

The
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NEWS

By Marny Stuart, Executive Director

Envisioning the Future . . . One Gift at a Time

Lou Davis Makes Generous Gift to Six Keys Fund

On August 19, 2019, Member Lou Davis stepped into the Foundation office and handed me a check for **\$10,000**. This check was designated for a new Fund created under the umbrella of The Glenridge Charitable Foundation (GCF). Just the day before, CEO Jim Cater announced to the Membership the creation of this new Fund — the Six Keys Fund — which was created specifically to support the transformation of the Members' Wellness Center to the Center for Healthy Living that would include a medical clinic called the Living Well Clinic.

Mrs. Davis said that she was inspired to make this gift because it is an investment in Members' wellness.



*Lou Davis,
Foundation supporter and friend.*

She commented that she is proud to live in a community that is a leader in the retirement industry by staying in the forefront through unique and innovative ways. She further stated, *"My life since coming to The Glenridge in 2011 has been blessed with the usually well-planned services here at The Glenridge that give us physical comfort, maintenance services, great dining, intellectual stimulation, artistic and theatrical challenges, new friendships, and through our Foundation the opportunity to help others. I wanted to say 'Thank You' for all you do for us."*

Six Keys Fund Receives Second Gift from Lou Davis

With the announcement that the Living Well Clinic had passed its licensing inspection by the Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA), Lou Davis once again appeared in the Foundation office with a second **\$10,000** check earmarked for the Six Keys Fund. She knew that once licensed, the Living Well Clinic would need to be stocked with supplies in preparation of opening. She also believed that the new Center would benefit the entire Glenridge community.

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*Lou Davis, making friends
wherever she goes.*

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Thank you Mrs. Davis for your foresight and generosity to The Glenridge Charitable Foundation and for your years of support to the Glenridge family. All Glenridgers will benefit from your philanthropy.

In the future, the Center for Healthy Living will be renamed the Kamberg Center in honor of Tina and Hans Kamberg. We recently shared with you the commitment of a \$2 million gift from Tina Kamberg to be used for the construction of this facility. Once constructed, it will be a new building on GPR's campus that will house various Six Keys' themed wellness and physical support services

for the Independent Members including: the Living Well Clinic, Living Well at Home Private Duty Home Health Agency, Living Well Rehabilitation and Therapy Center and other resource departments.

To date, Members have donated \$46,400 to the Six Keys Fund. If you are interested in making a contribution to this Fund, or to any of the other Glenridge supported funds, please feel free to contact Marny Stuart, Executive Director, in the Foundation office at 941-552-5302. Your gift will be graciously accepted.

Member Gifts Exceed Campaign Goal!

\$57,347.53



Since our Team Member Emergency Assistance Fund (TMEAF) Campaign started to help our staff who suddenly had unforeseen financial difficulties due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, GPR Members have raised more than our \$50,000 goal to help Team Members in need. The Glenridge Charitable Foundation began its campaign on March 20, 2020, when it saw a need to help our Team Members whose families were negatively affected by the Government Shutdown. The Campaign, which ended earlier this month exceeded its goal by 14.7% and raised \$57,347.53!

While Glenridge's Team Members have remained employed during the COVID-19 Pandemic, many of their spouses lost their jobs or the Team Members, themselves, lost a second job they had. Because of the generosity of 108 GPR Members who donated to the TMEAF, The Foundation has helped Team Members in need to pay 32 bills, totaling \$23,276.78. As the Pandemic continues and our economy slowly reopens, it is reassuring to know that the TMEAF continues to be available to our Team Members should they need its financial support.

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In commenting on the success of this fundraiser, GCF's Chairman, Howard Crowell, Jr. stated, ***"It did not surprise me at all that Glenridge Members donated to this relief effort. During the strictest part of our recent lockdown, Team Members took on many different roles to keep us all safe. It was rewarding to see the Members respond in such a positive and generous way.***



*Howard Crowell,
GCF Chairman*

What is even more remarkable is the fact that 40 Members were first time donors to The Foundation. It is my hope that these new donors will stay involved with The Foundation having now gained firsthand knowledge of how easy it is to use and the many benefits of having this service available to them."

Words of Appreciation ...

The Foundation has received numerous notes of appreciation for the Fund's financial support. Some comments include . . .



"I want to thank the Foundation for helping me out with my rent. I'm forever grateful for the grant. It really helped my son and me out with the whole pandemic."

