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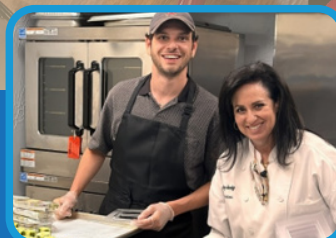
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Your Generosity In Action: Celebrating NEPA Gives 2026

\$10,425 RAISED BY 18 DONORS



We are excited to share the results of this year's NEPA Gives Day! Held on June 4–5, 2026, and hosted by several local foundations, and under the leadership of the Scranton Area Community Foundation, this annual fundraiser brought people across Northeastern Pennsylvania together in an inspiring show of generosity, compassion, and shared purpose.

Thanks to the heartfelt support of individuals, businesses, and philanthropic partners, Elan Skilled Nursing and Rehab proudly raised an impressive \$10,425 from 18 kind donors. Each gift, no matter the size, reflects a meaningful commitment to the safety, dignity, and well-being of the elderly in our community.

We extend a heartfelt thank you to Dr. Robert Greenburg for his generous \$5,000 matching gift challenge, which inspired others to give and helped amplify the impact of every donation. We are also deeply grateful to an anonymous donor with strong ties to the community, who contributed a \$1,500 match in gratitude for the exceptional care their loved ones received at Elan Skilled, formerly The Jewish Home.

The funds raised through NEPA Gives will be used to expand our in-house CPR Training Program, strengthening emergency preparedness for our residents and staff. Currently, CPR classes are provided by an outside vendor and are limited to only six participants per class. With this support, Elan will be able to train two staff RNs as certified CPR instructors and purchase updated CPR manikins with real-time feedback.

This investment will allow us to expand class capacity to ten participants per month and increase

our annual training capacity to up to 120 staff members, representing nearly a 70% increase. Most importantly, it helps ensure that more members of our team are prepared to respond quickly and confidently in an emergency.

We are deeply grateful for your continued support of the elderly in our community. Below, we proudly list our supporters, separated by category and including identified tributes.

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ELAN'S 2026 ANNUAL FUND CAMPAIGN

As Elan Skilled Nursing and Rehab launches its 2026-2027 Annual Fund Campaign, we are reaching out to our most valued supporters to help us continue enriching the lives of our residents.

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Elan Skilled Nursing and Rehab, a Jewish Senior Life Community, relies on its Annual Fund Campaign as a major source of support for the facility and the residents who call Elan home. Contributions to the Annual Fund help bridge the gap between public-funded reimbursements and the true cost of the compassionate, high-quality care we strive to provide each day. These gifts make it possible for Elan to sustain essential services and meaningful programs that enhance the comfort, dignity, and well-being of our aging residents.

This year's campaign continues a tradition of generosity that has had a direct and lasting impact on the lives of those we serve. Whether supporting essential medical care, therapeutic services, or enriching activities that bring joy and connection to daily life, every dollar contributed to the Annual Fund helps create the best possible environment for our residents.

To make giving easy, a special donation envelope has been enclosed for your use. In the coming weeks, supporters may also receive a letter by mail announcing this important campaign and inviting participation. Every contribution, no matter the size, plays a meaningful role in helping Elan continue its mission of caring for older adults with compassion, respect, and excellence.

Richard Bishop, Esq., President, recently announced the success of the 2025-2026 Annual Fund Campaign and expressed his gratitude to the many donors whose generosity made that effort possible. A total of 291 donations were received, raising \$141,404 in direct support of the residents of Elan Skilled Nursing and Rehab.

We are proud to recognize the donors who contributed to the 2025-2026 Annual Fund as a reflection of our sincere appreciation for their generosity and commitment. Their support has strengthened our community and helped ensure that Elan remains a place where residents receive the care, comfort, and quality of life they deserve.

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Love, Laughter and Lasting Memories at Elan Skilled Nursing's Mock Wedding



Elan Skilled Nursing and Rehab recently hosted a wedding to remember, as residents and staff gathered to celebrate a joyful mock wedding filled with laughter, music, sweet treats, and unforgettable memories.

