

Enhancing the Moments That Matter



Every autumn, as the leaves begin to change, I'm reminded of how lucky we are to live in this corner of New England - and of the extraordinary generosity that continues to sustain Noble Horizons.

Thanks to your support, the **Noble Café** expansion is now in the works and should be completed by winter's end. And, what a difference it will make! The Café has become the beating heart of daily life here at Noble - a place where residents come together for coffee, conversation, and connection. It's proof that when our community comes together, remarkable things happen.

This year, we're turning our attention to another vital need: upgrading the audio-visual systems in our Community Room, Chapel, and Learning Center. These spaces are where life at Noble truly unfolds - where we host educational programs through the Taconic Learning Center, welcome clergy and guest speakers, enjoy live entertainment by local musicians, authors and more!

Our current technology, while once state-of-the-art, can no longer keep up with the growing demand for clearer sound, better visuals, and virtual connectivity. With your help, we can create a system that brings every voice and note to life, ensuring all residents can experience the joy of music, learning, and togetherness - whether they're seated in the back row or tuning in from their room.

Community is at the heart of who we are. Your generosity fuels the programs, upgrades, and opportunities that make Noble Horizons a truly special place to live, learn, and grow. Thank you for being part of our story—and for helping us make every moment a little brighter, clearer, and more connected.

Bill Pond - Administrator, Noble Horizons

The Sound of Noble Living

*Your gift will help upgrade the AV systems
that connects our community*

If you've ever sat in our Community Room during a performance, you know the feeling. The first note of a familiar song plays, and suddenly every face softens. You see toes tapping, heads swaying, and a sparkle in eyes that have lived a thousand stories. In those moments, something shifts - it's not just entertainment, it's healing.



That's the power of connection, the power of Noble Living. Music and art awaken memories. They calm, comfort, and unite us. They remind us that we still have much to give and to feel.

But as the years have passed, our audio-visual system has struggled to keep up. Some residents can't hear the music clearly or see the images projected. Those who can't leave their rooms miss out entirely. And while we do our best, I can see the disappointment on their faces when the sound fades or the picture blurs.

With your help, we'll bring crisp, clear sound and beautiful visuals to the spaces where our community gathers - the Chapel, Community Room, and Learning Center - ensuring that every resident, whether in the front row or joining virtually, feels part of the magic.

At Noble Horizons, we know that health isn't just physical - it's emotional and spiritual too. When residents feel connected, engaged, and seen, they thrive. That's what this project is truly about: keeping the spirit of Noble Living alive in every heart and every home across our campus. From the bottom of my heart, thank you for helping us make every voice heard and every moment felt.

Danielle Bailey
Director of Community Relations



Thank you!

Thanks to the generosity of our donors, families, staff, and friends, the dream of expanding the *Noble Café* is finally becoming a reality. Together, we raised the funds to transform one of the most beloved spaces on campus into something even more special.

The Café has always been more than a spot to grab a coffee. It's where neighbors meet in the morning, where friendships grow, and where stories are shared after therapy sessions or a workout in the fitness center. It's a place that brings warmth and familiarity to every day at Noble Horizons.



Your support made this possible. You've helped build more than a new Café; you've created a space that celebrates life, laughter, and togetherness.

On behalf of the entire Noble Horizons family, thank you for believing in this vision. We look forward to welcoming you into the new Café - a place built with love and shaped by the kindness of our community.



Now, with construction underway and completion expected by the end of the winter season, that experience will soon be even better. The redesigned Café will include comfortable seating, improved accessibility, and plenty of natural light. Soothing colors and an open layout will make it an inviting space to relax, reconnect, and recharge. Every detail has been chosen with our residents in mind - creating a welcoming environment that feels like home.

“Construction is underway, and by the end of the winter season, the new Café will open its doors to connection, comfort and community.

Bill Pond, Administrator





Joe Thibodeau

*"It's worth every mile," says Joe
"Noble isn't just where I work.
It's like family."*

The Heart Behind the Hardwork

Joe Thibodeau and His Team

Before the first pot of coffee brews each morning, Joe Thibodeau, Physical Plant Director and Director of Housekeeping, and his team are already hard at work. They check the lights, clear the walkways, fine-tune the systems, and make sure every detail at Noble Horizons runs seamlessly. Their quiet dedication of a combined 75 years of service keeps residents safe, comfortable, and at home.

