



Complete Listing of Named Spaces

These named spaces represent our gratitude to the donors who have helped ensure the margin of excellence we seek to uphold every day. Westminster Canterbury Richmond has been shaped by the generosity of our community. We hope you enjoy the stories behind these spaces.

Adams Roof Terrace — 2021

From this event space atop the Tower, you can see downtown Richmond, a beautiful sunset, and just about everywhere on campus! The Roof Terrace is named in honor of Edward and Marjorie Adams for their generous gifts to the Unrestricted Endowment and establishing the Marjorie B. and Edward C. Adams Fellowship Endowment.

Bella's — 2021

During the renovation of the Tower lobby and dining spaces, a new dining venue was created. Colonel Keith and Kathleen Brower chose this space to honor the memory of their beloved granddaughter, Arabella, in recognition of their generous support of Wellness programming.

Miriam's Kitchen & Miriam Snell Blake Place of Rest — 2022 & 2023

Miriam Snell Blake loved entertaining her family and friends, preparing a delicious meal, and providing everything needed for a wholesome (or heartwarming) gathering. Her husband Dr. Bill Blake named the Spiritual Center kitchenette "Miriam's Kitchen" and the lobby "The Miriam Snell Blake Place of Rest." These dedications honor her spirit of hospitality and were made in gratitude for Dr. Blake's contributions to Healthcare Recreation and Pastoral Care through the Chaplain's Discretionary Fund.

Botts Center for Technology — 2024

Dr. Thomas Botts was an accomplished scientist with a passion for technology and the way it could change the future. His legacy lives on through this learning center for residents to stay on the cutting edge of technology. This space was named in his memory by his wife, Sharon Harshbarger Botts, in gratitude for the creation of the Tom and Sharon Botts Information Technology Endowment, the first endowment of its kind here.

William F. Brown Garden — 1977

Named by Elizabeth Wight Brown in memory of her husband, William Francis Brown, this garden is one of the earliest named spaces on campus, established in 1977. Elizabeth and William had moved to Westminster Canterbury in 1975 and were very happy with the facilities and grounds, and upon William's death, Elizabeth chose to honor him with a peaceful garden outside what was then called Morningside. In 1993, Mrs. Brown would choose to further deepen her support of Westminster Canterbury by establishing the Elizabeth Wight Brown Fellowship Endowment.

Bud's Backyard Playground — 2014

This anonymous donor had a special place in their heart for all the children that attend our Child Development Center, and in their gift to the Foundation they specified that it would be used to buy durable, beautiful equipment that would stimulate young minds and encourage their sense of play.

Camilla's — 2021

This venue was dedicated in thanks for Phil Rohrbach's support of Wellness and Fitness programming. After travelling around the world together searching for the perfect cocktail, Phil found a fitting tribute to his late wife, Camilla, in naming our coffee and cocktail bar after her. Their cocktail search was not in vain, with Camilla's serving a quintessential cosmopolitan bearing her name.

Albert Henry Campbell Garden — 1994

Although Albert Henry Campbell never had the chance to live at Westminster Canterbury, his wife, Alice Campbell, honored her late husband by naming the large garden outside the November Gallery as a tribute to him. At the time of its dedication, the garden was one of the outdoor spaces for Morningside Assisted Living where Alice resided. An avid gardener within the community, Alice found it fitting to select this space when she established the Alice Campbell Morningside Fund to recognize and appreciate assisted living staff.

Cochrane Commons and Cochrane Pond — 2008 and 2011

J. Harwood and Louise Cochrane knew that Westminster Canterbury would need to grow to continue as a leader in senior services. Their generosity helped to expand our campus so the Village Apartments could be built. The Cochrane Commons and Cochrane Pond are focal points in the daily life of our community, named in honor of their generosity and Mr. Cochrane's particular affection for ducks.

Mary B. Easterly Dressing Suite — 2012

"Think pink!" was the design motto of Mary Blanton Easterly, who loved the color so much that even her garage was painted pink. A devoted supporter of our Sara Belle November Theater, Mary frequently sponsored shows. As her 90th birthday drew near, she chose to celebrate with a generous gift to the Performing Arts Endowment. In appreciation for her gift, the Foundation named the ladies' dressing room in her honor, and yes — it was painted pink!

