

FRIENDS OF MENUCHA FOUNDATION

2020 DONOR IMPACT REPORT

A Year of Upheaval, Courage, Grace, Determination - and most of all - Hope

Spencer Parks, Executive Director

It's no secret that most of 2020 has been a dark time for all of us. The uncertainty, the economic hardships and the loss that the pandemic has caused have been overwhelming. And while we know that we're not alone, we have profoundly felt all of these things at Menucha. Throughout this difficult time we have been grateful for your emotional and financial support. On so many levels, both have kept us going when we might otherwise have failed.

Now, with the light at the end of the tunnel growing brighter, we will continue to prepare the facilities and our staff for a time when we can return to fully, robustly serving our community. We hope it won't be long now. We remain very hopeful.

Susan Hedlund, Board Chair, Friends of Menucha Foundation

People have continued to express their love for Menucha, the mission, and its survival. Many have shared their hope to return when it is safe to do so. And when we reached out, you answered. Your donations have sustained Menucha in these many months. Our fixed expenses have been covered and we will emerge from this crisis strong, and ready to resume the healing and sacred work that is Menucha's purpose.

Thank you seems hardly enough. We are more than grateful for your support.

Mission, Vision, Values

Menucha's mission is enriching lives through hospitality, learning, reflection and renewal.

We encourage and support purposeful work in this sacred space so that those who come here will return to their own communities rejuvenated and better able to serve their fellow human beings.

We also believe that people are better emotionally, physically, and spiritually when they are gathered into nurturing communities.



"With appreciation for the beautiful land, enriching programs, and remarkable staff. Thank you for building communities of care."

Staff

Menucha typically employs around 65 people over a calendar year in a variety of positions, with more during our busy months. Regrettably, in 2020 we never got to those busy times and our staff shrank in response to the mandated changes brought on by the pandemic. However, our core staff remained and has worked tirelessly to sustain Menucha. We quickly adapted to collaborating from a distance and connecting with our community even though we couldn't see them in person.



