

The SOCIETY Scoop

Greetings from President and CEO, Abby Katz Starr

Summer offers us a welcome opportunity to pause, reflect, and appreciate all that we have accomplished together. While our campus continues to be a busy and vibrant place, this season also reminds us to celebrate the progress we have made and the exciting opportunities that lie ahead.

Over the past several months, Unionville Home Society has achieved an important milestone with our successful Three-Year CARF Accreditation for both our Long-Term Care Home and Adult Day Program. This prestigious recognition reflects the dedication, compassion, and commitment to excellence demonstrated every day by our staff, volunteers, physicians, Board members, and community partners. It is an achievement that belongs to all of us and reinforces our commitment to providing exceptional, person-centred care.

As we look to the future, we are continuing to build on that strong foundation. Across the organization, we are advancing plans that will strengthen and expand the UHS brand, explore new partnerships, and create innovative opportunities to serve more older adults and their families. Our vision is to ensure Unionville Home Society continues to be recognized as a progressive leader in seniors' care and services—one that responds to changing community needs while remaining true to our values.

This fall will also mark the beginning of collective bargaining with our union partners. We approach



these discussions with respect and a shared commitment to reaching a fair and sustainable agreement that recognizes the valuable contributions of our employees while ensuring the long-term strength of our organization. We look forward to working collaboratively to achieve an outcome that supports both our staff and the future of Unionville Home Society.

To our staff, volunteers, Board members, donors, residents, clients, families, and community partners, thank you for your continued trust, dedication, and support. Together, we continue to build something truly special—a community where older adults can thrive, age well, and live better. I wish you and your families a safe, relaxing, and enjoyable remainder of the summer.

– Abby Katz Starr



Greetings from UHS Board Chair, Philip Enright

Midsummer is a wonderful moment to reflect on the meaningful work underway across Unionville Home Society.

As I begin my second term as Board Chair, I have had the privilege of spending more time with our teams across the organization. In every conversation and every visit, I have been struck by the passion, professionalism, and unwavering commitment our staff bring to their roles each day. Their dedication is the heartbeat of UHS, and it inspires the Board's work as we look ahead.

This year, the Board has been deeply engaged in thoughtful discussions and strategic exploration as we continue advancing our long term vision. We are examining opportunities to expand our footprint of seniors' services and programs, ensuring UHS remains responsive to the evolving needs of older adults



in our community. These conversations are complex, exciting, and grounded in our mission — and I am grateful for the collective wisdom guiding them. Together, we are charting a path that builds on our

strengths and positions UHS for a future of growth, innovation, and impact.

As we continue to enjoy the beauty of summer, I hope it brings you moments of rest, joy, and meaningful connection with the people who matter most.

— Philip Enright

A Testament to Excellence: UHS Earns Prestigious three-year CARF Accreditation for Long-Term Care and Adult Day Program

On May 28 and 29, Unionville Home Society (UHS), Union Villa, and the Adult Day Program participated in a CARF accreditation survey. Two surveyors were on site to conduct an extensive review of our operations.



And the results are in!

We are proud to announce that UHS have been awarded a Three-Year Accreditation from CARF, the international benchmark for quality in health and human services, for both our Long-Term Care Home and Adult Day Program.

The CARF survey highlighted UHS's key strengths:

- Strong Leadership and Governance
- Strategic Planning and Risk Management
- Culture of Quality Improvement and Innovation
- Staff Excellence
- Communication and Family Engagement
- Resident Experience
- Environment and Facilities

The 2026 CARF survey confirmed that UHS is a strong, resident- and client-focused organization that delivers high-quality services while demonstrating a culture of excellence, accountability, and continuous improvement.

Thank you to everyone, including residents, family members, volunteers, and staff, through interviews, feedback, and support throughout the accreditation process.

Resident Profile

Meet Monica Carvalho

Monica was born on September 4 in Georgetown, Guyana.

The fourth of eight children, she grew up in the 1950s and '60s on sugar estates where her father worked until they moved to Scarborough when she was sixteen. A couple of years later, a young man from her life in Guyana also emigrated. "I knew of a family up here and I decided to go on Boxing Day to visit—which turned into a wedding in '71," her husband Don sums up with a smile.

Monica and Don studied together and became Chartered Professional Accountants. They both ended up working for what is now called Ontario Power Generation as they raised their daughter and son. "We were focused," Don says. "We knew what we wanted."

Monica enjoyed everything from tai chi, yoga, walking, running, cycling, and soccer. Her accomplishments include climbing the C.N. Tower multiple times, riding through the Loire Valley in France and from Toronto to Montreal with her life-long friend from Guyana. "You don't just hop on a bike to ride to Montreal," Don boasts. "Training was critical, and that balanced her."

