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MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!

We take this opportunity to convey to all the steadfast friends of St. Michael's, our heartfelt best wishes for a joyous and blessed Christmas, and a New Year filled with the abundant blessings of our Lord. As the year comes to a close, we are especially thankful to all of you who have either supported our expansion project this past year or who have made a donation to the current facility in Yonkers. May the Almighty reward your generosity hundredfold!

Our 2021 Christmas Appeal is underway and we take this opportunity to express our appreciation to all those who participate in this annual fund-

raiser to help underwrite the day-to-day operations of the Home. If you did not receive the Appeal and want to help provide quality care to our residents, visit www.stmichaelshome.org.

MYSTERY SOLVED

In our October Newsletter we shared the great news that the Home had been the recipient of a \$2,000,000 distribution from a bequest which was entrusted to the Archdiocese by the late Suzanne Mados. Immediately, everyone kept asking “Who is this Suzanne Mados?” Well as it turns out she was the widow of the late John Nicholas (Katra) Mados, a leading NYC hotelier. John was born in Washington Heights here in New York City and was the recipient of a Taylor Scholarship, attending Cornell University School of Hotel Management. Gregory Taylor another leading member of the Greek American community had owned the St. Moritz Hotel, and left a portion of his estate, along with his brother Charles, to establish under the oversight of the Archdiocese, the Taylor Scholarship. Eligible recipients are those studying hotel management at Cornell or graduates of Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology, pursuing post graduate studies. It can only be surmised that this had an impact on the late Mr. Mados who in turn must have influenced his wife to include the Archdiocese in any remaining estate, following her passing.

Post-graduation, John worked in multiple Taylor hotels and in 1960 at the age of 37 became the youngest General Manager of any NYC hotel. Hotelier Harry Helmsley buys the St. Moritz and John becomes GM and Vice President of the St. Moritz, Wyndham and the Carlton House. In 1971 he oversees the building of Helmsley’s new hotel, The Park Lane. Following Helmsley’s wedding to Leona, John subsequently leaves the Helmsley Corporation and focuses on his hotel, the Wyndham. There, he along with his new wife Suzanne, became known for his congenial hospitality entertaining many stars from Broadway such as Sir Laurence Olivier, Carol Bennett, Sir Alex Guinness, Lena Horne, and the list goes on. No doubt, in keeping with his Hellenic background, John was the quintessential host of host and caring individual. He was especially attentive to his mother, caring for her till the end of her life. Perhaps that’s why a place like St. Michael’s was the recipient of this bequest.

*Heartfelt appreciation to the following for their
magnanimous pledges/donations to the expansion:*

Mr. Michael Huffington – Outdoor Dining Room Seating

**Ethel & Dr. Jack Soterakis – 2nd Assisted Living Studio Bedroom
(In memory of her parents – Theofani & Vasiliki Koutzoulis)**

Georgia & Demitris Halakos

NOW IS THE TIME

LEVELS OF GIVING & NAMING OPPORTUNITIES

As the end of the year approaches, now is the time to consider making a donation, perhaps with a stock transfer, to the expansion of the Home. One hundred percent of your gift could still be considered a tax-deductible charitable contribution. Visit the website below to view the list of Levels of Giving categories and remaining Naming Opportunities. This is an exciting time for the Home and we have no doubt, all who participate in the completion of this magnificent state-of-the-art continuum care facility will feel a deep sense of contentment and pride when it opens its doors in 2023.

For information on the expansion, its construction and the variety of ways in which you can substantively participate in this project visit: www.stmichaelshomeuniondale.org or contact the Development Office (development@stmichaelshome.org).

All contributions to St. Michael's are deductible to the extent provided by the law as the Home is a tax exempt organization under section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

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