Edge Sisters Family Room — 2011

The Edge Sisters, Roxanna Edge Joynes, Ann Edge Pollard, and Catherine Edge Bryant, grew up in Ginter Park, just down the road from Westminster Canterbury. When they all became residents here, they were delighted to get to spend so much time together and be so close to each other. Roxanna and her husband, Ralph C. Joynes, decided to pay tribute to their sisterhood and chose this family meeting room on the first floor of Parsons Health Center. This space was named in gratitude for the Joynes' support of the Health Services Caregiver Endowment, which provides support for staff in the Parsons Health Center.

Emmaus Garden — 2020

Given by Ann Sheldon Taylor, the Emmaus Garden is our resident memorial garden adjacent to the Spiritual Center. This tranquil space offers somewhere to quietly honor and remember a friend or loved one, named after the biblical road to Emmaus which represents a spiritual journey of revelation and renewal. Asked about her decision to use the name Emmaus, Mrs. Taylor said, "What could be a better place to speak of the promise of resurrection?" The Emmaus Garden was named in gratitude for Mrs. Taylor's support for the Area of Greatest Need.

Lettie Pate Whitehead Evans Room — 2006

During her lifetime, Lettie Pate Whitehead Evans (1872-1953) was a donor to the Protestant Episcopal Church Home in Richmond. When that organization joined in the founding of Westminster Canterbury, generous financial support from Mrs. Evans' foundations came with them. These foundations continue to be the largest sources of support for the Fellowship Program, and we could not provide assistance to as many people without their help. This room houses the furnishings and art from Mrs. Evans' home that were given to the ladies of the Church Home after her death.

Friel Reading Room — 1993

Given through the estate of Mrs. Fleta May Francis High Friel, this reading room in Mary Morton Parsons Health Center was given in memory of her late husband, John H. Friel. This space was named in honor of her gifts to the Fellowship Endowment.

Fleming W. Gill, MD Ophthalmology Clinic — 2001

The ophthalmology clinic in the Jane Martin Roberts Wellness Center is named in memory of Dr. Fleming W. Gill, a former Medical Director for Westminster Canterbury Richmond, by his wife, Katherine Beaman Gill. Mrs. Gill and other donors helped to create the Fleming Gill Medical Services Endowment and also contributed to the Clinic Fund, in gratitude for this, the Ophthalmology Clinic was named in his memory.

Florence Lillian Schmidt Gordon Flower Room — 2013 and Richard O. “Bim” Gordon Woodworking Shop — 2014

Florence and Bim Gordon moved to Westminster Canterbury in March 1986. When Mrs. Gordon passed in 1992, Bim became ever more involved in volunteering around campus, from gardens to repairing furniture and even making cabinets. When the opportunity presented itself in 2013, Bim was pleased to accept naming the Tower Flower Room in memory of his late wife. Just a year later Mr. Gordon would also pass, and through his estate to the Area of Greatest Need, the Foundation Board chose to name the Richard O. “Bim” Gordon Woodworking Shop in his memory.

Healthcare Excellence Headquarters — 2016 & Ray Inscoe Pastoral Care Center — 2015

Dr. Francis H. McMullen, affectionately known as Moon, was an ardent supporter of our Healthcare and Pastoral Care staff. To show his support, Moon created the Claire Hulcher McMullan Clinical Education Endowment in memory of his late wife and the Francis H. McMullan M.D. Pastoral Care Endowment in honor of then Director of Pastoral Care, the Reverend W. Ray Inscoe. In thanks for these generous gifts, the Healthcare Excellence Headquarters in our Mary Morton Parsons Health Center and the Ray Inscoe Pastoral Care Center were named.

Herman A. Hicks Barber Shop — 2008

Inside the John Marshall Hotel in downtown Richmond, there is an additional landmark- the barbershop. From 1948-1995 the John Marshall Hotel Barbershop was owned and operated by Mr. Herman A. Hicks, a WWII veteran and master barber. He was so impressed with the Healthcare staff in our Mary Morton Parsons Health Center that he created The Herman A. Hicks Health Services Endowment in his estate plans to create continuing education funding for the staff to use to advance their skills and maintain a margin of excellence. In gratitude for this gift, there was no better fit than to name our barbershop after Mr. Hicks.

