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## Miracle Man

Written by Judy Sandquist

Interview with Chad: Megan Randolph, Heather Hefren and Judy Sandquist

A warm smile, a laugh that is infectious and a sigh that is so sweet that you feel like someone is rubbing your shoulders. This is what you get when Chad enters

a room. He refers to himself as Miracle Man and Chad, along with his brother Sean, tell us about the accident in 1996, at the age of 20, that changed his life.

Chad fell off a cliff approximately the height of 20 stories while hiking in the Santa Catalina Mountains on Mt. Lemmon, Arizona. He was found at the bottom of the cliff with multiple broken bones, serious internal injuries and traumatic head injuries. Chad's dad, Dan, had an unwavering belief that his son would make it through this. He brought Chad home (in a coma) initially to University of Cincinnati, then to Drake then to Cincinnati Children's Hospital where he continued to be comatose for 6 months. One day, he woke up while an occupational therapist was working with him and he said "it freaking hurts"! After that he was finally able to go home and remained there for the next 20 years. Wheelchair bound, his dad cared for him and provided him with a standing table, private nursing care, swimming opportunities and a loving home.

Chad is an alumnus of St. Xavier High School, at the time of the accident he was an English major at the University of Arizona. Chad said he always wanted to be a writer. Now he likes to watch football and wrestling and enjoys music and stories. He is a very funny guy, makes hilarious statements and is always the first to laugh at them.

He arrived at The Beechwood Home in the Spring of 2017. He showed us his "apartment" painted blue for him and the lovely pictures that family members have painted. He is very proud of a tree in his room that is decorated for every season and holiday. Most recently it was decorated in a birthday motif. He turned 43. He has a loving family that includes his brother Sean, sister Hollie, his father Dan and Dan's good friend also named Hollie. He has made friends at Beechwood and loves to be outside. He is looking forward to spending time on the new porch/three season room. He enjoys the food and the activities that are provided at Beechwood, especially the Horse Racing game! He goes to physical therapy on a daily basis and enjoys the interaction with the therapy staff and other residents.

During the interview, Chad talked about how much he loves and appreciates his dad. After talking with Chad, it is clear that his dad's strength, faith and love truly made Chad a Miracle Man.

# IT'S FINISHED!

The residents are excited! After several years of planning and raising funds, the porch/three season room is finally completed. Residents, their families, friends and The Beechwood Home staff can now enjoy this wonderful space. In addition, the storage under the porch is a much-needed bonus.

The space includes a gas fireplace, TV, ceiling fans, heaters, skylights, screening, lighting, and beautiful planters provided by Cincinnati Town and Country

Garden Club. It will be used for parties, activities, music, visiting and enjoying nature, to name a few.

Patricia Clark, CEO said: "After a meeting with the residents where they were asked what they missed most about being in their own home, they said a porch or deck to enjoy with family and friends. It has been long in coming but the new porch/three season room is a beautiful space and has been well worth the wait. We are so grateful to all the generous foundations and people who helped to make this dream into a reality. We have much to celebrate!"



We the residents wish to express our heartfelt delight in our new back porch! We certainly enjoyed watching the framework go up and finishing touches appear before our eyes. It's beautiful, as we're sure you must have known it would be. We anxiously watched the "fund thermometer" rise, viewed the floor plan and anticipated the final product. Viola! We've been

out "porchin" as soon as the doors opened. Even in this unusually hot September, many of us "porched" under the fans and were very comfortable. Here's to a cozy autumn and winter in front of the fireplace.

*Please join us anytime, won't you?  
With Love,  
All the Residents*

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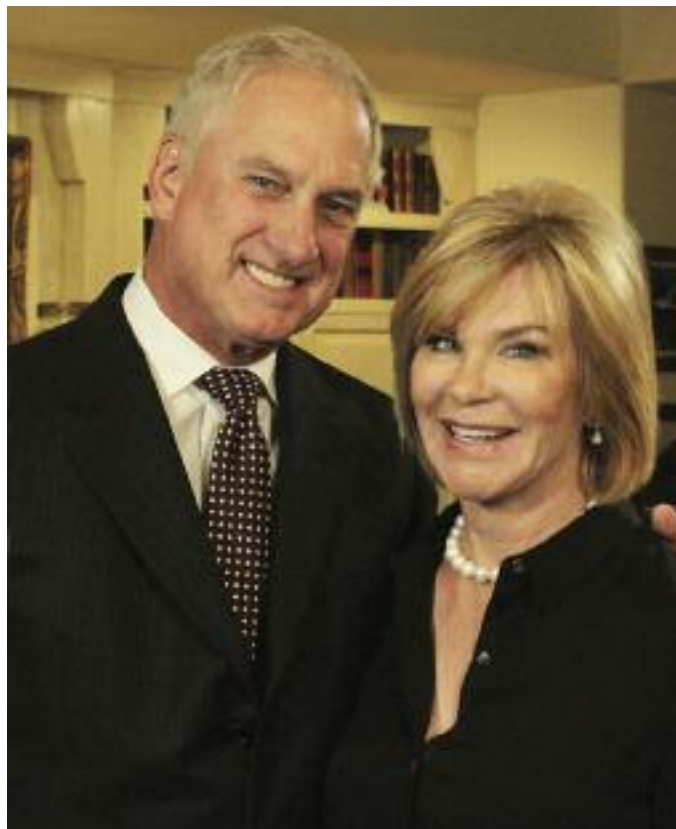
## Dr. Robert & Mrs. Julia Heidt, Jr. and The Heidt Family Foundation to be honored at the Ghost and Goblin Gala