Planned by Elan's Life Enrichment team, the lighthearted event transformed the facility into a wedding venue for the day. Social Worker Alexis took on the role of the beautiful bride, while Daniel from the Environmental Services (EVS) team stepped into the role of the groom. Fellow staff members completed the wedding party, helping create an entertaining celebration that had everyone smiling.

The mock wedding was designed to bring residents together through laughter, socialization, and shared experiences, which is an important part of Elan's commitment to meaningful life enrichment. Residents played an important role in the festivities by making delicious cupcakes for the reception and handcrafting wedding favors. Their contributions made the celebration feel even more authentic and gave everyone a chance to participate in the festivities.

Congratulations to the happy "couple," and thank you to everyone—especially our talented residents and dedicated staff—who helped make this playful celebration such a wonderful success. While the wedding may have been make-believe, the smiles, laughter, and memories created were absolutely real.



How The Jewish Resource Center of the Poconos Is Building Community



Nostalgic Recipes with Sally Fineman

In a region where Jewish life can often feel spread out, the Jewish Resource Center of the Poconos has become something deeply meaningful: a true gathering place for connection, learning, and community.

Over the past year, the JRC has continued to grow not only in activity, but in spirit. What was once a vision for a welcoming Jewish hub in the Poconos is increasingly becoming a vibrant reality. Through expanded programming, a thoughtfully renovated space, and a renewed sense of purpose, the Center is serving as a home for people of all ages and backgrounds.

At the heart of the JRC's success is its ability to bring people together. Weekly and recurring programs offer something for everyone, from Torah study and cultural learning to social gatherings, creative activities, and programs for older adults. The Center's popular 55+ offerings continue to provide opportunities for friendship, engagement, and healthy aging, while family and community events invite younger generations to participate in Jewish life in meaningful and accessible ways.

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Left: Guest Chef Susie Fishbein with Jacob Rubin



Right: Guest Chef Susie Fishbein and Elisheva Kosmerl

The JRC is looking forward to hosting hundreds for its July-August summer minyan. Classes such as Chair Zumba, Chair Yoga and Nostalgic Recipes with Sally Fineman have drawn strong participation. Tuesday evenings have also taken on a special energy through the JRC's mentor-mentee Jewish studies program, and "Holy Smokes" BBQ and minyan, offering another meaningful way for community members to connect and learn.

The Center has also continued to bring special programming to the community. A recent highlight was the visit of renowned kosher cookbook author Susie Fishbein, whose cooking demonstration and tasting program, sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Northeastern Pennsylvania, brought community members together for an evening of food, inspiration, and connection.

As the Center is planning an Open House event to showcase the continued expansion of its programs, there is a clear sense of momentum. We welcome you to visit, to see for yourself.

Elan Skilled Nursing and Rehab Scrapbook

Recent Events







Elan Celebrates Community at Scranton's Jewish Food Festival

For the second year, Elan Skilled Nursing and Rehab and Elan Gardens proudly sponsored the Jewish Food Festival, which took place June 28 – July 1 at Nay Aug Park. More than 7,000 people attended the festival and enjoyed a day filled with delicious food, cultural traditions, and meaningful connections.

Hosted by the Jewish Discovery Center, the annual festival is one of Northeastern Pennsylvania's signature summer events, welcoming thousands of visitors to enjoy authentic Jewish cuisine, live entertainment, local vendors, and family-friendly activities. The festival celebrates the rich heritage of the Jewish community while bringing people of all backgrounds together in an atmosphere of friendship and appreciation.



Supporting events like the Jewish Food Festival reflects Elan's commitment to strengthening the communities it serves. As organizations dedicated to providing exceptional care and enriching the lives of older

adults, Elan Skilled Nursing and Rehab and Elan Gardens are proud to invest in local traditions that foster connection, celebrate diversity, and create opportunities for people to come together. For more information about the Jewish Food Festival, visit jewishfoodfest.com.



Clip And Save Phone List

You have connections at Elan Skilled Nursing and Rehab, a Jewish Senior Life Community!

To assist you in reaching members of the staff, we are enclosing a directory of the most frequently called extensions. Others can be reached by pressing 5 for the directory or pressing "0" for the receptionist.