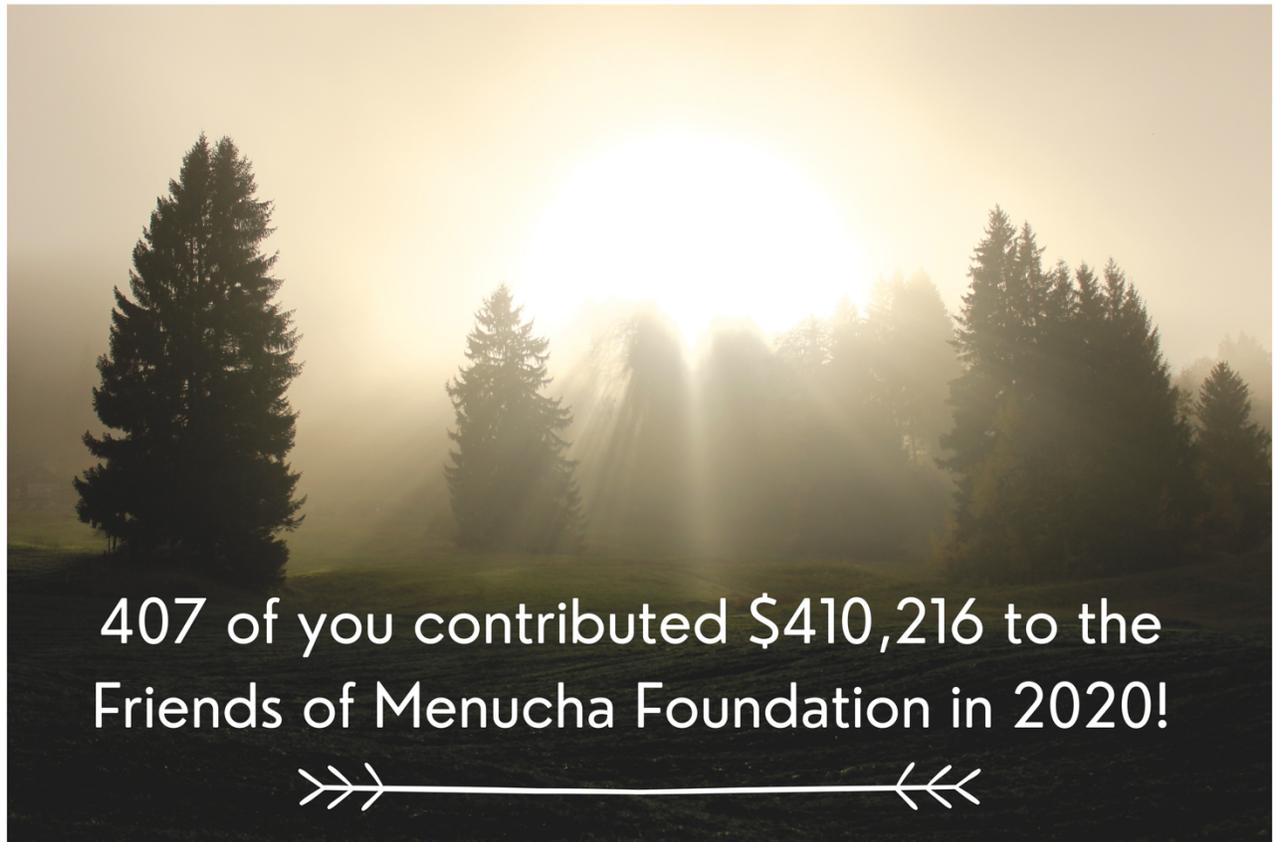
Leadership

Menucha is overseen by the Menucha Commission through First Presbyterian Church (FPC). There is a chair and usually 10-14 commissioners who primarily come from the FPC congregation, though as many as three may be community members. Their work covers what you would typically expect, including financial, program, and operational oversight.

The Friends of Menucha Foundation fills the role of fundraising, development, and meeting the strategic needs of this special place. Their board is typically comprised of a chair and five members. Among other things, they are responsible for raising funds and sharing good news and gratitude with our community.

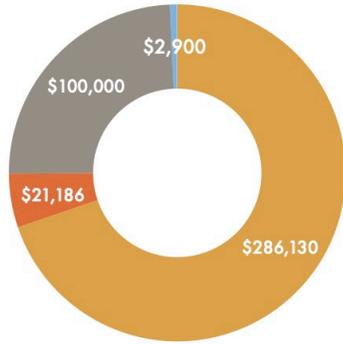
"All of you - staff, commission, and foundation - have been an inspiration in your tenacity, creativity, generosity in every form, and dedication to preserving and even making Menucha a special place for more people."

Your Support



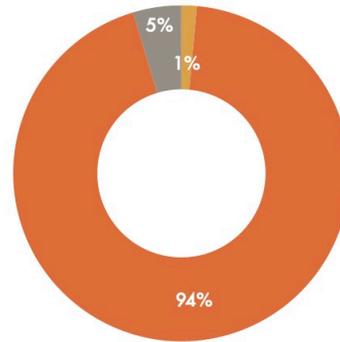
"Menucha has been the magical and sacred space for hosting our annual gathering for the past thirty years. In this incredibly unique environment, our participants examine their personal skills, passions and values, as well as the future contributions they will offer to the world."

2020 Donations and Pledges



- Revive and Restore Menucha
- Menucha Fund and Menucha Memberships
- Wright Hall - Upgrading Sleeping Quarters
- Targeted Giving - Room to Renew, Greening, Mesirow Garden