"I can't thank you enough for the help you've given me during this difficult time. I once read that you can learn a lot about the heart of an organization by how they treat their employees during difficult times. The heart of The Glenridge is big and kind. Thank you."

"I want to thank the Glenridge Foundation for helping me and my family. It really helped a lot. God bless you all."

"Muchas gracias!"

If you would like to make a tax deductible donation to the TMEAF or any of the other Glenridge supported funds, please feel free to contact Marny Stuart, Executive Director, at 941-552-5302. She will gladly help you with your charitable giving.

Academy Awards 2020 Scholarships

Foundation Money at Work – 17 Students Receive Scholarships

Bunny Nesbit, Dean of the Glenridge Academy, can attest that lifelong learning is one of the basic fundamentals The Glenridge was built on sixteen (16) years ago. It is one of the key elements that separates the *good* retirement homes from our *great* Life Fulfilling Community and helps define the Glenridge Difference.

In 2010, Dean Nesbit introduced the Academy's Scholarship Program. That first year, the Academy awarded two Scholarships. During the ensuing years with the continuing support of the GPR Membership, the Academy has awarded 76 Scholarships, including 17 Scholarships this year.

Funding for this Program comes from Glenridge Members. Since the launch of the Glenridge Charitable Foundation in December 2016, Members have donated nearly \$121,100 to the Academy, which made it possible for the Academy to award **\$51,000** in scholarships this year.

This year's program attracted 31 applicants. Scholarship applicants are defined as Team Members and children and/or grandchildren of Team Members. (A grandchild must live with the Team Member to be an eligible participant.) Twenty-four (24) eager learners went on to compete in this year's program.

Judging the competition was the responsibility of a seven (7) Member Selection Committee. Each section of Phase II was given a point value and all of the results for all twenty-four (24) candidates by each of the judges were reduced to a mathematical equation. After two days of calculating, auditing, and re-auditing the numbers, the winners were decided upon and notified by mail as to the status of their application. Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the annual Scholarship Awards Ceremony, which is attended by the recipients, their families, guests, and the Members, was canceled and recipients received their Academy Scholarship money by mail.

According to Dean Nesbit, *"Each year the*



*Bunny Nesbit,
Dean of the Glenridge Academy*

competition gets tougher and tougher. With Advanced Placement classes, many students graduate high school with college credits already earned. Students are more in tune with what they want out of an education and how to achieve it. This year's recipients showed a resiliency not seen before the Pandemic. On-line learning took on a whole new meaning with high schools and college campuses closed for the remainder of the school year. Because of that, I am especially proud of this year's recipients."

Dean Nesbit continued, *"I would also like to thank the Selection Committee for all of their hard work. This year was especially difficult with 24 worthy candidates vying for a sought-after Academy Scholarship. The Committee worked hard to evaluate each applicant on their own merits. I could not do this year-after-year without their help."*

Scholarship Winners Announced

Let's meet this year's Scholarship recipients:

Our first “family affair” Scholarship recipients this year are all daughters of Sous Chef, Carlos Escobar. His three daughters — twins Briana and Gabriella and their younger sister, Kayla — all earned 2020 Academy Scholarships.

Briana Escobar has been a member of the Wait Staff team for nearly seven (7) years. She is currently studying Accounting at the University of South Florida in Tampa. She will be graduating this fall with her degree in Accounting and plans to continue her education until earning a Master's degree. Her goal is to become a CPA and a tax attorney. This is Briana's fifth Academy Scholarship.



Her twin sister, **Gabriella**, at one time was also a Glenridge employee and a member of the Wait Staff team. She is currently studying Psychology at the University of Florida in Gainesville. Her career goal is to earn a Ph.D. in Counseling Psychology. To help her in this endeavor, she is already preparing for the Ph.D. program by being a research assistant in a developmental research lab at the University and participating in a volunteer training program at the Alachua County Crisis Center in Gainesville.



Kayla Escobar's goals are as different as can be from her sisters. As a first time recipient, she plans to continue her education in Environmental & Natural Resources at Clemson University in Clemson, South Carolina. Her career goal is to become an Environmental Analyst and work for the Environmental Protection Agency. Her passion for the environment started in high school when she organized and hosted her first beach cleanup. Now, she has created a Community Service Committee within her sorority, Delta Zeta, which is dedicated to implementing green initiatives, including recycling and campus cleanups.



