Introducing the Steve & Mary Mattson Fund

By Anne Marie Hansen, President & Founder

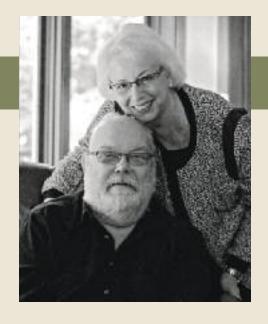
I am honored to introduce to you a couple I met 16 years ago. When I first opened the home in Minnetonka, Steve and Mary Mattson listened to the dream and vision I had for Gianna Homes and the model of care I felt called to offer to those with memory loss. At the time, the concept of a residential care home like Gianna Homes was far outside the norm of long-term care models in Minnesota and not only was the concept not readily accepted, it was highly criticized. However, Steve and Mary immediately believed in the model and the more social approach to care that I was envisioning for those with dementia. They committed in very tangible ways to supporting our organization by financially helping out with the initial remodel and addition that we did that first summer.

Over time Steve, a successful businessperson, became my go-to person for solid and candid business advice. Many years ago, I put this question to Steve after a time when the Mattsons had again shown significant generosity to our organization: "Steve, why are you so generous to us, so kind?" He said to me, "Anne Marie, God put you and I together for some reason: so that together we could do something beautiful for Him in this world." How true that has been as I look back on the many lives we have touched in the past years. I am truly blessed to call this amazing couple my friends!

At the end of May this year, Steve and Mary had one of those moments in life that stops you in your tracks. Steve was diagnosed with a Glioblastoma brain tumor, and since then their lives and that of their family has taken a different course than they had planned. Steve's journey over the past many months has been challenging as the tumor has relentlessly and rapidly continued to grow.

Over the summer and fall, I have had the honor of hanging out with Steve as he recovered from two brain surgeries. I've learned so much about him, his personal mission of stewardship and how to live with peace in your heart and acceptance of what is. As Steve would tell you, he and Mary have been richly blessed with the wealth and goods of this world but they matter little to them in comparison to the relationships with his family, friends, the children of Haiti and the residents and families of Gianna Homes whom he and Mary love dearly.

This couple has shown me what really matters in life, namely that is how well we LOVE OTHERS and intentionally live out each moment of every day. We are thrilled to re-name our Resident Care Fund to the Steve and Mary Mattson Fund in honor of this inspiring couple.





Watch Steve and Mary's account of what Gianna Homes means to them and their journey with us by supporting the "Carls" of the world.

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79%. Resident Services (\$1,002,772)

General Administrative (\$194,664) 15% Fundraising (\$72,471)

In thousands (5)	2014	2015
Assets		
Current Assets including Cash	\$29,702	\$44,480
Fixed Assets	\$890,045	\$868,653
Other Assets	\$77,561	\$76,785
TOTAL ASSETS	\$997,308	\$989,918
Liabilities and Net Assets	100	
Current Liabilities	\$250,963	\$200,756
Long Term Debt	\$551,346	\$474,471
Net Assets	\$194,999	\$314,691
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$997,308	\$989,918

Financial Highlights

Upgrades were made in 2015 to the telephone system, HIPPA required security and software updates, and the web site.



In addition to providing support to the residents, Gianna continues to support the greater community by hosting monthly Lewy Body Dementia Support Groups, developing Music Therapy professionals through hosting interns, and supporting the Alzheimer's Association through their annual events.