2020 Donors

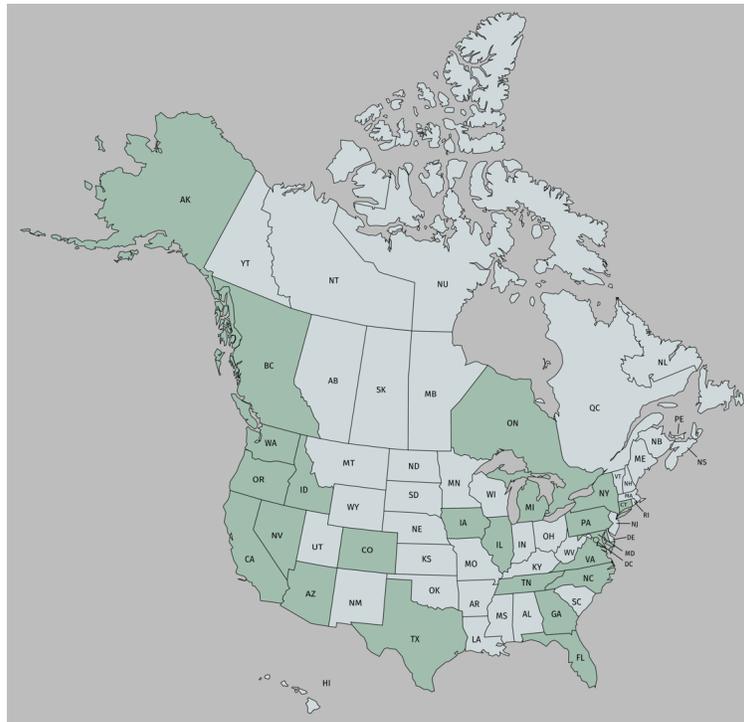


- Organizations
- Individuals
- Foundations

228 donors made their first gift to the Friends of Menucha Foundation in 2020!



Donations came in from across North America!

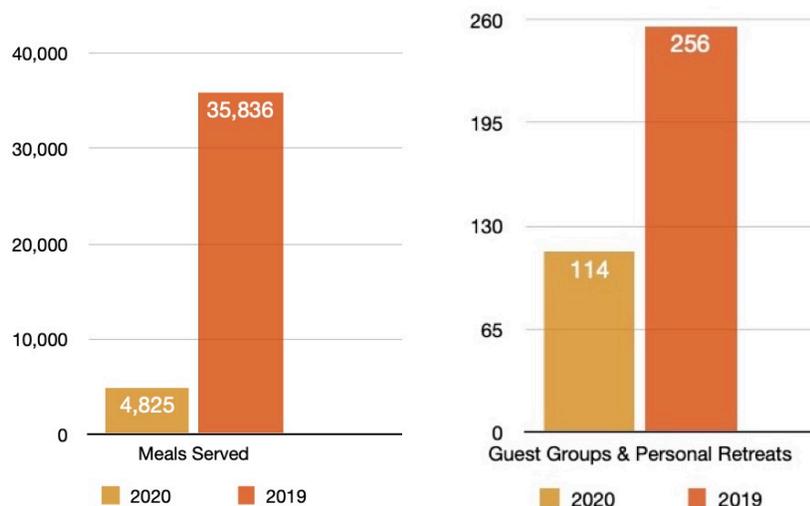


"My dear friends at Menucha, we are happy to make a gift to your campaign. Hope your fundraising efforts far surpass your expectations. LONG LIVE MENUCHA!"

What Your Support Allowed Us to Do

While this year wasn't anything like the usual, here's how we were able to serve our community:

Menucha's Own Programs		
	2020	2019
Programs - In Person	4	20
Program Participants - In Person	46	534
Programs - Online	5	0
Program Participants - Online	120	0
Concerts - In Person	0	2
Concert Guests - In Person	0	240
Concerts - Online	2	0
Concerts - Online Views	500	0



Despite losing nearly a million dollars of revenue in 2020
(about 75% of our expected income),
Menucha was able to endure through a combination of
spending down reserves, getting creative
(weddings, online programs, more personal retreats),
and most of all, the generosity of our friends and community!





In July of 2020, an anonymous donor presented us with an amazing gift, and an opportunity. We had begun raising money in 2019 for upgrades in Wright Hall, but had utilized those funds quickly. This generous gift allows us to complete the work we had begun as well as purchase new beds, mattresses, and all other furnishings to completely transform the Wright Hall bedrooms. The donor shared how important our hospitality has been in their life and the lives of countless others.

This staggering and generous donation feels like such a vote of confidence in Menucha, especially during a pandemic.

And while the supply chain for furniture has been unpredictable, we've already received half of our new mattresses - bought locally! And staff are busy refinishing floors and completing painting. We can't wait for you to see it when the work is done!



"Thank you for providing a warm, welcoming, and nourishing space. My accommodation was absolutely perfect! And the land is pure magic."

Creative Fundraising in 2020

Though we couldn't hold Summer Fair or our annual Fall Dinner, we generated several new fundraising ideas for Menucha.

Menucha's staff presented a matching challenge in August and you answered with 30 donations totaling nearly \$5,000!



