

Mission Inspires Action

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Soon after commencing piano visits with my friend Alice Sedgwick in 1997 I became aware of the vibrant community that is Terwilliger Plaza. I sensed excitement and energy, which is still palpable today as Members live forward. The Terwilliger Plaza Foundation mission supports the quality of life of its Members, and through the vision of Lesta Hoel, it supports her named Memorial Trust fund which assists qualified residents to remain, should they outlive their funds.

As an improvising musician, it is fun over a quarter-century to have noticed innovative sharing strategies that Plaza Members have offered through Foundation gifts. Departed loved ones are consistently honored through contributions. The Dee Sellner Fund and several other endowment funds support life-changing causes. Restricted funds are available for Art at the Plaza, the Library, scholarships and classical music. Franklin Chown built memorial benches with plaques in a bucolic spot above the Metcalf for both of his grandparents. Monthly flowers will honor the memory of James T. Stewart for the remainder of 2024. Two Members enjoy celebrating their birthdays with annual Foundation gifts combining their ages and then multiplying by a number they choose. Estate Planning beneficiary and non-restricted contributions are also welcomed. Mission inspires action, and I, as a new Terwilliger Plaza Foundation Director, remain grateful.