Our second “family affair” of Scholarship recipients is not new to The Glenridge family. The Taylor family has received multiple scholarships over the years. This year, a brother and sister team are repeat winners. Let's meet them:

Carson Taylor has been a member of the Wait Staff team for three (3) years. He is currently attending the State College of Florida in Bradenton where he is studying Statistics. After earning his associate's degree, he plans to transfer to Florida State University to earn a bachelor's degree and continue on for a master's degree in Statistics. This education will allow him to pursue his career choice of teaching math and statistics at either the high school or college level.



Carson's sister, **Halsey**, has been associated with The Glenridge for seven (7) years as a member of the Wait Staff team. She completed her undergraduate work at the University of Central Florida in Orlando. This past May she entered a master's program at Nova Southeastern University in Fort Lauderdale to further her studies in Speech Language Pathology. She intends to use her education to help children who have motor disabilities and language impairments.



Other recipients include:



Justin Bodfield is the son of Security Guard, Toby Bodfield. He is working toward his master's degree at the nationally recognized Sports Management Program at Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton. He is a first generation college student and a repeat recipient of an Academy Scholarship, having also received an Academy Scholarship in 2019.



Team Member, **Alex Cela**, has been with The Glenridge for two (2) years. He works as a Dietary Aide. He, too, is a repeat recipient of an Academy Scholarship. Alex is attending the State College of Florida in Bradenton and is enrolled in a Biomedical Sciences curriculum working toward a degree in Physical Therapy.



Studying Interdisciplinary Entrepreneurship at Florida Gulf Coast University in Fort Myers is a repeat Academy Scholarship recipient, **Bridget Clancy**. Bridget has been with The Glenridge since June 2017 and is a member of the Wait Staff team. Most recently, she has volunteered to be a part of the team that grocery shops daily for our Members. She hopes to someday own her own company or help others launch their business dreams.



With aspirations of becoming a doctor, **Morgan Corbridge**, has been with The Glenridge for three (3) years. She is a member of the Wait Staff team and is also a repeat recipient of an Academy Scholarship. Driven to focus her attention in the medical field, Morgan is motivated by family healthcare issues. Morgan attends Florida State University in Tallahassee and is studying Biological Sciences.



Currently enrolled in a Registered Nurse Program at the State College of Florida (SCF) in Bradenton is LPN **Helen Giannis**. In order to be accepted into the SCF RN Transition Program, a student must complete over 20 prerequisite college courses in addition to having an LPN designation. Her goals are to complete her program in February 2021 and obtain her license as a RN. Helen has been employed by the Carroll Center for nearly four (4) years and is also a repeat recipient of an Academy Scholarship.

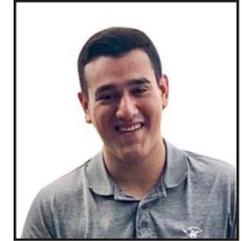


Heading north to attend college this fall is first time recipient, **Maria (Sofia) Mercado Arevalo**. She is the daughter of our employee, Flora Arevalo Bermudez, a CNA in the Highlands. Sofia will be attending Boston College in Massachusetts to study Computer Science. She believes the field of Computer Science offers many different careers – from data analysis to artificial intelligence and to machine learning. She also realized early on that this career choice demands a great deal of math and she was a member of the Math National Honor Society while in High School.

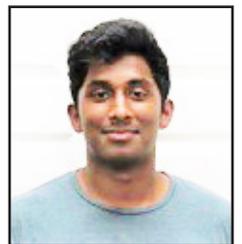
Pursuing a career in Nursing is **Jorge Moraga**, a three (3) year member of the Wait Staff team. Jorge is currently attending the State College of Florida in Bradenton. His passion for this career goal started when he was a child. His mother is a nurse and she worked at a hospital near their home, which he frequently visited while growing up. Furthering his interest in this field, he has been a volunteer in the Carroll Center, which has given him additional insight into the life of a nurse. This is Jorge's first Academy Scholarship.



As a first-generation student, **Adrian Novella's** goals have been to achieve excellence and strive for success. He believes he can accomplish this by attending the University of South Florida in Tampa to study Criminology, which will ultimately lead to law school and becoming an attorney. In high school, he attended an internship class that allowed him to interact with the state attorneys and he participated in a teen court program, which provided him with a different perspective of the court's composition. Adrian is the son of Lourdes Caballero, a member of the Housekeeping Team.