We offered a drawing for a Getaway to Menucha which brought in 85 new donations and a winner - congratulations once again to Estelle Brunner!



In October, the Creative Arts Community co-hosted Plein Air Day at Menucha. Twelve artists joined us and all together raised over \$1,200.



Just before the end of 2020, the Friends of Menucha Stewards set a bold challenge - offering to match gifts up to a total of \$10,000 + donating an additional \$6,000 if we met our goal by Giving Tuesday.

Not only was the goal met, but 19 donors contributed \$16,575 crushing our goal and ensuring Menucha ended the year with much needed funds to cover our fixed expenses.



"Menucha Friends, Thank you so very much for creating and sustaining your welcoming hospitality in the face of hard times. You have made a great difference in my life and I am so grateful for those gifts."

Gratitude

At Menucha, we're counting our blessings even during a pandemic.

We are grateful...

- to be able to welcome people to the property, even if just on a small scale.
- for the technology which enables us to offer online programs with musicians and artists.
- for friends and volunteers and donors whose love and support are helping to sustain us.
- that the feelings of peace and serenity that arise in guests' hearts from being here cannot be taken away by a pandemic.
- to the guest groups who fundraised within their own communities.
- for those who've offered their testimonial on what Menucha means to them.

"Menucha has been kind to me, as an artist in retreat there, as a workshop leader, and as a participant in a conference on the grounds. In each case, the peaceful natural surroundings, the contemplative pathways, the hospitable staff, and the heritage of solitude at Menucha have empowered deep thought and creative discovery. Menucha is one of the treasures of our region."



We also want to gratefully acknowledge each of those who have generously supported the Friends of Menucha Foundation in 2020.

January 1, 2020 - December 31, 2020

Aldrich, Greg and Susan
AmazonSmile Foundation
Ambrose, Katherine
Anderson, Katrina
Anonymous (21)
Babatunde, John and Grace
Badurina, Marilyn
Bailey, Mrs. Denise
Baker, Janita and Robert
Baker, Rachel
Barber, Jennie
Barnett, Peter
Barr, Donald and Edythe
Barriatua, Bob
Battee, Annie
Bayma, Louise
Beardslee, Ron
Beaudry, Beau
Bell, David
Bender, Paul
Bennett, Susan
Bergdorf, Suellen
Berry, Anna
Bjerke, Nancy
Bjerre, Robert and Irma
Blomberg, Norma and Walt
Blomgren, Doug and Ann Bartsch
Blum, Robert and Carol Black
Bodtker, Egon and Diana
Bolar, Caroline
Boos, Sara
Bovee, Douglas
Bowler, Sharon and Norm
Bradley, Colin
Branchflower, Norm and Nancy
Brask, Otto and Minna
Brogan, Marianne
Brooks, Suzanne
Brown, Jann
Brown, Rebecca
Browne, Bruce
Brummer, Jeff and Alisa
Bryce, Graham and Sharley
Bulkeley, Bob and Joyce MacWilliamson
Burden, Harold
Burgel, Linda
Burroughs, Sandra
Butler, Paul and Grace
Cain, Leonard and Roberta Badger-Cain
Callison, Preston and Anna
Candace Primack Art
Candey, Scott and Nora
Canup, Mike
Caplan, Rob
Carlson, Priscilla and Karen Wells
Carrier, Philip
Carrall-Fifield, Peter
Cason, Mary P.
Castanares, Jana and Jean LaDuke
Castanares, Tina
Castles, Pat
Cautley, David
Chase, Debra
Chesler, Nancy
Christadelphians
Christensen, William
Chu, Micah and Foy White-Chu
Clark, Barbara
Clark, Jim and Pam Kotila Clark
Clay, Keene and Peg Kenaga
Clemens, Arlene
Cline, Mitch and Kris Dinkel
Clinical Pastoral Education, Legacy Health
Systems
Cohen, Cloie and Joe Simmons
Cohen, Milt
Cone-Jennings Family Reunion
Conlon, Joan
Conyne, Greg and Barbara
Cook Jr., John
Crane, David and Wendy
Crane, Scott and Katie Long
Creative Arts Community
Crow, Rev. David and Beverly
Crowell Jr., John
Crowell, David and Helen
Cusick, Tim and Suzanne
Danielson, Melissa
Deming, Jonathan

