

Dear Friend of the Deaconess,

All of humanity has an innate desire, even emotional need, to stay connected through the ages. To want to be remembered and to want to remember is, it seems, a natural part of being human. The institution of Memorial Day in 1868 – first known as Decoration Day – fulfilled such a desire to remember those in the armed forces who gave their lives for this country. The observance of this special day continues as we remember, honor and celebrate all the special people whose lives well lived continue to serve as inspiration to us today.

We are blessed at The Deaconess to have served and continue to serve so many inspirational people – parents, grandparents, teachers, doctors, leaders of industry, lawyers, artists, musicians, counselors – who have given and continue to give so much to so many. **As you remember and celebrate the lives of the special people in your life, we invite you to make a special donation to The Deaconess to support our work with a generation of adults that have made a most extraordinary contribution to the world we live in today.**

This is an opportunity to memorialize or honor a special person in your life with a gift to The Deaconess' overall mission or a designated gift (*see enclosed form for specific gift amounts*) to:

- **The Deaconess in Concord Benevolent Fund** – providing assistance to residents of Newbury Court, The Gardens and Rivercrest experiencing financial hardship; or,
- **The Newbury Court Landscaping Project** – helping to beautify the Deaconess campus, including special gifts for memorial trees and park benches marked with memorial signage.
- **The Rockridge Community Room**– a center of activity, programs and worship in our Rockridge community
- **The Seashore Point Wellness Center** (formerly the Cape End Manor) in Provincetown.

Thank you for your commitment to the work of The Deaconess and the opportunity to join you in remembering and memorializing the inspirational people that helped form and guide our lives.

Grace and Peace,



Rev. Herb Taylor  
President and CEO