



2021 Annual Report

# PALISADES VILLAGE

Building an Engaged and Supportive Community  
of Neighbors in Berkley, Foxhall, Kent, Palisades,  
Spring Valley, and Wesley Heights



## FROM OUR PRESIDENT...



Dear members, friends, and supporters of Palisades Village, 2021 was a remarkable year in so many ways. The availability of vaccines made many activities possible again and helped us fight isolation, while considerably reducing the health risks posed by COVID-19. It was also a year that tested the effectiveness and flexibility of our service model. I am happy to report that we succeeded in our mission of keeping our community of older adults engaged and thriving.

It was a year where our community of members, volunteers, and donors rallied to support each other and the community at-large. Palisades Village was able to register and provide vaccination clinics for many of our vulnerable members. Our generous donors contributed more than in previous years, knowing we were not able to hold our in-person fundraising events. The DC government, through its Department on Aging and Community Living (DACL), along with other foundations such as the Washington Home Foundation, made generous contributions in recognition of the vital role we play in supporting older adults to remain engaged in their communities and living at home for as long as they can. We are looking forward to pushing our mission further and finding innovative ways to support our older adults, in collaboration with the other 12 Villages in the DC area.

We couldn't have done it without our many volunteers who provide rides to our members, whether to vaccination centers, medical appointments, grocery stores, as well as provide support with technology, and at-home improvements. We also continued our online cultural and educational events, our fitness, wellness, yoga, and "living on purpose" workshops, which all contribute to our quality of life and sense of engagement. We were also able to resume in-person events and hold community events such as our ice-cream social, BBQs, and Happy Hours.

We look forward to a new year, in which new challenges will no doubt surface, but in which we count on you to continue and redouble your support for the work of our Village, be it through your renewed memberships, donations, volunteering hours, and participation in our many activities and events. Together with our new Executive Director, Erica Blanton, and new Assistant Executive Director, Anne Ourand, our Board, and volunteers, we can't wait to continue providing the quality of services and events you have come to expect from us.

**We couldn't do it without you! Thank you!**

Claudia de Colstoun  
President of the Board

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Palisades Village fosters an environment in which all feel safe, valued, and cared for—and are given opportunities to form meaningful connections. We embrace differences in age, race, gender identity/gender expression, sexual orientation, ethnicity, national origin, religion, ability, financial means, education, and political perspective.

# LOOK WHO'S TALKING ABOUT OUR SERVICES

## BY THE NUMBERS

**1421**

Volunteer  
Services



395

Meals Prepared  
& Delivered



497  
Rides

**3184**

TOTAL  
HOURS



338

Phone Calls/Visits



191

Special Deliveries



135

Vaccinations

## MEMBERSHIP & VOLUNTEERS

**78**

Full Members

**138**

Associate Members

**163**

Volunteers

## VIRTUAL & IN-PERSON EVENTS

**21**

Social Events

**363 attending**

**22**

Author Talks &  
Informational Programs  
**over 479 attending**

**6**

Community Events  
**173 attending**

**49**

Total Unique Events  
**1015 attending**

## 10 CLUBS

Book Club, Storytelling, Fitness,  
Yoga, Walking, Memoirs, Art,  
Planner, Games & Mindful Knitting

**1304 participants**



Holiday singalong at the Palisades Farmers Market

Photo by Bill Iverson

“Being involved with Palisades Village has been the most satisfying affiliation I have found since retiring this summer. I look forward to contributing in 2022!” ~ *Mary*

“This program was excellent, should be required for anyone navigating the Medicare Morass!” ~ *Margie*

“I applaud you for all the creative ways the staff have been continuing the work of the Village.” ~ *Sue*

“What a great event that was!! Interesting, and totally relevant to our lives—and our neighborhood.” ~ *Sharon*

“Big thanks to Judy for her heroics here.” ~ *David*

“Thank you so much for the goodies that were left at the door. It reminded me of my grandmother who always had those candies.” ~ *Diana*

“I’m so happy they have enjoyed it and it truly brings me joy to be able to bring happiness to people’s life in any way I can! I love being able to be a part of the community.” ~ *Nicole*