Deming, Lauren and Will
DeSpain, Becky
Dixon, Leonard
Donahue, Jan
Downie, Nancy A.
Driver, Clint
Dubesa, Elaine
Dubitsky, Lisa and Joseph Brady
DuCharme, Christy
Duke, Norm and Sylvia
Dunaif, Donna
Dusenbury, Jay
Edmonds, Patricia
Edmundson, Morna
Edwards, Rev. Doug and Vena
Ehrman, Diane and Joseph III
Eriksen, Nancy
Evans, John and Joyce
Facebook Fundraisers (3)
Fales, Donald and Norma
Fay, Darlene
Felix, Bruce and Audrey Schindler
Fessler, Thomas and Cindy
Fidelity Charitable
Finch, Cindy
Fish, Jerry and Sally
Fisher, Joy
Fogelquist, Ross
Foote, Derek
Foote, Gerry
Foote, Steve
Forest Grove High School
Forrester, Kent and Marie
Forshee, Helen
Framow-Wong, Linda and Susan
Frick, Cindy
Fritschi, Mike
Gabrielson, Kristin
Galluzzo, Father James, Urban Spirituality
Center
Garner, Kathryn
Gasster, Deborah
Gates, Keith
Gerner, Wayne and Laura Mackenzie
Gies, Carol
Gilliam, Julie
Gilmour, Anne and Ridge
Gliebe, Mark
Gloekler, EH and Inga
Goertz, Mike and Barbara
Goldman, Sachs & Co. Matching Gift Program
Graves, Adam
Gray, Louise
Grewe, Chris and Susan
Growing Towards Wisdom
Gysel, Steve
Haglund Family
Haight, Deborah
Hall, David and Kathy
Halsey, Dave and Jan
Halvorsen, Frank and Karen
Hamar, Rosalind
Hammond, Carl and Peggy
Hampton, David and Carolyn
Hansen, Eric
Harding, Trish
Hardt, Ulrich
Harrington, Bob
Harrison, Nancy
Havey, Nancy
Heater, Marianne
Hecht, Geo
Hedlund, Susan and John Walling
Heidegger, Jane
Helmer, John III and Jennifer
Helmstetter, CJ
Hill, Kathryn
Hilty, Kendra
Hinman, Heidi
Hoder, Kevin and Patty Macfarlane-Hoder
Hoder, Maurine
Hoffman, Richard
Holmquist, Dr. Solveig
Horst Family
Hudson, Dennis
Huffman, Michele
Hughes, Tom and Gayle
Hunn, Eugene
Hunt, Danielle

Icenogle, Marlin and Nancy
Jackson, Lois
James, Heather
Jennings, Ben
Jennings, Ronald and Marilyn
Jensen, John and Emily Jo
Jepsen, Bonnie
Jessee, Emily
Johnson, Bruce and Heather
Johnson, Warren and Linda
Joiner, Sarah
Jones, Glenn and Beverly
Joseph, Debra
Kato, Daniel
Kauffman, John
Kaufman, Murlan and Ginny Bistodeau
Kaufmann, Kate
Kaye, Ted and Debbie
Kayser, Bruce
Kelly, Clancy
Kennedy, Gordon
Kenney, John and Judy Lynch-Kenney
Kenyon, Jim
Kimpko, Angie
King, Sharon Rackham
Kirkbride, Dale and Carol
Klein, Aron - Partnership for Safety and Justice
Knapp, Kristan
Kolba, Karen
Kremzar, Lucia
Kuehner, Barbara
Kuoni, Jim
Kurkinen, Tim and Kim
Kusa, Maria Ilona
Lacy, Debra
Laird, Bill and Mary Ellen
Lambertsen, Paul
Langford, Terry and Thad
Larson, John and Mary
Lawson, Val
Leader, Janet
Leamy, John and Donna
Leatherwood, David and Janet
Lee, Rick
Leslie, Debra
Leuthauser, Ann
Leuthauser, John
Liederkrantz
Lindbloom, Gordon and Frances Page
Lindner, Parker
Lindsey, Buck and Jenny
Loomis-Malin, Sharon
Madera, Robert
Magnuson, Sherece
Magnuson, Ted and Nancy
Marshall, Rev. Judy
Martin, Claudia
Matthews, Tom and Charlotte
Mattson, Allie Graham
McCall, Merritt and Carolyn
McCall, William and Molly
McCartney, Ann
McEntee, Katie
McFall, Dick and Patti Fiske-McFall
McGill, Meg
McKenney, Sue
McLeod, Lydia
McNamee, Paula
McNulty, Joel and Wilma
McSwain, Bob and Cindy
Meabe, Amy
Men's Spiritual Retreat
Mermin Decagon Family
Merner, Rev. Jack
Merrill, Erich and Laura
Mesirow, Margaret
Meyer, Lyle and Audrene
Meyn, Mary Anne
Michelsohn, Adina
Miller, Janet
Miller, Ken and Anne Stewart-Miller
Mills, Libby
Mishler, Jerry and Sara Grigsby
Moments of the Heart Retreat, Jewish
Education Services
Moore, Tom and Sue
Morgan Stokes, Deborah
Moshofsky, Flavia
Mott, Brian

