. We are dedicated to being effective stewards of the resources entrusted to us. We are committed to empowering the staff who care for those who we have been blessed to have in our "home."

These twenty years at The Beechwood Home continue to be a personal journey for me. I have gained an appreciation for the founding mission and vision of some very influential women in this city that had the heart to address a need for those with neurological diseases. One hundred and thirty-four years ago these women collaborated with local financial institutions and government leaders, "Friends of Beechwood" foundations, and built a special place for those who had an incurable neurological disease.

We have seen that change is truly the only constant. After numerous distinct national, state, and county regulations, we have been asked to hold vigilance to multiple regulations. Reimbursement that has not kept up with our cost increases and was exacerbated by COVID-19. This is why we are so grateful to all of our supporters. **Thank You!** 

Sincerely, Dr. Patricia Ann Clark

# 2023-2024

## **Annual Fall Gala**

We were proud to honor Dr. Robert Neel for our Annual Fall Gala, held on November 18, 2023 at the Kenwood Country Club. Dr. Neel is a neurologist at the University of Cincinnati Gardner Neuroscience Institute, UC Health and the Muscular Dystrophy Association. He is also director of the ALS Clinic at UC Health, specializing in ALS and autoimmune neuromuscular disorders.

The evening's Master of Ceremonies was FOX 19's anchor Rob Williams. The evening included residents as well as donors, colleagues, friends, and family. It was a very special night with poignant speeches given by Dr. Neel, Mr. Williams and Dr. Clark. A Special thanks to Mr. Peter Craft for being our Kenwood Country Club Sponsor.



Patricia Clark and Rob Williams



From Left Mike Shaffer, L. Kaitlin Dixon, Mary Ann Sawyer, Yvonne "Pinky" Dressman, Sally Lowitz, Robert Neel

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# Opening Day Parade



This spring we were proud to be a part of the unique Cincinnati tradition of the Findlay Market Cincinnati Reds Opening Day Parade. One of our newer residents, Jim Scott, is a Cincinnati radio legend who has participated in the parade since 1968. He has shared with the community his diagnosis of ALS, but this was not going to prevent him from being in the parade, especially after being designated the Honorary Grand Marshall.

Jim arrived at Beechwood with the goal of following through with this tradition and honoring his commitment. After weeks of perseverance and hard work with his Occupational, Physical, and Speech therapists and coordinating with his nursing needs, he, his wife, Donna, and his neurologist, Dr. Robert Neel, went to the parade in a 1963 Bonneville convertible escorted by local police officers on motorcycles from The Beechwood Home to downtown Cincinnati. Jim gave everyone his traditional thumbs up along the way. We were so honored to be part of this amazing accomplishment



## Thanks to Outgoing Board Member

We are incredibly grateful to Mr. Gregory French, who has been so supportive of our Home, our initiatives, our fundraising events, and most of all, our Mission. We extend a heartfelt thank you to Mr. Gregory French, who was so instrumental as an advisor for The Beechwood Home over the past 12 years.

# Save the Dates!

