

EVC RAF/REF Committee

The EVC RAF (or Assistance Fund) Committee was started in 1996 by a group of Eskaton residents as a self-directed committee under the umbrella of the EVC Foundation. The REF (or Enrichment Fund) was added in 2020. The Committee is comprised of a minimum of five residents plus the Executive Director and an Eskaton Foundation staff member, both of whom are ex officio.

The EVC RAF/REF Committee raises funds from residents and others through charitable donations which are tax-deductible under IRS 501(c)(3) via its connection to the EVC Foundation.



Front row: Sally Murphy, Karen Taylor, Barbara August
Back row: Carol Leone, Caroline Broomand, Clark Smith, Bob Clark, and Terry Tice
Not pictured: Mary Ann Taylor and Bob Bryans

Giving at Eskaton Village Carmichael

EVC Resident Assistance Fund

Longer life spans mean that some EVC residents may outlive their resources. The Resident Assistance Fund offers a sense of security by providing funds to bridge that gap.

EVC Memorial Gifts

A donation can be made to mark a special occasion or in memory or honor of a loved one by noting on the remittance envelope.

Other Ways to Give

Be part of enhancing the lives of older adults and help to assist employees who face critical challenges throughout Eskaton communities. Make a donation to Eskaton Foundation.

- Where the Need is Greatest Fund
- Honor Your Guardian Angel
- Amazon Smile (Choose Eskaton Foundation)
- Planned and Estate Giving

EVC Resident Enrichment Fund

Help enrich the lives of older adults by allowing them the opportunity to learn a new skill, attend specialized exercise classes or experience the benefits of the fine arts, such as music and dance.

The EVC RAF/REF Committee appreciates the generosity of all donors.

Contributions are recognized in several ways.

- Names of all contributors are listed in the Book of Contributors.
- Names of those making contributions of \$5,000 or more are added to the Tree of Honor in the community area at EVC.



Explanation of the Two EVC Philanthropic Funds

EVC has two philanthropic Funds which exist for the sole purpose of enhancing and enriching the lives of EVC residents. Both Funds are managed through the EVC Resident Assistance and Enrichment Committee whose members include Barbara August, Carol Broomand, Bob Bryans, Bob Clark, Carol Leone, Sally Murphy, Clark Smith, Karen Taylor, Mary Ann Taylor and Terry Tice. The first of these Funds, the EVC Assistance Fund (RAF), has been discussed here previously. The second Fund, the EVC Enrichment Fund (REF), is relatively new, having existed for only two or three years. This Fund was designed to support the opportunity to learn new skills and experience the benefits of the fine arts. The Enrichment Fund was developed to support these and other special programs and projects for the benefit of all EVC residents.



Projects Funded to Date

The first Enrichment Fund project, the extension of the community gardens, was funded in 2021. Thus far in 2022, the monthly Tech Talks, refurbishing of the bocce courts and purchase of the special music stands and carts have been funded. We anticipate at least one or two more projects before the year is out.

How to Access the Enrichment Fund

Any individual resident, or group of residents, may apply for the use of the Enrichment Fund. Application forms are located on the desktop across from the Music Room. When completed, applications should be placed in Box #399 in the mail room. The EVC RAF/REF Committee will consider the application. If approved by the Committee, applications are sent to Executive Director Greg Klick for approval and, if approved, acquisition. If not approved, applicants will be notified along with the reason(s) for the decision. Applicants are welcome to make revisions and resubmit the application.

If an application is for a capital improvement, for example a meditation garden, it will be considered a concept idea proposal. It is not necessary to state a cost. After approval by the Committee, it will go first to EVC Executive Director Greg Klick and then to Eskaton's Capital Asset Management team for review. At this point, if the concept is approved, the Capital Asset Management team will get bids for the project as well as set forth a construction timeline. The application then goes back to the EVC RAF/REF Committee for review of costs and timeline. If accepted, it will be submitted as a completed application to the Executive Director for review. Final approval comes from the EVC RAF/REF Committee. If the application is denied, the applicant(s) have the option of revising the project and resubmitting the application.



Source of the Enrichment Funds

The source is primarily EVC residents, their families and their friends. Thus far, the major source of funds has been donations by residents of their EVC apartments or cottages. At the time the Fund came into existence there had been 17 such donations. It was determined that they were not exclusively restricted to provide assistance to residents who had exhausted their resources. The Committee decided these donations should be placed in a separate Fund to be used for projects which would enrich the lives of EVC residents. In the unlikely event that the Assistance Fund should ever need additional funds, the Enrichment Fund could also be used for assistance. Residents who like what the Fund is accomplishing and wish to see it continue, may contribute to the Enrichment Fund by using the blue brochures with the hummingbird logo, which are available on the table across from the Music Room. The brochures include a form for memorial giving, end-of-year giving or just-because giving. These donations are tax-deductible.

Barbara August, Chair
EVC Resident Assistance and Enrichment Committee