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GODDARD HOUSE

UPCOMING EVENTS



Olmsted Family Caregiver Group

This group welcomes Goddard House family members. Meets monthly on the first Tuesday from 6:30–7:30 P.M. on Zoom.

Please contact Olmsted Program Director Kristen Cipriano at kcipriano@goddardhouse.org for more information.

RESIDENT PROFILE



Born in Boston and raised in Wayland, **Evie Parker** has always had a love for culture and languages. While attending Oberlin College, she dove into studying German and Italian, but it was French that really stole her heart.

Fluent in the language, she loved traveling to France, especially the southern region of Cogolin, where she spent time teaching English to French students.

Music has also been a constant in Evie's life—she's always been involved in choirs and is up for joining any musical group. A classical concert is never something she'd pass up, and she's always excited to soak in a live performance. Whether it's through language, travel, or music, Evie has always been passionate about learning about different cultures.

While here at Goddard, Evie continues her love of music and she can often be found humming along to a variety of different genres and songs.

-Olmsted Program Director Kristen Cipriano

Outreach Concert

WITH THE BROOKLINE SYMPHONY
ORCHESTRA CHAMBER PLAYERS

One Tuesday evening in February, Goddard House residents had the pleasure of an intimate concert with the Brookline Symphony Orchestra Chamber Players. Stay tuned for our next featured outreach program, The Brookline Music School!

At right: Lauren Landry, from the Brookline Symphony Orchestra Board of Directors, introduces the concert (left); members of the Brookline Symphony Orchestra Chamber Players (right)



About the Brookline Symphony Orchestra

The Brookline Symphony Orchestra's mission is to provide qualified volunteer musicians under professional leadership an opportunity to enhance their skills while enriching the cultural life of the community through affordable performances and outreach events.

Created in the 1950's, the Brookline Symphony Orchestra thrived for many years, but went on hiatus in 2001. In 2010, a group of friends dedicated to bringing classical music to the community revived the organization to make it an integral part of the Brookline community and beyond. We seek to present concerts of the highest quality. Our orchestra members are talented musicians—amateur, student, and professional—who volunteer their time to create an organization of which Brookline can be proud. *From the Brookline Symphony Orchestra website*



*Above: the Gallery M Reception with student artists from Brookline High School. **Cynthia G.** (left) takes a closer look at student photography; **Kris R.** (right) chats with a student about the art*



Windows & Mirrors, an exhibition by Brookline High School art students, was on display at Goddard House's Gallery M from January 21-February 25, 2025. In February, the artists came to Goddard House for a reception. Residents enjoyed meeting each artist, and hearing about their creative process!

Congratulations to our January
Lifetime Achievement Award

Recipient John Kaufman!



Goddard House awards the Lifetime Achievement Award to highlight the achievements and experiences of residents in a public ceremony. Each resident is deserving of this award. The program provides an opportunity to highlight individual residents, sharing elements of their life story with fellow residents and associates to foster respect and compassion in our communities.

John Kaufman was presented the award in January 2025 at the conclusion of the most recent session of Frames. His lifelong passion for film led him to a career in the film industry, where he became involved in various aspects of film making. John continues to delve into the world of film at Goddard House, where he shares his enthusiasm and knowledge by leading a film exploration group called Frames, founded in 2018, and by dedicating time and energy towards curating a well-rounded selection of evening films. Thank you, John!

DEMENTIA FRIENDLY EXPERIENCE

We invited 20 agency caregivers who work with our residents to go through the Dementia Friendly Experience, which includes complimentary training on dementia and how best to care for those living with various forms of dementia. The training was facilitated by Goddard House Olmsted Program Director **Kristen Cipriano**, Assistant Executive Director **Lance Chapman**, and Art Therapist **Meredith Griffiths**. Thank you to all those who participated, and to Lance for coordinating the event!



*Facilitators **Kristen Cipriano** and **Meredith Griffiths** with program attendees*



*Goddard House Business Administration Associate **Robert Holden** (front left) and guests*



Around Goddard



Top row, left to right: **Maureen S.** and Lesley Art Therapy Intern **Katie**; **Marjorie S.** and Lesley Art Therapy Intern **Kasriel**; **Grace M.**, **Mary F.**, and **Barbie B.** during Open Studio. Second row, left to right: making Valentines for Veterans are **Barbie B.**, **Nancy K.**, and **Ina R.**; **Ann K.**; Programming Assistants **Diana Arevalo** and **Joan Keene** with **Phyllis S.** Bottom: Housekeeping Associate **Edmond Gaye** delivering Valentine's Day flowers



ASSOCIATE PROFILE



Creative Aging Specialist
Katherine Gilliland joined the Goddard team in November. Originally from Tulsa, Oklahoma,

Katherine attended college in Minnesota, studying art history. She came to Boston to attend Tufts for museum studies and art history. Katherine went on to work at the Paul Revere House, and for 17 years at the JFK Library Museum, managing their volunteer docent program. During the pandemic, Katherine offered virtual programs to assisted living residences and senior centers, which furthered her interest in the accessibility of programs.

In her role at Goddard House, Katherine supports the Goddard House Community Initiatives program, working closely with Director of Community Partnerships **Christine Nagle**. Created to share Goddard House's creative energy and bring the joy and fellowship of the arts to older adults living in Greater Boston, GHCI aims to reduce social isolation and loneliness and enhance the well-being of older adults by engaging them in professionally run, creative aging programs that foster self-expression, new friendships, and well-being. Katherine enjoys that her role combines the arts, creativity, working with older adults, and program coordination within a nonprofit. Outside of work, Katherine reads, watches British crime TV with her husband and cats, and sings in the MIT Women's Choir. Katherine, we're happy to have you at Goddard House!

-EnrichedLIFE Director Rebecca Margolin

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