Harvey Hudson TV Studio — 2010

As one of the co-founders of what is now FOX Richmond, WLRH-TV, Harvey Hudson was an important figure in Richmond media. He became interested in radio as a child and eventually that's where he started his career at WRVA Newsradio in the 1940s, before moving to television in the 1980s. It was a natural fit that his name would grace our TV and media production studio in gratitude for his gifts that created the Health Services Staff Training Endowment, in memory of his late wife, Barbara Dement Hudson.

Mary and Donald Huxley Greenhouse — 2004

This greenhouse next to the Cochrane Pond was donated by Ann Huxley Reed and her husband Stanley Reed, Jr. in memory of her parents, Mary and Donald Huxley. Ann was particularly fond of orchids and knowing how fickle many houseplants can be, she wanted to provide a place for residents to ensure their plants would be taken care of.

Jaqueline Room — 2006

Named in memory of Jacqueline Johnston Rice by her husband, W. Thomas Rice, the Jacqueline Room provides a beautiful space for families, small work groups and outside religious groups to gather, or additional seating for popular programs and services. This room was named in gratitude for Mr. Rice's gifts to the Chapel Expansion project.

Kathleen's — 2010

This beautiful bar and bistro venue was named in memory of Kathleen Button Ginn, the late wife of Major General L. H. Ginn III and mother of L. H. Ginn IV and Kathleen Ginn. Together they created The Ginn Family Leadership Endowment through Westminster Canterbury Foundation to support Healthcare Excellence in Mary Morton Parsons Health Center, which provides resources to attract and retain the best staff possible.

Edward E. Lane Learning Center — 2010

Named in memory of Edward Emerson Lane, a longtime member of the Virginia House of Delegates, his family chose the Learning Center because of the exceptional care he received in Mary Morton Parsons Health Center. The Learning Center was named in gratitude for generous gifts to supporting staff education through the Health Services Staff Training Fund from his wife, Jean W. Lane.

Low-November Box Office — 2006

The Low-November Box Office is an important part of our theater system. Named in tandem with the Sara Belle November Theater, Patricia Low, Albert Low, Pete Low, Rosalind Low and Randy November all contributed to the Theater Fund in memory of their relatives Frank Low, Mary November, Leona Jane Low, and H. Scott November.

Mary Earle Mackall Garden —1987

Mrs. Mary Earle Mackall was the President of the Protestant Episcopal Church Home when they joined with the Presbyterian Homes Board to found Westminster Canterbury Richmond. This garden is named in her memory in gratitude for the generosity of her children who made it possible.

Marable Fitness Room — 2014

Waverly H. "Jim" Marable was an inspiration to other residents, showing them that they could take positive steps for better health and energy if they committed to physical fitness and eating healthy. He was a regular in the fitness room, enthusiastically participated in classes, and served on the Resident Wellness Committee. His wife, Mary Trudy Marable, established the Wellness Endowment bearing his name as a memorial to him and in support of his mission to improve the lives of his fellow residents. With gratitude for their support, Westminster Canterbury Foundation has named the Marable Fitness Room in the Vital Living Center in his memory.

Richard McCord Clay Studio — 2012

Within the McGue-Millhiser Arts Studio, there is a pottery studio where students can practice many methods of pottery construction and receive instruction. One of these instructors was Richard McCord, an accomplished potter and artist who taught here and at the Visual Arts Center of Richmond, who was treasured by all his students. Seeking to memorialize him after his passing from cancer, Dr. Mary Louise Grayson Foy made contributions to the Studio Arts Endowment for pottery, and in gratitude the Pottery Studio bears his name.

McGue-Millhiser Arts Studio — 2003

Donated by Ross Jr., Timothy, Thomas, and Mary Millhiser, the McGue-Millhiser Arts Studio honors their parents, Ross and Eleanor. The Arts Studio was chosen because of their mother's love of art classes and their father's involvement in marketing and design — he created the Marlboro man!

