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PROFILE: PATRICK HALLORAN



Patrick Halloran lives in Athens, Georgia, is a mason, a farmer, and a hospice volunteer for military veterans of World War Two and the Korean and Viet Nam Wars. He's also one of The Selfhelp Home's generous supporters, making a monthly gift to the home through his business, Halloran Masonry, Inc. Every month, Selfhelp staff marvels at the generosity of this man who lives 777 miles away from Chicago

Who is this Southern mason, and what is his connection to Selfhelp?

Patrick was born 71 years ago in Oak Park and moved to Libertyville as a child. He met his wife. Marsha, when they were 14 years old, and they've been together ever since (they now have a grown son and daughter and six grandkids). His entire life, Patrick has fought for the underdog. As a Catholic who grew up without a father, he was seen as having no one to stick up for him. Instead, his childhood experiences resulted in a life of compassion and care. While he rejects the Catholic Church, he has fully embraced the lessons of the Old and New Testaments and finds meaning and calmness in its teachings of helping others.

"When people come to me in need, I fix things," says Pat. "My word is everything. My faith is everything.

After leaving the Chicago area, Pat served in the 82 nd Airborne, 325 th Infantry Division, in the Viet Nam War from 1971 to 1973. After his honorable discharge, he and Marsha chose Athens, Georgia, to establish a business and raise their family, Halloran Masonry, Inc., was founded in 1976. Athens in the 1970s was still under "Jim Crow" rules, which segregated people by skin color, Having grown up in Chicagoland, Patrick Halloran had met Holocaust survivors as a child, as so many survivors settled there. Because of his own childhood experiences growing up without a father in the Catholic Church, Pat was acutely aware of the impact of using differences to treat people unfairly. Pat's sense of compassion led him to decide to hire Black people at Halloran Masonry, which meant White people would not work for him. He was called a "Damned Yankee" because he was seen as an outsider from Chicago

Patrick's sense of compassion and care manifest themselves in his monthly generosity to Selfhelp. He read about Selfhelp in a periodical several years ago, and felt so inspired by the home's history and service to the survivor and Jewish communities that he committed to a recurring gift. The impact of Pat's generosity is felt and appreciated by every Selfhelp resident, caregiver, staffer, and family member. We could not be more grateful to Patrick, Halloran Masonry, Inc., and the Halloran family. Thank you all.

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RIGHT AT HOME: THE GENEROSITY OF THE BERNARD HEEREY **FAMILY FOUNDATION** Since 2007, The Bernard Heerey Family Foundation has provided generous funding that provides supplemental money for qualifying seniors to live at The Selfhelp Home. The Selfhelp Home is grateful to the Foundation for giving so many of our residents the ability to continue to make Bernard Heerey ("Bud") has been best described as a quiet person, a good man and a great story teller. "Bud didn't spend his money on travel, gambling or clothes. He gave his money to charities," said Nathaniel "Nat" Grey, his longtime lawyer and Bud was born and raised in Chicago. His parents emigrated from Ireland and raised Bud as a religious Catholic. Bud inherited the family business, fixing car radios and providing car batteries. The business was located on the part of Clark Street, commonly known in the 1960s as "Skid Row," an impoverished area located south of North Avenue and north of the Chicago River.

In 1959, Bud Heerey enlisted the legal services of Nathaniel Grey, who described Bud as a "Land Assembler." Nat continued. "Bud was a risk taker. He would buy up small, contiguous parcels on Clark Street: condemned buildings, small commercial buildings, old transient residential buildings, and piece them together into a large, assembled holding, demolish the buildings, turn the vacant land into paved parking lots, and sell the assembled parcels to developers. He was essentially helping to clean up Skid Row.' Bud followed the same pattern on other streets in Chicago, in addition to Clark Street.

Bud never married nor had any children. He passed away in 1999 at the age of 79. His thoughtful estate planning bequeathed a substantial portion of his estate to charity. He left specific bequests to various Catholic institutions. He provided for the Bernard Heerey Family Foundation, which would award grants to Section 501(C)(3) charitable organizations irrespective of race, religion, or creed, for the benefit of elderly people at organizations such as The Selfhelp Home, CJE Senior Life, Little Sisters of the Poor, and the Benedictine Sisters of Chicago. The Foundation also provides scholarship support for students at Solomon Schechter Day School, Ida Crown Jewish Academy, Chicago Jewish Day School, Garrett-Evangelical theological Seminary, Cristo Ray Jesuit High School, De La Salle Institute, and the University of Chicago.

"The Foundation is doing what Bud wanted, making an impact on the lives of others," says Nat Grey.

The Selfhelp Home Board President, Austin Hirsch, expressed his sincere gratitude towards the generous grants received from $% \left(1\right) =\left(1\right) \left(1\right) \left($ the Bernard Heerey Family Foundation over the past 17 years. "Having this program each year helps us in supporting our mission and allows us to expand our reach into the community to provide the best quality of life for seniors in a culturally rich Jewish environment." said Hirsch.

Please join us in our gratitude for the partnership, support, and vision of the Bernard Heerey Family Foundation.