Mullen, Mary
 Munson, James - Rose City Park Presbyterian Church
 Muyskens Family
 Nadal, Joe and Diana
 Nance, Rev. Lori and Aaron
 Neva's Legacy Fund
 Nilsen, Carla and Erik
 Nilson, Chris
 Norton, Oswald and Rayma
 NW Danish Association
 O'Donnell, Jennifer
 O'Neal, Karen
 Olsen, Christine
 Oregon Community Foundation
 Page, Robina
 Paget, John and Toni
 Parker, Sarah
 Parks, Jean
 Parks, Jessica
 Parks, Spencer and Sarah Van Haefen
 Parsons, Bob
 Patrick Lumber Company
 Patterson, Ruth
 Patton, Don
 Pederson, Larry
 Penley, Ron and Sally
 Perram, Louise
 Pitts, Cecile
 Piver, Nancy
 Porter, Sharon
 Portland Seminary at George Fox University
 Portland Society for Calligraphy
 Post, Wes
 Powers, Jeannine
 Presbyterian Peace Foundation
 Priedeman, Gordon and Mary
 Primack, Steve and Candace
 Pullin, Rosemary
 Purdy, Bruce
 Ramirez, Cirila and Scot Lang
 Rasmussen, Chris
 Rathe, Karen
 Razzano, Chris and Joey
 Renfrow, Millie
 Renfrow-Baker, Barbara
 Rigby, Micky
 Rist, Joshua
 Robertson, Doug
 Rogers, Harvey
 Rolig, Steve
 Rose City Park Presbyterian Church
 Rounsavell, Dan and Myra
 Russell, Pamela
 Ryan, Jessica
 Sammons, Chip and Nanita
 Sandke, Susanna
 Savage Memorial Presbyterian Church
 Scaleria, Clark and Carmen Goetschius
 Schmidt, Sara E - Sara Schmidt Design
 Schneider, Camilla
 Schroder, Krista and Jed
 Schultz, Lizann
 Schupp, James and Karen
 Scott, Brook
 Sefton, Katherine
 Sercombe, Tim and Jane Van Boskirk
 Serenity in Motion
 Severson Family Reunion
 Severson, Brandt
 Severson, Ellie
 Severson, Ralph
 Shaw, Chuck
 Shippy, Keisha
 Shively, Willard and Laurna
 Shoal, Robin and Meagan Thorn
 Sievert, Jeffrey and Lori
 Sievert, Rev. Jeffery - Reedville Presbyterian
 Simmons, Russ and Delores
 Simpson, Matt and Linda McNulty
 Smith, Russell and Jean
 Smith, Sally
 Snodderly, Steve and Lisa
 Solomon, Kristin
 Spalding, Daniel
 Spanier, Cheri
 Speidel, Bruce
 Sperry, Bert
 Starker, Gayle