Life changed in 2008 when Monica was diagnosed with Parkinsons, and she made sure to continue her routines with less strenuous exercise. Don also credits Parkinsons Canada and what is now Ontario Health with their workshops, support groups, and other resources that helped them navigate the journey from independent living to retirement to long-term care.

Now Monica's family supports her at Union Villa, with regular help from her children and Don's daily visits. He is quick to show his appreciation for the staff, saying, "What I see is the care and skill that staff are delivering to residents—they're fully committed."

Most importantly, Don is Monica's number one advocate. "If I was in her shoes, she would have done as much or more—I would say more, probably—for my care. I can't let her down because she would have not let me down."

Monica and Don continue to enjoy their time together, and most days you can find them watching for the train out the window or sitting in the Union Villa gardens, enjoying the beauty of nature side by side.



Avid cyclist Monica reaching the finish line.



Monica at Union Villa with her husband Don.

Snapshots of Seniors Month at UHS



Good times at the Strawberry Social.



Creating connections with paints and brushes.



Cheers to aging well on our campus.



Wyndham Gardens residents celebrate Canada Day.



Seniors Month Greetings from MPP Billy Pang, UHS President & CEO Abby Katz Starr, and Ward 3 Councillor Reid McAlpine.



Thank you to Donna and her Family for treating our staff to ice cream!



Bingo fun with York Region Police Constable Staggolis



Taking in the scents during Wellness Day.



Oh the joy of gardening - at any age.



ADP clients show off their masterpieces.

A Fun New Way to Support UHS – Coming Soon!

Unionville Home Society is always looking for thoughtful, responsible, and innovative ways to strengthen the programs, services, and experiences that enrich life for our residents and the broader UHS community. We are pleased to announce that a new lottery vending machine will soon be available on campus. The machine will provide a convenient option for eligible adults who already choose to purchase lottery product while creating an additional source of revenue that helps support UHS's mission. The lottery vending machine will be conveniently located by the elevators at UHS.

Every eligible ticket purchased through the machine helps generate revenue that directly strengthens UHS programs, services, and resident experiences. It's a simple way to give back while enjoying something you already choose to do.

Participation is completely voluntary, and the machine is operated entirely through the Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation. It includes all responsible gaming safeguards such as age and ID verification, Lottery products are available only to adults 18 and older. UHS remains committed to informed, responsible decision-making and to maintaining a safe, supportive environment for everyone.

If you have questions, please contact Wendy Kadlovski, Director, Strategic Partnerships at 416-708-2291.



Thank you for your ongoing support of Unionville Home Society.



Celebrating a Milestone on the Fairway

Our 10th Annual Unionville Charity Golf Classic

On June 23, 2026, Unionville Home Society proudly marked a major milestone — the 10th Annual Unionville Charity Golf Classic at Angus Glen Golf Club. Spearheaded by event cofounders Danny Mariani and Larry Fantini, along with their dedicated volunteer committee, this year's tournament was truly a hole-in-one for our community.

Thanks to the incredible support of our sponsors, golfers, patrons, and volunteers, the tournament raised over \$55,000. Your generosity helped us drive straight down the fairway toward an important goal: completing the replacement of all adaptive dining tables at Union Villa. These upgraded tables will create a more comfortable, dignified, and inclusive mealtime experience for residents — promoting independence, encouraging social connection, and enhancing overall quality of life.

This year's tournament wasn't just about great shots, long drives, and sinking putts — it was about coming together to help seniors age well and live better. To everyone who joined us on the course, supported the event, or contributed behind the scenes, we extend our warmest appreciation for your meaningful commitment to UHS.



Co-Chairs Danny Fantini and Larry Mariani present President & CEO Abby Katz Starr with a big cheque!



Thank you to all our major sponsors - your support means the world to us.



Congrats to the 2026 Winning Foursome - Marrelli and Friends

Save the Date – Upcoming Fundraising Event

Mark your calendars for the Union Villa Dinner Party, our signature fall fundraiser, an inspiring evening where community and corporate leaders come together to support exceptional seniors' care. Enjoy outstanding dining, entertainment, and meaningful opportunities to make a lasting impact as we invest in essential HVAC modernization—comfort you can't see, but residents feel every day. Together, we're creating a home where older adults thrive with dignity, joy, and connection. We hope you can join us!

2026 UNION VILLA DINNER PARTY

Redefining Aging

From Vision to Impact

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Thursday November 5, 2026

Angus Glen Golf Club | 6:00 pm Reception | 7:00 pm Dinner

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Tickets: \$250 each until October 9 | \$300 as of October 10th



For more information on participation, sponsorship, or making a donation, please contact the Foundation office at (905) 477-2822 ext. 4270 or by email at mdimson@uhs.on.ca. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration.

**portion of ticket fees may be eligible for a tax receipt, subject to CRA guidelines*

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Our Vision: A progressive community hub where older adults thrive, age well and live better.



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