“Thank you for all you have done to keep us informed, healthy, engaged, and entertained during this most difficult pandemic. The Palisades Village connection has truly been a lifeline and we applaud all Palisades staff.” ~ *Debbie*

“Without the Village, I don’t think that my father would have been able to remain at home.” ~ *Robert*

“An “angel” came with soup from PV. The soup was divine, quite delicious and you were so thoughtful.” ~ *Carole*

“Wally came to my house today to change numerous light bulbs. He was great! I can now see clearly! I thank Palisades Village and this volunteer!” ~ *Phyllis*



“I was so impressed by our volunteers who delivered food and flashlights and checked in on our members to make sure that they were safe during the snowstorm. They were a lifeline to their neighbors who did not have power or the ability to drive.”

~ *Erica Blanton, Executive Director, Palisades Village*



## OUR COMMUNITY



### PHOTOS FROM TOP LEFT:

1. MaryAnn, Susan, and Ghislaine enjoy happy hour for our volunteers.
2. Susan & Larry kick up their heels to the live music.
3. Patty's smile is always welcoming.
4. Jameson making a delivery of soup to Julia.
5. Job & Nancie love a parade.
6. Charles & Hakan at our summer picnic.
7. The volunteer Palisades Pan Handlers serve up BBQ in style.

We wish to thank our contributing photographers: Erica Blanton, Bill Iverson, John Loggins, Hakan Lonaesus, and John Stiner.

# PALISADES VILLAGE INCOME AND EXPENSE FOR FY 2021

INCOME	2021	2020
Individual and Business Contributions	\$103,002	\$105,927
Foundation and Government Grants	67,916	41,575
Membership	68,700	77,700
House Tour	----	----
Member and Social Events	151	556
Miscellaneous Income	624	3,535
Andy Mollison Fund (Board Restricted)	1,000	1,100
Campaign for a Future Village	10,000	10,000
Total Income	251,393	240,393
Less:		
Andy Mollison Fund (Board Restricted)	(1,000)	(1,100)
Campaign for a Future Village	(10,000)	(10,000)
Deferred Income	(13,576)	(2,820)
Operating Income	\$226,817	\$226,473
EXPENSE		
Salaries and Benefits	\$131,551	\$154,063
Rent and Equipment	13,279	13,472
Operations	23,541	21,418
House Tour	----	----
Contract Services	10,233	5,386
Member and Volunteer Activities	18,013	6,089
Travel and Meetings	59	154
Operating Expense	196,676	200,582
Net Operating Surplus	\$30,141	\$25,891

Palisades Village is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and files Form 990 and related schedules annually with the Internal Revenue Service. A copy of this Form and related schedules is available in the Office for public viewing.



# OUR SUPPORTERS DURING 2021

## CAMPAIGN FOR A FUTURE VILLAGE

In 2016 the Palisades Village Board of Directors voted to set up an endowment fund to bring additional financial stability to the Village. Members of the Board, Palisades Village members and volunteers have generously contributed to this fund and as of December 31, 2021 over \$271,000 has been raised. The donors to the Campaign to date include the following plus three Anonymous gifts:

Anita & Ken Adams  
Asuncion Aguila & Manuel Penalver  
Kathleen & Thomas Aiello  
Robert Avery  
Christine Baheri  
Martin Bernstein\*  
Janet Bullinger  
Julia Cancio  
Theodore Chaconas  
Mary & Peter\* Clute  
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Phil Potter & Penny Pagano  
Elizabeth Schueler  
Taffy Schwelb  
Marcia Sternfeld  
Robin & John Stiner  
Sally Strain  
Virginia Weschler

If you would be interested in discussing a gift to the Campaign, please contact the office at 202.244.3310 and they will relay this information to the Campaign for a Future Village Committee. Gifts may be made in a variety of ways including stock, transfers from IRAs or through your estate.