Steelman, Beth and Ben
 Steimle, Cynthia
 Stetson, Dick
 Stevens, Garrie and Pam Harris
 Stirling, Stephanie
 Stroosma, Ria
 Svaren, Jaki
 Svoboda, Sue
 Szabo, Rick and Sonya
 Tedrow, Lorraine
 Teufel, Judy
 Thompson, Mark
 Thornton, Betty Jean
 Thorsnes, Melinda
 Todd, Mari and Richard
 Todd, Mike
 Triggs, Thia
 Trish Harding School of Art at Studio UFO
 Tucker, Thomas
 Tupa, Mike
 Turrill, Barbara
 University of Portland Campus Ministry
 University of Portland Honors Program
 Urke, Michelle
 Van Buskirk, Bruce
 Van der Zaag, Cheryl
 Vortriede, Jen and Eric
 Wade, Dan
 Wall, Paton and Holly
 Walsh, Elizabeth and David
 Walsh, Jim and Ann
 Watts, Laura
 Webb, Cameron
 Webster, Matt and Hillary
 West, Jeff and MaryKay
 White, Jocelyn
 White, Penny
 White, Shannon
 Whittington, Joe and Phyllis
 Williams, Julie
 Williams, Mary Lou
 Williams, Rich
 Wilson, Steven and Judy
 Winter, Nancy
 Withycombe, Kathy
 Wold, Connie
 Woo, Nancy
 Wood, Aimee
 Wooding, Candy
 Wright, Andrew
 Wright, Karen
 Wurm, Emmie and Paul, Tim, Christie, and Vern
 Yoder, Ernie and Jeri
 Zemanek, Cara
 Ziel, Sharon
 Zopfi, Steve

In Memory

Al Leuthauser
 Barbara Masterson
 Barbara Purdy
 David Mesirow
 Dr. Jon K. Clemens
 Eleanor Hardt
 Gene Alexander
 Grace and Julius Meier
 Jeanne Nadal
 John Morris
 Linda Foote
 Matthew McCoy
 Neil Lieurance and Roger Doyle
 Our Beloved Maggie Rogers
 Pat Ehrman

In Honor

Chana Basya Bas Sarah - Refuah Shlaymal
 Chuck Shaw
 Dick and Joyce Malin
 Dinghy Mariners
 Fellow Artists at Summer Retreat
 John Leuthauser
 Lauren Deming
 Liederkrantz NW
 Liederkrantz's Founding Members: John Cobb, Will Elliot, Walt Farrier, Gary Gadwood, Jerry Harris, Wayte Kirchner, Royce Saltzman, Dave Shrader, Lynn Sjolund, Gary St. John, Steve Stone, Robert Trotter, Jim Welty, and Neil Wilson
 Mac and Carolyn McCall
 RYLA
 Sarah Schwab
 Scott Crane
 Spencer Parks
 Steve Snodderly
 The 42 years of bringing a smoking cessation group to Menucha
 The many, many wonderful meetings at Menucha
 The West Family
 The Wonderful Menucha Staff
 Western Christadelphian Bible School
 Will, Lauren, David and JD Deming

"We need you to be there for us."

Looking Ahead

As we navigate this continually changing reality, we have faith that our community will remain at our side and we know folks will return when it's safe to gather in groups.

In the words of Susan Hedlund, Board Chair of the Friends of Menucha Foundation, "We recognize that the world will need Menucha more than ever on the other side of this crisis. We will need to gather together again, we will need to heal, we will need to collectively grieve our losses. And we will reclaim our resilience."

If you are looking for ways to support Menucha in 2021, thank you!

Here are a few ideas, and we would love to hear any you may have as well!

- **Consider additional giving.** Whether a small monthly gift, a disbursement from a retirement account, a fundraiser on Facebook - we are grateful for gifts of any size!
- **Help spread the word about Menucha.** Especially as we begin to re-start the engines, more guest groups knowing about us will help fill in the inevitable gaps on our calendar. And perhaps forgotten friends and supporters will be interested to know about your own connection to Menucha.
- **Sign Up to Volunteer.** We have lots of projects around the property if you're close by and would like to help in this capacity. Our shoestring facilities staff would sure appreciate it!
- **Think about ways you can help safeguard the future of Menucha.** Many of our supporters have reached out over the last year to ask about legacy gifts and how to include Menucha in their estate planning. As we think about the future generations who will need this special place, what a tremendous gift this kind of support would be for them!

Questions or Ideas? We encourage you to reach out to:

- Rev. Spencer Parks, Executive Director, spencer@menucha.org, 503-695-2243
- Cloie Cohen, Development Director, cloie@menucha.org, 503-695-2243

WITH LOVE AND GRATITUDE