Repeat recipient, **Sachin Pavuluri**, has been awarded an Academy Scholarship both of the years he has been employed as a member of the Wait Staff team. He is studying Nutritional Sciences in a pre-med program at the University of Florida in Gainesville. Sachin would like to become an Orthopedic Surgeon knowing that after earning his bachelor's degree, he will be required to take four (4) years of medical school, and then apply for a five-year orthopedic surgery residency program.



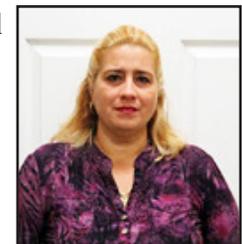
It's never too late to change your career goals. Just ask **Keely Quinn**, a Line Cook who has been with GPR for three (3) years. Originally desiring to become a Dental Hygienist, her aspirations have now shifted to becoming a Registered Nurse. Thankfully, most of her already earned classes will apply toward her new pre-requisites. Keely will continue her studies at the State College of Florida in Venice. The field of nursing interested her more as to the types of environments and specialized fields a nurse can pursue, i.e. in a hospital setting, doctor's office, or even here at The Glenridge. Keely is a repeat Academy Scholarship recipient.



Anja Rmus, a two-year member of the Wait Staff team and daughter of Highland's CNA Sandra Rmus, will graduate in December with a double major of Political Science and International Studies from the University of Florida in Gainesville. She is currently studying for her Law School Admissions Test with the hope of attending law school to study International Law. She would someday like to be involved in UN Women, a branch of the United Nations, committed to ending gender inequality. Anja has been awarded an Academy Scholarship three (3) times.



Wanting to earn a Bachelor's of Science degree in Nursing is our Registered Nurse, **Grethel Trujillo**. She is working toward this degree at West Coast University in Dallas. Grethel immigrated to the United States from Cuba, where she was a physician. She would like to use a BNS degree toward ultimately becoming a Nurse Practitioner. Grethel joined The Glenridge as a Registered Nurse in November 2019. This is her first Academy Scholarship.



Congratulations to all 17 of this year's Academy Scholarship recipients. We wish you well as you continue your educational journey. The GCF would also like to thank the Glenridge Members for their continuing donations in support of this program. And, we would like to recognize Academy Dean, Bunny Nesbit, for her dedication and commitment to this program, which has *flourished* under her leadership.

GLENRIDGE CHARITIES NEED YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT

THE GLENRIDGE ACADEMY SCHOLARSHIP FUND



was established by The Glenridge Academy for the purpose of providing scholarships to the Glenridge staff members or their children and grandchildren who are living with them. The Academy, which is dedicated to lifelong learning, awards scholarships annually.

THE GLENRIDGE BENEVOLENCE FUND



was established to assist Glenridge Members whose financial status has changed and who are no longer able to pay their regular charges. The fund was established to sustain the Glenridge Members in need and to build a legacy for those who may need assistance in the future.

THE GLENRIDGE PERFORMING ARTS ENDOWMENT FUND



was established to support the theater program at The Glenridge. Donations received are used for needed theater equipment or can be used to build the program's endowment to support the performing arts programs that cannot pay for themselves.

The Glenridge Charitable Foundation

(GCF) raises money to benefit the greater Sarasota community through restricted gifts for a number of charities serving local, state, and national organizations. The GCF was established in 2016, and its supporters make significant contributions through generous gifts designated as restricted and unrestricted gifts. Additionally, the Foundation receives donations that may be given for the purpose of funding one or more of the listed funds, or establishing a new fund within The Glenridge on Palmer Ranch.



THE GLENRIDGE TEAM MEMBER EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE FUND



was established to help staff members who find themselves in an unexpected financial crisis. Staff members may be helped through grants or loans depending on their unique circumstances.

THE GLENRIDGE COMPASSION FUND



was established to provide assistance to Glenridge Members who suffer the loss or separation of a loved one due to physical or neurological deterioration or through death. The Compassion Fund provides funding for the Chaplaincy program available to all Members who need emotional and spiritual support services at a time of a life changing event.

THE GLENRIDGE SIX KEYS FUND



was established to support the transformation of the Members' Wellness Center to The Center for Healthy Living embracing the Six Keys to Living Well[®] — physical, emotional, spiritual, social, financial, and mental. Member services will be enhanced with specialized staff members and through the creation of a Glenridge in-house private duty home care agency and an on-site clinic.