For eight years, Joe has led his crew with pride and heart. Together, they handle the essential work that often goes unseen but makes all the difference in daily life, from maintenance and housekeeping to laundry and safety across campus.



The Team: Joe, Galen, Bobby, Peter, & Mark (not pictured)

The Team has been busy!

Right now, Joe is overseeing the Café renovation, a project made possible by your generosity. He is ensuring every aspect reflects Noble's high standards. Once complete at the end of winter, his team will begin upgrading the audio-visual systems in the Chapel, Community Room, and Learning Center. These improvements will enhance how residents connect, learn, and share experiences.

Thanks to supporters like you, the Noble community continues to thrive in an environment that is safe, beautiful, and filled with care. Behind every light turned on and every space made welcoming, your impact shines through.

The AV Upgrade and Why it Matters!

"Most of our residents are unable to attend classes or programs off premises and is good for them to continue learning and socializing in the comfort of their home.

Please help us update so we can continue to support their growth" Mark

"Over these many years that I have been a part of this Noble community I have seen the evolution of technology and we are due for an upgrade" Bobby

"We are trying to help our population live their best lives-this includes hearing and seeing the programs we have to offer in a clear way" Peter

So many people from our community come to Noble's campus to enjoy our programs and events. We need to upgrade our AV system to be more user friendly so if you are 18 or 80 years old you can operate it!" Galen

The Power of Noble Living *Enriching the Mind, Body, and Soul*

At Noble Horizons, life is about more than care - it's about connection. For many older adults, aging can bring a gradual shrinking of the world. Physical challenges, limited mobility, and distance from family can lead to quiet isolation. But at Noble, that's where the story changes. Here, connection, learning, laughter, and reflection are part of everyday life.

We call it Noble Living - a philosophy that celebrates well-being in mind, body, and soul.

Even during the pandemic, when the world stopped gathering, Noble found ways to stay together. Book clubs met on Zoom. Chapel services were broadcast to residents' rooms. Classes from the Taconic Learning Center continued online so that minds stayed active and conversations never stopped. We learned that technology, used well, could bridge distances and lift spirits.

The partnership with the [Taconic Learning Center](#) has brought the excitement of lifelong learning right to our doorstep through a steady rotation of classes in history, art, science, and literature, residents explore new ideas and perspectives. Noble residents approach every session with curiosity and passion - proof that the mind never stops growing. Those creative efforts proved something powerful - that learning, faith, and fellowship are not luxuries; they are essential to health and happiness. They give residents purpose, belonging, and joy.

Today, that commitment continues. Our community spaces - the Chapel, Community Room, and Learning Center - are the heart of daily life at Noble Horizons. Residents gather to learn, debate, pray, sing, and connect. Each program adds a layer of richness to campus life. Because at Noble Horizons, the story never ends - it just keeps getting better.



Music in the Noble Chapel



The Power of Connection: *When Every Voice Deserves to Be Heard*



Frank Pepe (L) and Steve Thompson (R)

How one community program reminded us that technology should unite, not divide.

Noble residents watch the activities calendar like hawks. They especially love when guest speakers come to campus, those with unique stories, lessons, and perspectives that spark conversation long after the event ends.

When Frank Pepe Stanford: A Caring Community visited Noble Horizons to share *No Greater Love: The Life and Legacy of Charles R. Johnson*, the room was alive with curiosity and reflection. His message, that compassion, faith, and kindness transcend age and circumstance, struck a deep chord.