Eleanor Link Melin Gallery — 2009

Miss Eleanor Link was a celebrated fashion illustrator for Miller & Rhoads department store in Richmond as well as other stores in Washington, D.C. and New York City. Upon moving to Westminster Canterbury, she met retired businessman Frederick W. Melin, Jr. and the two fell in love, celebrating one of the first weddings here in 1985. The Eleanor Melin Resident Art Gallery was created through an unrestricted bequest and provides a space where resident art shows can easily be viewed by all.

Memorial Garden — 2007

Gifted to Westminster Canterbury by Mr. and Mrs. John I. Oatts and the estate of Hilda Deane Bruce, the Memorial Garden sits in tandem with the Emmaus Garden outside the Chapel as a place for rest and remembrance for neighbors and friends.

Julia Gray Saunders Michaux Garden — 2010

Julia Gray Saunders Michaux was passionate about gardening and its therapeutic effects and wanted to make sure that they were accessible to residents in our Mary Morton Parsons Health Center. To accomplish this, she became a donor to the Parsons Health Center Dominion Therapy Endowment to support horticulture art and music therapy programs for residents in the Parsons Health Center. In gratitude for this support, the garden on the west side of the Parsons Health Center was named in her honor.

Richard A. Michaux, MD Clinic Lobby, Rehab Exercise Room, Pharmacy, and Physician's Office — 2006

Named in gratitude for Richard and Julia Gray Michaux's creation of multiple endowments including Memory Support, Fellowship, and Cultural Arts, these spaces are integral to resident life on campus and are utilized by many.

Montague Chapel — 1975

This chapel that adjoins the Sanctuary in the Spiritual Center in honor of The Rev. Dr. Russell Cary Montague, an Episcopal priest whose assignments included being the City Missionary for Richmond and the presiding Reverend of the Episcopal Church of the Holy Comforter. He also served as the beloved chaplain to the ladies of the Protestant Episcopal Church Home, who honored him with the dedication of the Chapel in his name after Westminster Canterbury opened in 1975.

Sara Belle November Theater and H. Scott November Gallery — 2006

Neilson and Sara Belle November were transformative patrons of the arts in Richmond as well as Westminster Canterbury. Our theater is named after Sara Belle to honor the Novembers' generous support of the Vision 2007 Theater Fund that keeps all performances free to residents. The gallery outside the theater is named in memory of the son, H. Scott November.

Josephine Nunnally Children's Library — 2003

Josephine Nunnally dedicated her entire career to librarianship, serving at institutions such as William and Mary, Agnes Scott College and most notably, the University of Richmond, where she remained for 38 years. She knew that early literacy skills were a key to higher education. In recognition of her generous estate gift, the Westminster Canterbury Foundation Board named the Child Development Center Children's Library in her memory.

Owens Meditation Room — 2024

Mary and Jerry Owen care deeply about their friends, neighbors and the staff at Westminster Canterbury Richmond. When they established the Mary and Jerry Owen W·E·A·V·E Endowment, they were given an opportunity to name a space in our Vitality building, and they chose the Meditation Room for its accessibility to residents and staff. It provides a calm, intimate setting for personal and small group reflection.

Papa's Galley Kitchen — 2007

This tucked away space inside the Child Development Center is one of the few named spaces on our campus donated by someone who never lived here and was, instead, a vendor. Mr. Jim Cremins worked for Professional Foodservice Consulting and became good friends with Mr. Jeremy Scarth, former Director of Dining and Catering. Mr. Cremins generously donated to the Area of Greatest need, allowing Jeremy to choose where they would be used in honor of Jeremy's retirement. This donation was used to create the Activities Enrichment Endowment for the Child Development Center, which helps families with covering activity fees for their children in our program.

Mary Morton Parsons Health Center — 1975 and Garden — 2005

A supporter of Westminster Canterbury even before its construction, Mary Morton Parsons contributed to the capital campaign to purchase the property where our original campus was built. In gratitude for this support, the Board dedicated the Health Center to her when it opened. The Mary Morton Parsons Foundation, established in 1988, has continued to support projects at Westminster Canterbury including the Vision 2007 Memory Support Endowment. For this support, the Board named the Memory Support Assisted Living Garden in her honor.