The main number is 570-344-6177.

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Berkoski, Ashley	Human Resource Coordinator	1173	Kwiatkowski, Amy	3rd Floor Clinical Director	1134
Brown, Samantha	2nd Floor Clinical Director	1139	Lipinski, Joe	4th Floor Clinical Director	1136
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Flynn, Nicole	Dementia Care Coordinator	1114	Webb, Lisa	Therapy Program Manager	1157

Elan Residents Celebrate America's 250th with Pennsylvania's Liberty Bell Project



To gear up for America's 250th birthday, Elan Skilled Nursing and Rehab residents took part in a unique statewide initiative called Pennsylvania's Liberty Bell Project. Through this project, residents had the opportunity to express their creativity while honoring the history, heritage, and spirit of their community.

Hosted by the Pennsylvania Empowered Expert Residents (PEER) program, the Liberty Bell Project invites residents of long-term care communities across the Commonwealth to design and decorate 3-foot-tall fiberglass replica Liberty Bells. The interactive, community-led arts initiative encourages older adults to share the stories, traditions, and values that make their communities unique while participating in a meaningful statewide celebration of America's Semiquincentennial.

Working together, Elan residents transformed their bell into a one-of-a-kind work of art that was proudly displayed at the front entrance of the building. The bell serves as a colorful reminder of the residents' talents and their participation in this historic celebration.

Newly Completed Wall of Presidents

Check out these photos of our newly completed Wall of Presidents and other refreshed spaces that were part of our recent first floor renovation project!



Celebrating Summer and Looking Toward 30 Years



In July, Elan Gardens celebrated the 4th annual Elan Days of Summer, a week-long event full of fun for everyone. This year's theme was Carnival, bringing juggling, balloon animals, and plenty of games to the residents and staff. Each year also invites friends and families to the facility for a picnic and entertainment. The response is always wonderful, and Elan Gardens is thrilled to see so many guests enjoying the summer festivities.

Another celebration is on the horizon this fall. November 18th marks 30 years since Elan Gardens opened its doors in 1996, and party plans are already well underway. Staff and board members will be celebrating with an afternoon ceremony featuring speakers who have been involved in operations over the last three decades. More details and formal invitations will be sent in the coming weeks, as well as sponsorship opportunities for those who would like to contribute to this special event. Elan Gardens is also seeking old photographs, news articles, and other materials to be displayed during the anniversary week. Please contact Audrey to pass along any materials you may have.



This milestone anniversary comes at a time of expansion and growth. Elan Gardens is actively working with the South Abington community to finalize plans for new buildings on the campus, including apartments, small villas, and expanded parking. The project, called Elan Commons, will add independent living options for seniors who are not yet in need of personal care services. Planners hope to begin construction sometime next year.

Personal care services, meanwhile, have seen a rebound in interest. Memory Lane, the secure memory care unit at Elan Gardens, is currently fully occupied with a waiting list for interested families. Limited space is available for those seeking personal care. Families interested in personal care and memory care options are invited to tour the facility and see the many activities and amenities available.





Greetings From Webster Towers

A Jewish Senior Life Community

Summertime! The flowers are blooming the birds are chirping and there's plenty of sunshine to brighten the day. If the weather isn't too hot, you'll be sure to find our patio buzzing with conversation and folks relaxing. There is just enough sun and shade to satisfy everyone.

Over the past few months, we enjoyed a St. Patrick's Day Celebration, Mother's Day Brunch, and the annual Father's Day Pizza Party. Every month brings a new event to keep our residents busy! We've had several visits from the students Beth Shalom Academy baking, singing, and entertaining our residents! We also offer Wii bowling, exercise and bean bag toss. Just around the corner will be visits from the Ice Creamers Ice Cream truck so the residents can enjoy a Banana Split, CMP or cone of ice cream, an especially welcome treat!

The construction activity you may have seen is the sprinkler system installation. We are adding sprinkler systems in all apartments and common areas of the building. It's an upgrade to our property and adds a new level of safety for the residents.

Seasons come and seasons go...make the moments count!

Stay Safe and Be Well!
 Pamela Goodall
 Building Administrator



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