

## Sanborn Gratiot Memorial Home Newsletter



# Generous Donations

As we start the new year and welcome in 2024, we can't help but remember all of the generous donations we received in 2023 and continue to receive in 2024. Many of our supporters and friends chose to give an end of year donation to Sanborn Gratiot Memorial Home and we are most certainly thankful for your generosity. Without the donations of our community, we wouldn't be able to provide the care we give to our most deserving residents.

Recently we received a very generous donation from the trust of Joe and Vivian Martin. Joe and Vivian were long time Port Huron residents. Joe ran Smith Meat Packing for many years and Vivian was chief clerk in the car shop at Grand Trunk Western Railroad. They were both very avid golfers, and they played golf in each of the 50 states, each of the Canadian provinces and in 58 other countries! They also enjoyed a number of cruises, including three world cruises. They traveled to Europe 86 times, made annual trips to Australia and New Zealand for 27 years, and visited numerous other countries and islands.

Joe and Vivian had no children and upon their deaths, money was left in a trust with Touma, Watson, Whaling, Coury and Stremers P.C., with the income to be used to make grants to local various organizations that provide services to residents of the Port Huron Area. We are so grateful to receive this unexpected grant. Their generosity will help provide much needed care for our residents.

If you would also like to make a donation to Sanborn Gratiot Memorial home, please visit our website, [www.sanborngratiot.org](http://www.sanborngratiot.org), and click on the Donate tab.

## Sanborn Gratiot Memorial Home

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Not all donations that we receive are monetary. Sometimes they are material items that are much needed. This is a picture of 3 beautiful hand made blankets donated to Sanborn from a wonderful group of ladies from The Sanborn Auxiliary. In the fall they donated 3 lap quilts they had made. Betty Guigar, Sanborn Manager, was able to give them to homeless residents that came to Sanborn. We would like to thank these generous ladies for putting in the time to create such beautiful blankets and donating them to us so that we can give them to those in need.



## **Retirement Tax Repeal Starts This Year**

Michigan Governor, Gretchen Whitmer, reminded seniors recently that they'll begin to see some savings this year as the state begins to repeal its "retirement tax."

The exemption on retirement income, which reverses a 2011 change, will be phased in over four years. It is among three major tax policy changes that will benefit Michiganders filing personal income taxes by this year's April 15 deadline. Under the new law, Michigan will begin phasing out a 2011 "retirement tax" over the next four years. Once fully implemented in the 2026 tax year, most forms of retirement income, including pensions, 401k and IRA withdrawals, will again be fully exempt from the state's personal income tax rate.

The administration estimates around 500,000 Michiganders will eventually benefit from the retirement income exemption, with an average savings of \$1,000. The phase in will begin for the just completed 2023 tax year, this will mean Michiganders with retirement income will begin to see at least some savings when filing by April 15th.

For more information and complete details, please go to [www.michigan.gov](http://www.michigan.gov) and search for "Retirement Tax Repeal".



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## Sanborn Gratiot Memorial Home's Nomination for The Community Choice Award for the Best of the Blue Water Area

Last year, Sanborn Gratiot Memorial Home was voted as the 2023 Community Choice winner for the Best in the Blue Water Area in the category of Home and Home Services in the subcategory of Assisted/Senior Living. We are so happy to announce that we are once again in the top 5 nominations for the 2024 award in the same category!



Nominations were held in December from the 1st until the 22nd. All the nominations were totaled and the top 5 in each category have been notified that they have made it to the final round. We need your help to win again this year! Voting will begin on February 8th and continue through February 29th. The top three in each category will then be notified in April and will be invited to the final awards gala at the Convention Center that will follow shortly after. Please watch our Facebook page for reminders to vote!

We are truly honored to be nominated again for this award as we try hard every day to take great care of our residents. We look forward to finding out the results and hoping we get to bring home this award once again to our staff and residents to celebrate! We will keep you posted!

## Win a New Boat!!!

If you want a chance to win a new 2023 Sea Ray 190SPX boat, all you have to do is buy a raffle ticket! Tickets are just \$100 each and can be purchased by contacting Kathy Baker at 810-388-1200 or by emailing her at [Baker@bwdh.org](mailto:Baker@bwdh.org), scanning the QR code below, or by going to the Sanborn web page and clicking the purchase tickets link. [www.sanborngratiot.org](http://www.sanborngratiot.org)

**WIN A BOAT  
in 2024!**

If you purchase a ticket and don't win, you will receive triple the amount you spent on the tickets to use towards any NEW boat purchased from Colony Marine between now and 12/31/24.