But as Pepe and his team began their presentation, an all-too-familiar challenge surfaced with Noble's aging audio-visual system. *"The system was particularly complicated,"* Pepe recalled. Although frustrating for some, Noble's residents remained calm, chatting amongst themselves while the tech issues worked their way out. *"Everyone was particularly warm, welcoming, and flexible,"* Pepe shared. *"Your residents were most delightful and patient!"*



Technology is the Great Connector

Resident Clayton Smith pictured with his wife Cindy who recently passed away in April, spent many magical moments sharing the programs at Noble Horizons. Clayton has a visual impairment and also requires a hearing amplifier to enjoy Noble's programs. Like many of our senior residents, Clayton relies on technology to keep him connected. *"Improving our AV system would be such a blessing not only for me, but for everyone here at Noble Horizons,"* shared Clayton. *"The programs and events are incredible and it's sad that some of the residents can't enjoy the to their full potetial."*

Access to ongoing educational events, the arts, and spiritual programs are all part of Noble Living. Learning, culture, and connection keep minds sharp and spirits engaged. But connection requires clarity, to hear every word, see every image, and share in the joy of discovery together. Like Frank, our staff always finds creative ways to make the best of the situation. Yet we know there is a better way. In a world where technology connects people across continents, our goal in 2026 is to ensure our Noble residents are connected in the best way possible right here on our campus.

"Today's technology should remove barriers, not create them. When residents can clearly see and hear our programs, they gain access to ideas, conversation, and community. That is the standard we aim to deliver at Noble Horizons."

Danielle Bailey, Director of Community Relations and Pastoral Care

Auxiliary Happenings!



A Letter from President Teri Aitken

As the year unfolded, we continued serving the Noble community by sponsoring day trips & excursions, providing flowers for the dining room, hosting the annual lobster dinner, helping with pet-related expenses including healthcare and grooming, purchasing large print and video collections for the library, managing the Auxiliary Scholarship Fund, providing entertainment and clubhouse social events, and much, much more.

In September, we held another successful Book and Tag Sale and had a tremendous turnout for this much anticipated annual event. Whew! As you can see, the Auxiliary really works hard to bring joy to Noble Horizons, and we want everyone to know how much they are loved and valued.



handmade decorations, raffle baskets, jewelry and some vendor tables. Take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to get into the holiday spirit. As always, the proceeds from this and all of our events go directly towards enriching the lives of our Noble residents. And while visiting Noble Horizons, be sure to visit our Country Store, which always has beautiful, unique gifts items, seasonal specialties, and necessary sundries.

There is always plenty to do and we always have something in the works. We love what we do and enjoy working side-by-side to plan and host events. Our mission

is to enrich the lives of those in our Noble Horizons community, and we always welcome new members to work along side our many long-time members. If you would like to join our Auxiliary, or have any questions about our organization, I can be reached at 860 671-1174 or teriaitken2000@gmail.com, and there is lots of information on our web page at noblehorizons.org/get-involved/auxiliary/.



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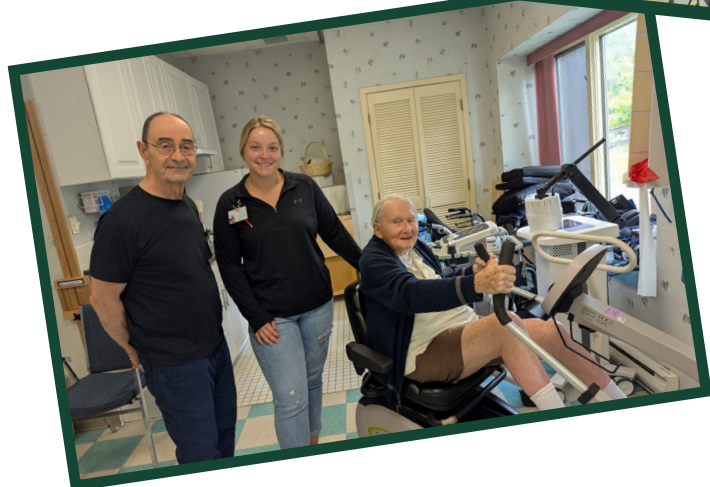
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Noble Smiles are EVERYTHING!





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Upcoming Events at Noble!

Holiday Market



Dates: December 5 & 6, 2025

Place: Noble Horizons Community Room

Time: 10am - 4pm

Blood Drive



Date: January 9, 2026

Place: Noble Horizons Community Room

Time: 1pm - 5pm *Registration required.

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Noble's AMAZING events!

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Housatonic Camera Club Annual Photography Exhibition



Dates: Exhibit Opening Friday, January 16

Exhibit Continues Saturdays and Sundays through February 15



Place: Noble Horizons Community Room



Time: Opening night, 4pm -6pm. Saturday & Sundays 11am-4 pm