



SUMMER

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“A sunny disposition is worth more than a fortune.”
– Andrew Carnegie

Greetings Participants and Caregivers!

Summer is finally here! After a cold and wet spring, it is great to see the sunshine.

I am happy to tell you we are opening our eighth center very soon! The address of the new center is 19700 Hall Rd., Clinton Township, MI 48038. The need for PACE services in the community continues which is why we continue to grow.

Speaking of growing, our next new center will be in Westland! We hope to open this center in the fall of 2024.

Did you know? Studies have found PACE participants had lower rates of hospital use compared with other programs. They also tended to live longer than those who were cared for in nursing homes.

By its very nature, PACE also supports caregivers. Research says that support for caregivers can improve emotional well-being. This is the magic of PACE! The entire care team is here to wrap their arms around and meet all your needs.

If you know of a senior in need of our unique care model, please refer them to 855-445-4554. Our intake staff is happy to help. When you refer someone to PACE Southeast Michigan, you will become a member of the Mug Club! Mug Club members receive a special coffee mug.

We are so grateful you have chosen us to care for you. I look forward to seeing you in the centers. Have a lovely summer!

Mary

WELCOME TO OUR NEW HIRE



Dr. Ritu Gupta – Physician (Rivertown Center)

Dr. Gupta joins our Rivertown team as Dr. Rasheed is moving out of state. She has a passion for geriatric medicine. Dr. Gupta has been in practice as an internal medicine physician since 2014. She is very excited to meet the Rivertown participants!

PROMOTIONS – CONGRATULATIONS!



Donna Emch – Chief Clinical Officer

Donna Emch is our new Chief Clinical Officer. This is a promotion from her role as Vice President of Clinical Care and Services. In this role, Donna will oversee all clinical care. In addition to her three years at PACE Southeast Michigan, Donna has worked over 25 years in health care.



Kyla Skiffer – Social Work Manager (Southfield and Pontiac Centers)

Kyla will be the Social Work Manager for our Pontiac and Southfield Centers. Kyla joined the team at our Southfield Center in 2020. She was promoted to the Lead role shortly after. We are excited to see Kyla continue to change our participants' lives!



Sandra White – Vice President of Center Operations and Collaboration (Southfield and Pontiac Centers)

Our Senior Director of Operations, Culture, and Services, Sandra White, has moved to a new role. This new role is Vice President of Center Operations and Collaboration. Sandra has worked at PACE Southeast Michigan for 10 years. She will oversee all center operations. She will also ensure collaboration among teams to deliver high-quality services.

Meet our Rehab Team!

The Rehabilitation Team is dedicated to keeping our participants as safe and independent as possible. They may see you in the center or in your home. Working with the rest of your care team, the Rehab Team can help you recover from an illness or just stay as fit as possible!



Next time you see your Rehab Team, be sure to thank them for all they do!

As a PACE Southeast Michigan participant, all health care services are provided and arranged by your personal health care team. PACE participants may be fully liable for the costs of medical services from an out-of-network provider or without prior authorization with the exception of emergency services.



What's happening in the centers?



May was Older Americans Month! As a part of the celebration, several participants went to PACE Day at the Capitol on May 16! There, they met with legislators to tell them their stories about the value of PACE.



Participants enjoy Easter celebrations at the centers with the Easter Bunny!



Participants and staff get the gardens ready for summer on Earth Day!

We have had many visitors to our centers on the last few months! Congressman John James, Jonathan Mason (Deputy Chief of Staff for Michigan State Senator Darrin Camilleri), and State Representative Laurie Pohutsky have all come to learn more about our work and meet our participants.



Congressman John James at our Eastpointe Center



Jonathan Mason (Deputy Chief of Staff for Michigan State Senator Darrin Camilleri) at our Dearborn Center



State Representative Laurie Pohutsky at our Detroit Center

MEDICAL EDUCATION AT PACE SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN

As many of you know, Dr. Graddy, our former Chief Medical Officer, retired in 2021. However, she is still involved with PACE Southeast Michigan! She will be continuing, and improving, experiences for our medical students.

PACE Southeast Michigan is the perfect place for students to learn about the care of older adults. As this population grows, there will need to be more professionals caring for them. PACE is a perfect example of how to do that.

If you see students in the centers, be sure to say “hi!”

CALL REMINDER

Reminder!
Each week you should be receiving calls from the CEO of PACE Southeast Michigan, Mary Naber. These calls are meant to tell you about what is happening in our centers. Often, we have important information to share with you. Please expect a call each week. If you are not receiving these calls, please tell a member of your care team. They can get you added to the call list.



MEMORIAL GIFTS

We are blessed to care for people like you. You can help PACE Southeast Michigan’s mission for years to come. Please consider giving back to future PACE Southeast Michigan participants. You can choose to leave a gift in your will or designate PACE Southeast Michigan as your charity of choice.

CENTER CLOSURE DATES

Mark your calendars! Our centers and clinics will be closed on the following dates:

Independence Day – Tuesday, July 4, 2023

Labor Day – Monday, September 4, 2023

Thanksgiving Day – Thursday, November 23, 2023

Christmas Day – Monday, December 25, 2023

Remember you can call **(855) 445-4554** at any time – day or night, weekends, and holidays. We are always here for you!

5K SPONSOR THANK YOU

On June 3, PACE Southeast Michigan hosted its first in-person *Set the PACE 5K*. This event supports the *Community Giving Fund*, which keeps our participants living safely in their homes. Thank you to our top sponsors!

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PACE - Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly is a unique health plan and comprehensive care provider, committed to keeping chronically ill aging adults in their home, by caring for their medical, psychosocial, and spiritual needs.

OUR VALUES:

- Extraordinary Care
- Collaborative Teamwork
- Inspired Achievement
- Accountability
- Adaptive Growth



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