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Loving Care

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A Loving Legacy

Auburn native Louise Feist Phillips and her husband Joseph had a whirlwind romance in the spring of 1958 and married that summer. Over the course of their 57-year marriage they raised four children. One daughter, Sue Phillips Coe, has been a volunteer at Matthew House for 12 years and is currently the Vice President of our Board of Directors.

Louise was referred to Matthew House and welcomed in the spring of 2017. It was a match made in heaven. After only one night Louise commented that it was the first time she had slept in months and felt like a weight had been lifted off her shoulders.

During Louise's stay at Matthew House her condition improved so much that her family began to make plans for her to return home. Sue believes that her mother's time at Matthew House was "a gift, not only for my mom, but for our whole family, including her four grandchildren, because of the exceptional love and care she received. It was an incredible gift."

Louise decided to leave a legacy and expressed to her children her desire to make a bequest to Matthew House through a provision in her will. Her family contacted their attorney and that change to her will was quickly and easily made.

The families of residents who stay at Matthew House often express their gratitude to the staff and volunteers who make the house the amazing

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Louise Feist Phillips and family comforted by the "incredible gift" of Matthew House.

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A Loving Legacy

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place that it is, and many families give a monetary gift. Louise Phillips went a step beyond when she included Matthew House in her will. Her family emphasized how humble, thoughtful, kind and generous she was to everyone."She always put others ahead of herself," Sue said. "Mom wanted to make sure that other people would have the opportunity to get the love, respect and extraordinary care that she had received at Matthew House."

Louise's loving legacy lives on through her generous donation.

Introducing Superstar Ali

Ali began volunteering at Matthew House when she was just shy of 10 years old. Sue Phillips Coe, a board member and also Ali's godmother, volunteers every week. Ali asked if she could volunteer too. Ali filled out a volunteer application and began coming in with Sue, one day a week after school. Ali immediately loved being at Matthew House.

Ali has earned the title of the youngest volunteer performing light housekeeping, baking, swiffering floors, and reading mail to residents.

Being a regular at Matthew House, Ali has seen all the good it does for the community and was inspired to ask her grandparents, Jack and Kathy, if they would make a donation to Matthew House. They were happy to do so. Not only is Ali our youngest volunteer but she has become our youngest fundraiser!

Ali shows us her bubbly personality, while baking at Matthew House.

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Superstar Volunteer Ali

In Her Own Words

I first started volunteering at Matthew House because
my godmother Sue volunteers at Matthew House
and we were looking for something special to do together.
Volunteering at Matthew House is definitely special!

What I most love about volunteering is
meeting all of the residents.
There is something different and special about each one of them.

My most favorite experience at Matthew House
was Wheezie's birthday party. It was fun to help set-up
and I got to see her smile all day long.

My experiences at Matthew House have taught me
that I can do anything I set out to do,
and that there are always people along the way that
will encourage me to do what is right.

To me, Love means
spending time with someone you care about and feeling
happy and grateful when you are with that person. That is love to me.

When someone passes I feel
sorry and sad for their loved ones, but I also feel happy to know
that they are not hurting anymore.

I would encourage others to volunteer at Matthew House
because it helps you learn more about yourself. It also helps me
feel better about me! If my day isn't going well, I tell myself, "It will be
OK, be calm, you are going to Matthew House tomorrow."

The Many Ways to Give

There are many ways to give to Matthew House. Whether your donation is large or small, once, monthly, or annually, we deeply appreciate your support.

Have you considered making a provision for Matthew House in your will, as Louise Phillips did? (see article pg. 1)

Matthew House relies completely on the generosity of the community to provide its services at no charge to those in need.

A number of years ago, after extensive research and study, Matthew House created an endowment fund under the stewardship of the Central New York Community Foundation.

The board of directors at Matthew House wanted to ensure the house would have the funds to run smoothly during good times and bad. Larger monetary gifts may be thoughtfully designated to the Matthew House endowment.

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