\* deceased

## MAJOR DONORS GIFTS (\$10,000+)

Anonymous  
District of Columbia Department  
of Aging and Community Living  
The Washington Home

## GIFTS (\$5,000 - \$9,999)

Anonymous  
The Carol & Gene Ludwig  
Family Foundation  
Char Mollison  
Ernst & Gertrude Ticho Charitable  
Foundation

## GIFTS (\$1,000 - \$4,999)

Anonymous  
Anonymous  
Anita & Ken Adams  
Robert Avery  
Peggy Banks  
Martha & William Bateson  
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Patricia & William Brown  
Janet Bullinger  
Theodore Chaconas  
Mary Clute  
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Claudia de Colstoun & Roberto Werebe  
Jacqueline Denning  
Leonard Egan  
Mary Evans  
Amy Gilbert  
Ronald B. Guttman  
Carol Lynn & William Halal  
Sharon & John Hays  
William & Susan Iverson  
Betty & Frank Langhammer  
Jack & Marion Lipson  
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Susan Messina & Maryann Krayner  
Patricia & Thomas Mollison  
Elaine Murphy  
Ellen & Jim Myerberg  
Arne & Sara Paulson  
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Phil Potter & Penny Pagano  
Ed Ryan & Catie Malone  
Taffy Schwelb  
Francis Seymour & Mike Kopetski  
Linda & Paul Smith  
Robin & John Stiner  
Sally Strain  
Janet Tersoff  
Evan & Osceola Thomas

## BENEFACTORS (\$500 - \$999)

Susanne Albright  
Blake A. Biles & Laura L. Sessums  
Ann Blackman & Michael Putzel  
William & Patricia Brown  
Nancy & Bob Carr  
Andrew & Marie Chiarodo  
David & Mary Jane Cox  
Cinnamon Dornsife & Charles Barber  
Nils & Phi Fostvedt  
Barbara & John Franklin  
MaryAnn Griffin  
Cecelia Hilgert  
Rosalie Ingenito  
Cara & Robert Jablon  
Rosalind Jackler  
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Maya Latynski  
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Marcia Sternfeld  
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Barbara & Christopher Wall  
Don & Natalie Wasserman  
Barbara Culliton Waterfall  
Alec & Judith Watson

## FRIENDS OF THE VILLAGE (\$300 - \$499)

Anonymous  
Sophia & Tod Ackery  
Averyis Andonyadis  
Mary Jane Bilik  
Phyllis Bruns  
Molly Buck  
Susan K. Carhart  
Lauralee & Pat Coady  
Stephen & Sara Day  
Tom DeMuth & Janet Mann  
Job & Ghislaine Dittberner  
Ruth Dodgson  
Molly Donovan & Barry Wepman  
Susan Elliott & Pat Nicolette  
George & Judith\* Farr  
Alma & Harry Gates

## OUR SUPPORTERS DURING 2021



Alicia Juarrero  
Mary & Ted Kingsley  
Burks B. Lapham  
Jude Michaels  
Sally H. Milam  
Ana Ormerod  
Mark & Sushma Palmer  
Patricia Poyma  
Malcolm & Sandy Pritzker  
Martha Ramsey  
Elizabeth Ratigan  
Lee Samuelson  
Jan Smart  
Judith & Russell Smith  
John & Kimberly Snedden  
Hulit & Paul Taylor  
Ahmet Tokpinar & Cecile Fruman  
Frank\* & Jacqueline Tusa  
Deborah Weinberger

### VILLAGE SUPPORTERS (\$100 to \$299)

Asuncion Aguila &  
Manuel Penalver  
Michael Allen & Janice Kaplan  
Gladys Antezana  
Carol & Lawrence Aten  
Margaret & Thomas Adams  
Elaine Bole Baierlein  
Sylvia Becker & Hugh Winkler  
Joan Beg  
Dr. Halcyone Bohen  
Marilyn & Vincent Bono  
Maria Brau  
Dean Brenner & Robin Shaffert  
Ken Buckley & Babsi Bernhardt  
Marcia Bullard & Tom McNamara  
Julia Cancio  
Polly Choate  
Howard Clare  
Bella Combs  
Vera Connelly