We are deeply grateful to Dr. Robert and Mrs. Julia Heidt, Jr. and The Heidt Family Foundation, for all they have done for The Beechwood Home. Not only have Rob and Julia been supportive of The Beechwood Home, but their son, Mr. Robert “Chip” Heidt, III, is a member of The Beechwood Home Board of Trustees and The Beechwood Home Foundation. Chip serves on the Development Committee and is the board liaison for the Young Leaders group.

Dr. Heidt was the CEO of Wellington Orthopedic and Sports Medicine until the current year and has practiced as a physician there since 1982. Additionally, Dr. Heidt served as the team physician and board chair for St. Xavier High School. He also served as the team physician for the Cincinnati Bengals for nearly three decades. He is currently a Trustee for Xavier University, Children’s Home and CBank.

Dr. Heidt completed his undergraduate studies at St. Louis University and attended the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine, doing his residency in Orthopedic Surgery at UC.

Julia Scripps Heidt serves on the Board of Trustees for the Scripps Family Office. An active philanthropist, she serves as a trustee for the Heidt Family Foundation along with Dr. Heidt. The Heidt family supports a wide range of initiatives including St. Vincent DePaul, DePaul Cristo Rey School, Bethany House Services, Lindner Hope House, the Scripps Institution of Oceanography at UC San



Diego and the Heidt Hope House, part of the Boys Hope Girls Hope Cincinnati “Building Hope” Initiative.

The Heidt Family Foundation recently donated a majestic 600-gallon saltwater aquarium, which was built right into the living room at The Beechwood Home. Residents love to sit and relax while watching the aquatic life through seamless glass and they enjoy hearing the soothing hum of the tank. One of their favorite times of the day is to watch the fish get fed and eagerly devour the food tossed in the tank. The residents enjoy identifying all the fish gracefully weaving in and out of the coral.

The Ghost and Goblin Gala, where Dr. Robert & Mrs. Julia Heidt, Jr. and The Heidt Family Foundation will be honored, will be held at the Cincinnati Country Club on Saturday, October 26th at 5:30 p.m. For more information, go to [www.beechwoodhome.com](http://www.beechwoodhome.com) or email [melder@beechwoodhome.com](mailto:melder@beechwoodhome.com) or call Maggie at 513-842-0777.

## Riding in Style

A huge thank you goes to The Oliver Family Foundation and Linda and Darrell Dunaway for providing The Beechwood Home residents with a brand new van. This has been long awaited. The “old” van was rusting out and was no longer a viable option for travel. Megan Randolph, Director of Activities, says: “This is a much needed van for the residents and it is a pleasure driving them to outings for them to enjoy.”



## Free WI FI at Beechwood

All of the residents of The Beechwood Home are now receiving free WIFI due to the generosity of many employees of Paycor. Selita Gibson, whose brother was a resident at Beechwood, spearheaded the effort.

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# The Annual Sporting Clay Event



*HOA Female Helen Brennan,  
HOA Male Mike Haehnle*

The 9th Annual Beechwood Home Sporting Clay Event was held at the Sycamore Sporting Clays Club on June 7, 2019 with 59 participants. Dave Todd hosted the event at his scenic facility. The rain held off and everyone enjoyed the beautiful day. We are so grateful to our sponsors for helping with the event this year. Our major sponsors were Fort Washington

Investment Advisors, Inc., Carpetland Carpet One Floor & Home, Kirk's Castille, Heidt Family Foundation, Western & Southern Financial Group, Bahl & Gaynor Investment Counsel, North American Properties, UBS Institutional Consulting Group - Lawrence, Burchenal, DeBord Wealth Management, Cornerstone Insurance & Financial Group - Dennis Shiels and an anonymous donor.

US Foods and Commonwealth Food donated lunch again this year, prepared by our Beechwood staff. In addition, Mr. Jeff Reichard provided refreshments from Karrikin Spirits, which were enjoyed by all.

Congratulations to the High Overall Team from RWA Architects; High Overall Male: Mike Haenle; High Overall Female: Helen Brennan; High Overall 30 and Under: Christoph Schoenlein. Congratulations! The committee members, Sam Bortz (co-chair), Chip Heidt (co-chair), Dan Shiels and the Beechwood staff did an amazing job. We are also grateful to Gary Hardoerfer, Rose Stertz, Judi Dooley and Celeste Keeney for helping the staff during the event.

