Fresh Ideas Flourish in Dining and Shopping at Woodcrest Villa

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WINTER 2017

Back and Better than Ever

The Makeover is Complete!

The makeover is complete! The Woodcrest Villa (WCV) Marketplace held a grand opening in early October and all of the good stuff is back! Whoopie pies, mini bread loaves, fruit pies, apple dumplings, iced brownies and sticky buns enticed the crowd of residents and staff who were on hand to celebrate and shop. In addition to the sweet treats from Pies Galore, new displays revealed standard items, fresh produce and dairy products that residents and staff regularly purchased from the store.

"The store closed for renovations just as we moved in," recalled Larry Brenneman. "The new store has a beautiful design and nice bright lighting and displays." Marilyn Beardslee chimed in that because so many people missed the store during the renovations, they were overwhelmingly happy to have it open again.

According to store manager Nick Picciano, one of the biggest improvements to the store is behind the scenes. Nick and his crew of 46 resident volunteers now have an on-site stock room. Before the renovations, store items were stocked and located in four different storage areas throughout the community. Now Nick has a centralized workspace in the stock room making everything more easily accessible to his volunteers. The storage area helps the team keep better track of inventory and ensure the store shelves are well stocked.

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>
> Nick Picciano

Nick is very excited about the store's new layout and the addition of the chiller that keeps produce cold and fresh.

"Our grand opening was the second best day of sales since I've been here," Nick shared. There is now a dedicated entrance to the store that offers a better flow for shoppers, along with accent lighting that highlights the products and vibrant lights to match the energy in the room. "All of the tools are in place to keep the store in top-notch shape and we are ready to welcome and serve our shoppers," he explained.

"It's wonderful to have the store back! This whole project has been well-done," gushed resident Paul Troutman. As part of the grand opening, shoppers were given stylish reusable shopping bags sporting the store logo. A message attached from the "Go Green" committee reminded shoppers to re-use the bag and help the environment. Gift cards are available and make wonderful birthday and holiday gifts. The Marketplace Store hours are Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m.-noon.

Bluebird Inn

Residents are enjoying the newly renovated Bluebird Inn dining room. The warm colors, inviting furniture and flowing layout offers a beautiful dining atmosphere for all. According to Shaun Metzler, Dining Services Director: "One main focal point to the Inn is our very own wood stone hearth oven—Papa John's has nothing on us!" WCV chefs are making their own pizza dough to use in the oven along with creating new signature entrees. In addition, each serving area now has the capability to do action station-style cooking with state-of-the-art equipment. Shaun is eager to showcase the culinary team in action so residents can enjoy watching how their delicious food is made. He also noted that the renovations increased seating from 88 to 130 people.

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Elias Groff

Fondness for Mennonite Home Runs in the Family

Elias Groff has always kept Mennonite Home (MH) close to his heart; in fact it seems to run in his family. Between 1942 and 1975, his father was on the Mennonite Home Board of Directors as a Trustee. For 12 of those years he served as the Treasurer. Actually, both of Elias' parents volunteered at MH in different ways long before they decided to move in as residents. That commitment to volunteering continued for the duration of their lives.

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Elias was one of nine children, born and raised in Lancaster County. His current residence is about 300 feet from his childhood home. He enjoyed farming and raising cattle and chickens before joining Mennonite Home's facilities department in 1992. In the early days of his career here, he still kept the farm running! In 2011, he retired from Mennonite Home and immediately returned as a volunteer.

Elias really has a heart of servitude and a passion to follow it through. Elias has shared his enthusiasm with many residents who use wheelchairs as he escorts them to their physical therapy or beauty shop appointments. He says that he "loves the exercise and the opportunity to meet people." Although he is scheduled to volunteer twice a week, he also fills in whenever there is a need. He always seems to go the extra mile. When residents or fellow volunteers who he has befriended become ill, Elias manages to brighten their spirits with visits, cards and flowers.

Besides helping at Mennonite Home, Elias enjoys traveling and hunting. He and his first wife Verna had four children (two boys and two girls) and they traveled extensively until her death in 1991. He then married Mary and they had two daughters. He and Mary continued to travel until her death in 2012. A few of the places he has visited include Europe, the Holy Lands, Egypt, Alaska, Hawaii and Israel. He also loves to go bow hunting and enjoys visiting his son and son-in-law's cabin in Juniata County. He says, "Whenever I have the opportunity, I'll be ready to go!" Gardening, both vegetables and flowers, and hiking are also two of his hobbies. But his 15 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren are the most important part of his life.

Mennonite Home is pleased to recognize and thank Elias for his devotion and commitment as one of our very special volunteers.

What's New in Wellness?

The Wellness Team is excited to partner with residents and fellow team members to create a comprehensive program that enhances the overall wellbeing of residents.