Webster S. Rhoads Memorial Library — 1972

The Webster S. Rhoads Memorial Library was donated by the family of Webster S. Rhoads, Jr. in his memory. Mr. Rhoads succeeded his father in running Miller & Rhoads and was chairman of the recently merged Garfinckel, Brooks Brothers and Miller & Rhoads Incorporated when he suffered a heart attack while driving to his home in the Northern Neck. To fill the library with books, St. Stephen's Episcopal Church held a book drive to make sure there would be enough to fill the shelves for opening day in 1975.

Rice Assembly Hall — 1984

CSX Corporation donated the Rice Assembly Hall during the 1984 building expansion capital campaign in honor of Mr. W. Thomas Rice, past President of Westminster Canterbury Foundation and chairman emeritus of CSX Corporation. This one is probably going to need to be removed or a new space identified.

Jane Martin Roberts Wellness Center — 2010

John W. Roberts named the Jane Martin Roberts Wellness Center in memory of his late wife, specifically for their family's gratitude for the Clinic staff. Jane was a former Trustee on the Corporate and Foundation Boards at Westminster Canterbury and a firm believer in the excellence of our Healthcare and Wellness staff. This space was named in gratitude for the Roberts family's generous support of the Wellness Programming Endowment, Healthcare Excellence Endowment, and the Clinic Fund.

Sue Robinson Garden — 2004

A group of friends led by Jacque Herod and Logan Johns were responsible for the fundraising push to name this garden outside the Vital Living Center on the Ellipse in honor of their dear, garden-loving friend, Suella Reynolds Robinson. Sue was a daffodil expert and participated in many national shows, winning a few top awards, and treasured the numerous gardens on campus.

Mary Denmead Ruffin Garden — 1988

A resident of the Protestant Episcopal Church Home that moved to Westminster Canterbury when it opened in 1975, Mary Denmead Ruffin named this garden in memory of her parents, Charles Lorraine Ruffin and Mary Levering Ruffin.

Spott Pastoral Care Office — 2012

Mrs. Rosalie Spott was a devoted volunteer at Westminster Canterbury. She spent her time assisting on our Health Care Visitation Service team, was a member of the Altar Guild for Thursday Episcopal services and regularly accompanied fellow residents to their medical appointments. Because of her generous estate gift, she named the pastoral care office used by the Director in memory of her husband, Oscar E. Spott, Jr.

Tabb Reading Room

This quiet reading room on the second floor of the Mary Morton Parsons Health Center was named by Charles Edward May, Fanny Turnbull May, Perrin Farrow Tabb and Braxton Harrison Tabb in honor of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. George M. Tabb.

Sally Lewis Dickinson Todd Audio Book Library — 1997

A devoted supporter of Westminster Canterbury, Mrs. Sally Lewis Dickinson Todd was always finding ways to support our margin of excellence. Among her donations were: the first campus vehicle and driver to help bring items from the parking lot to the entryway, our first greenhouse for resident gardeners, the movie library, and opening her home to host our first Spring Party of Appreciation.

A. Irving Totten, Jr. Chaplain's Office —2004

Donated by Virginia and Randolph Totten in memory of Randolph's father, Mr. Arthur Irving Totten, Jr. This office inside the Spiritual Center gives the Pastoral Care team a dedicated space inside the footprint of the new wing.

Buzz and Dottie Valentine Green Room — 2008

The Buzz and Dottie Valentine Green Room, located behind the Sara Belle November Theater, was named by The Reverend Mann S. Valentine VI in loving memory of his parents. This naming honors his generous gift to both the Performing Arts Endowment and the Fellowship Fund.

Wisman Billiard Room — 2005

Calvin and Anne Wisman chose to donate this billiard room out of their love of the game and for the enjoyment of their neighbors across campus.

C. Kenneth Wright Courtyard Garden West — 2020

This sweeping garden space just outside Kathleen's is named in gratitude for the generosity of Dr. C. Kenneth Wright. This space was chosen as it was the view from Mr. Wright's apartment in the Courtyard.

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