Photos by Fairfield Photography, LLC



*Dave Todd, HOA 30 and under Christoph Schoenlein, Sam Bortz*



*Jeff Reichard serves attendees*

# The Beechwood Home – A Great Place to Work!

By Beth Hills, Director of Human Resources

The “Great Place to Work Institute” has honored The Beechwood Home with its certification as a Great Place to Work. The “Great Place to Work Institute” is an independent research and consulting firm that evaluated 60 elements that are part of the everyday responsibilities of our staff.

Through its proprietary assessment tools and certification programs, “Great Place to Work Institute” recognizes outstanding workplace cultures and produces the annual Fortune Best Companies to Work For list. Beechwood has been certified in the “Aging Services Division” and therefore allowed to post the Great Place to Work badge on our literature.



***Congratulations Beechwood staff! We are proud of YOU!***

## The Beechwood Home 9th Annual Block Party



*Resident Anita and sister Karen Umburg*

The Beechwood Home held its 9th Block Party for our residents and their families on Friday, September 6th. The block party featured the Soul Pocket Band who played the night away... wheelchairs dancing along with friends and families.

A special thanks to Sweets & Meats BBQ, who provided the delicious food, Karrikin who generously contributed the beer and spirits and Healthcare Services Group and Vere and Susan Gaynor for the generous donation of wine. Thanks also to photographer Judi Dooley and to our staff and volunteers who made the evening such a success.



*Resident Robin enjoys the music with volunteer John Sanders*

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# Beechwood Thrilled to Welcome Debbie Bowman as Chief Officer of Philanthropy



Debbie Bowman is the new Chief Officer of Philanthropy at the Beechwood Home. She joins the organization after five years as president of Boys Hope Girls Hope and 34 years with the Cincinnati Art Museum where she served as Chief Financial and Operating Officer.

“We are delighted to have Debbie join our team, with her vast amount of experience and expertise in fundraising and not-for-profit work,” said Patricia Clark, DM, CEO of the Beechwood Home. “We know that our residents will benefit from her enthusiasm, dedication, and community connections.”

“Coming to the Beechwood Home is an opportunity to tackle a challenge I didn’t think possible: to help those with chronic, incurable, and debilitating disabilities,” Bowman said. “I look forward to dedicating the final chapters in my career to helping this deserving population. I had the opportunity to change the outcome of my life, I am now helping those who can’t.”

Debbie worked for the Cincinnati Art Museum (CAM) where she was Chief Financial Officer at the age of 23 and was the youngest person and only woman to hold that post in its 100-plus year history. She added to her responsibilities a decade later as Chief Operating Officer. In that role she was responsible for the fiscal and operational management of an institution with a \$14.2 million annual budget, a physical building of more than 200,000 square feet, and more than 200 employees.

After 34 years, Ms. Bowman left CAM to join Boys Hope Girls Hope (BHGH) as President. The decision to make the switch was due to her passion of paying it forward by helping the underserved in our community. This passion was born from a history of her own challenged and difficult childhood.

It was a period of rebirth and growth for the 40-year-old Cincinnati chapter of the international organization. In addition to the rapport Debbie built with the scholars, she significantly increased awareness of BHGH’s mission in the community. In 2017, the organization’s major fund-raising event was the Hearts for Hope Gala, which under her leadership had a record setting 620 attendees and net receipts of \$450,000. She also raised nearly \$15 million in her last five years for BHGH. BHGH challenges were completed and set the path for a continuing future of beautiful success.

Bowman, who lives in Edgewood, is a member of the Hall of Distinguished Alumni at Bellevue High School, and was recognized in 1998 as one of the Cincinnati Business Courier's 40 Under 40, as well as the publication's 2016 Second Act award.

She is consistently responsive to community needs and expectations and continually exceeds her responsibilities to meet them. She has proven her commitment through the Cincinnati Rotary Club and on the board of Cincinnati Citizens Police Association, for which she was the first woman elected to join this organization. She has served on the board of many organizations in the city, including CASA, Hamilton County Action Agency, Chief’s Advisory Board and the Reds Community Fund.

## Save the Dates

**2019**  
**GHOST AND GOBLIN GALA**

**Honoring**  
**Dr. Robert & Mrs. Julia Heidt, Jr.**  
**& The Heidt Family Foundation**

**Saturday,**  
**October 26th, 2019**

**At The Cincinnati Country Club**



**2019 Kendra**  
**Gives Back**  
**Party**

**Wednesday,**  
**November 6, 2019**

**6 - 9 pm**

**At the Kenwood**  
**Kendra Scott Store**



**2020 Annual Sporting Clay Event**

**At Sycamore Gun Club**

**Friday, June 12, 2020**

**8 am – 1:30 pm**