Elinor Constable  
Ambassador Frances Cook  
Jared Cornfeld & Laura Phillips  
Sonia Crow  
Dorsey Davidge  
Amanda & Sam Davidoff  
Cristina Del Sesto  
Juan Del Real  
Christina & David Jon Dokken  
Peter & Mary Beth Durant  
Ellen Eyster  
Jane Farrell  
Nancy L. Feldman  
Mary Ann & Peter Floto  
Terumi Gale  
Connie Gelb & Scott Otteman  
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Kathleen Koerner  
Ellen & Dr. Kalman Kolansky  
Debbie Kovach  
Jessica Kramer  
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Elizabeth K. Werner  
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Cindy Lisec  
Eleanor & Roger Lewis  
Katherine Lewis  
Priscilla & David Little  
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Hedwig Pasolini-Zanelli  
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Eileen Romano  
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Teresa Saavedra  
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John & Nancy Seferian  
Anne & Pete Seidlitz  
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Robert Siciliano  
Joanna Smith  
Pamela Smith  
Susan Smith  
Janet & Richard Southby  
James Sprague  
Katherine Sreedhar  
St. David's Parish  
Arden & Frank Staroba  
Dr. John & Margaret Symington  
Dana Tai Soon Burgess  
Frank & Sharon Timmerman  
Stefan & Marilyn Tucker  
Arturo Valenzuela  
Frederik Van Bolhuis  
Samuel Van Culin  
Jack Wells & Heidi Hartmann  
Robert J. Whale &  
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Sharon Wheat-Laster  
Barry White

Sharon Wiener  
Christopher Wolf  
Anne & Fred Woodworth  
Cathy Wright  
Cherry Wyman &  
Philip Mause  
David & Suzy Young

### VILLAGE DONORS (Up to \$99)

Jan Aber  
AmazonSmile Foundation  
Mary Azcuenaga  
Elizabeth Ballard  
Nathaniel Breed &  
Robin White  
Chris Brown &  
Mary Rollefson  
Robert Dean Craycraft  
Deborah K. De Arechaga  
Larry & Terri DeVore  
Darrell Fearn  
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Virginia Sloan  
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Debra Thomas  
John Carlisle Waters  
Andi Wheeler

\*deceased

Palisades Village is deeply grateful for gifts at every level and for the countless hours donated by our many volunteers. Thank you as well to Palisades Community Church and Palisades Hub.

The Village apologizes in advance if your name has been misspelled or inadvertently omitted from the Donors list. Please contact the office by email [info@palisadesvillage.org](mailto:info@palisadesvillage.org) or call 202.244.3310 with the correct information – again our apologies.

*Palisades Village is recognized by the IRS as a 501(c)(3) public charity, and contributions are tax deductible. We welcome contributions online at [www.palisadesvillage.org](http://www.palisadesvillage.org) or by mail.*



# PALISADES VILLAGE COMMUNITY



PHOTOS FROM TOP LEFT:

1. Peggy, MaryAnn, and Susanne prepare for Oktoberfest deliveries.
2. Caroline delivers home-baked treats to Natalie.
3. 100-year old Ruth and fitness instructor William reunite at our Community Happening.
4. Ghislaine & Claudia at our Summer Picnic.

## Palisades Village - How You Can Help

### Join Us!

We offer Full and Associate memberships.

**Full Membership** entitles you to (1) help from volunteers, (2) help in selecting and arranging for services by providers recognized by Palisades Village, (3) *Across the Fence* e-newsletter and weekly calendar and (4) participation in our social, educational, fitness, and cultural activities.

**Annual dues:** \$600 for individuals, \$900 for households.

**Associate Membership** entitles you to all the benefits of regular membership except volunteer services. It's a way to support Palisades Village if you don't

yet need our many volunteer services.  
**Annual dues:** \$300.

**Volunteer.** Join our cadre of dedicated volunteers and reap all the rewards of helping your fellow neighbors while giving back to your community. Can you share your time and talents by volunteering? If so, call the office today!

### Contact Information

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Washington, DC 20016-0403

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info@palisadesvillage.org  
www.palisadesvillage.org

## Board & Staff

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Charles Lanman (Foxhall)  
Char Mollison (Palisades)  
Arne Paulson (Foxhall)  
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Erica Blanton, *Executive Director*  
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