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**Win a 2023 Sea Ray 190SPX 19'5" & Trailer  
in a raffle benefiting Sanborn Gratiot Memorial Home**

Drawing in July 2024.

Scan QR code to purchase tickets or email [baker@bwdh.org](mailto:baker@bwdh.org)

**TICKETS  
ON  
SALE NOW!!!**



Scan to pay

Sanborn Gratiot Memorial home was recently gifted a \$500 grant to be used within the 2024 calendar year to purchase food to support our residents. This grant was given to us through the generosity of the Stebbins Family Fund established through the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan. The award letter came from the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan and said, "You are an asset to help feed the hungry in your community. This funding is vital for partner agencies such as yours to continue to make an impact in serving those in need."

We thank The Food Bank of Eastern Michigan, The Stebbins Family Fund and the Community Foundation for this much needed donation.

# DUELING PIANOS

## FUNDRAISER



MARCH 8, 2024 | 6:00 PM  
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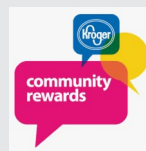
Sanborn Gratiot Memorial Home, Inc. provides residential assisted living for the elderly with a mission to serve lower income seniors who are semi-independent and seeking a secure and affordable residence. We are located near beautiful Lake Huron in Port Huron, Michigan in St. Clair County. Sanborn Gratiot Memorial Home, Inc. is the only "licensed home for the aged" in St. Clair County and the only senior residence with a mission to serve lower income individuals.

Our expanded circa 1890 Victorian style house is comfortable designed for ambulatory individuals and we are licensed to provide care for up to 32 residents age 55 and older. Paraprofessional staff provide 24 hour compassionate care for residents including personal services, laundry, bathing and medication administration. Please see our Activities & Services page for more information.

### Mission

It is the mission of Sanborn Gratiot Memorial Home, Inc. to provide an affordable, comfortable, safe, assisted living home to the aging community while striving to maintain a high quality of life for our residents through social activities and family involvement.

Do you know about Kroger Community Rewards? If you shop at Kroger, you can link your shopper's reward card to earn money for our organization at no cost to you and this will not affect your gas points! This program is designed so that Kroger donates back a percentage of your shopping total to the organization you designate and link to your shopper's reward card. Just go to Kroger.com and scroll to the bottom of the page where it says Community. Click on Community Rewards and follow the instructions to sign up!



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Sanborn Gratiot Memorial Home has been an affiliated organization with United Way of St. Clair County for many years, enabling you to direct your gift to Sanborn Gratiot Memorial Home. Sanborn Gratiot Memorial would like to encourage you to give generously to the United Way of St. Clair County to support its efforts to provide assistance to many deserving community agencies. Take some time to check out the United Way of St. Clair County's website to view current activities, fundraisers, newsletter and information about their current campaign.

Donations to the United Way of St. Clair County can also be made on their website or feel free to call 810-985-8169 to see how you can be an "everyday hero".

Sanborn Gratiot Memorial home is always accepting donations for our residents. Some of the items that we currently need are: Kleenex, Body Wash, Shampoo, Craft Supplies, Comforters and prizes for Bingo.

If you or someone you know would like to donate these wish list items, please feel free to contact Betty Guigar at 810-985-5631 or email her at [Sanborn@bwdh.org](mailto:Sanborn@bwdh.org).

*Make a Difference!*  
**DONATE**

### Endowment Fund

Sanborn Gratiot Memorial Home is proud to partner with the Community Foundation of St Clair County.

The organization has established an endowment fund with the Community Foundation. This fund supports Sanborn Home by helping cover the costs of resident activities, furniture, supplies, and other operating costs that enhance the lives of seniors living in the home.

If you are interested in learning more about the Sanborn Endowment Fund or making a donation please go to:

[www.stclairfoundation.org/fund/the-sanborn-gratiot-memorial-home-endowment](http://www.stclairfoundation.org/fund/the-sanborn-gratiot-memorial-home-endowment)