Over the past few months, new group fitness classes have been added to the schedule and pool hours have expanded to include Thursday evening and Saturday hours. Residents have been invited to bring their children and grandchildren to use our beautiful, state-of-the-art amenities as a way of promoting healthy lifestyle practices and encouraging fun, quality time among families. A resident Wellness Committee was created which generated a number of new programs that are being offered more frequently. A terrific example was the Active Aging Week Celebration held the last week of September. The International Council of Active Aging sets the dates and theme for the week, which is intended to "call attention to and wholeheartedly celebrate the positivity of aging today . . . and give as many older adults as possible the means to experience wellness activities and exercise in a safe, supportive environment." Individual communities are free to plan their own events around the week's theme, which was "Ignite Your Passion." Both Woodcrest Villa and Mennonite Home celebrated with events such as an outdoor bonfire with marshmallow roasting and music, a resident hobby fair, a group service project, an indoor scavenger hunt, a resident talent show and a healthy food tasting event. The Wellness Team is so excited for the enthusiasm around the current program and looks forward to continuing to grow the program to make our community the best place to live and work.

Woodcrest Villa residents enjoy making smores (bottom and second from the top photos) and participate in a service project (top photo) during Active Aging Week.

HOME FOR LIFE:

Annual Report 2017

As our organization strives to enrich the lives of residents, staff and community at Mennonite Home Communities, I feel blessed. Residents are engaged in many ways at Mennonite Home and Woodcrest Villa creating a vibrant atmosphere at both campuses. Staff continues to faithfully deliver high-quality care and services. We have hosted several community events in the VIVA Centre.

We also continue to look for ways to better serve our residents through renovations and building. The Foxglove and Gardenia villas were completed and residents have moved in. Boyers Run in Personal Care and the Garden Cafe and Bluebird Inn at Woodcrest Villa were renovated—all to enhance the resident experience. A tennis/pickleball court has also been added at Woodcrest Villa.

Plans are nearing completion for Coopers Run Personal Care room renovations and the construction of Pheasant Pointe, a new 39-unit apartment building at Woodcrest Villa. Both projects will begin in early 2018.

Mennonite Home continues to be blessed with strong occupancy, interest in our services and a solid financial foundation. We are blessed by the many people who faithfully volunteer as well as those who give generously of their finances so we can continue to fulfill our mission to be a home for life for residents who exhaust their resources.

I am grateful to the board for engaging in strategic planning this fall. Significant changes are occurring in healthcare and we are working hard to respond appropriately. We will continue to be faithful stewards of the resources entrusted to us and look forward to a great 2018. Thanks for your support.

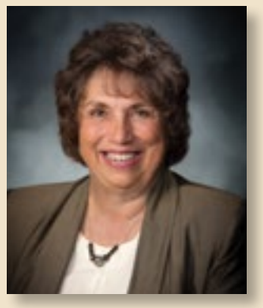
John D. Sauder, NHA
President,
Mennonite Home Communities

The Mennonite Home Statement of Operations for the year ending June 30, 2017

RESIDENT SERVICE REVENUE:	
Gross billings for room, board and ancillary services	$46.924.429
Amount written off for required contractual allowances and inability of some residents to pay	(4,675,852)
NET RESIDENT SERVICE REVENUE	42,248,577
Pennsylvania nursing home assessment	613,714
Net assets released from restrictions	1,647
Other revenue	526,229
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE	43,390,167
OPERATING EXPENSES:	
Salary, wages and outside services	17,750,731
Payroll taxes and employee benefits	5,334,535
Food, medical supplies and other expenses	10,429,276
Pennsylvania nursing home assessment	480,566
Depreciation and interest	8,988,310
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	42,983,418
OPERATING INCOME	406,749
OTHER INCOME:	
Unrestricted contributions	275,410
Investment income (Realized and unrealized)	3,903,914
Change in fair value of interest rate swap agreements	(420,420)
REVENUE IN EXCESS OF EXPENSES	$4,165,653

A Letter from

The Board Chairperson



I have recently been blessed to spend August 31-September 8, 2017 in short-term rehabilitation in Wissler Run at Mennonite Home Communities (MHC) after bilateral knee replacement surgery. I was welcomed into a sparkling clean, bright, semi-private room with a calming garden view by attentive, knowledgeable personnel who identified themselves and their role in my care. Although it was Labor Day weekend, I received physical and occupational therapy daily and had access to anything I needed from day one.

Eating meals with my fellow 18 rehabilitation partners and hearing about their experiences enhanced my stay. Breakfast always included fresh fruit. We also enjoyed a late summer picnic lunch outdoors with grilled burgers and hot dogs for staff and residents.

I was able to rehab successfully for one week and then my therapists made a home visit to be sure I was ready to climb and descend 14 steps upstairs to my farmhouse bedroom, get out of my bed easily, enter and exit my shower easily and have an armchair that I could get into and out of for meals. I passed all these tests and went home for in-home rehab followed by one month of outpatient therapy.

Due to the generous giving of many to MHC over the past 114 years, all of these services are available to residents and based on my first-hand experience, I am extremely grateful for MHC's part in my recovery.

May MHC be like a tree planted by the water . . . its leaves are always green. (Jeremiah 17:8)

With sincere thanks for
all gifts of support for MHC,
Patricia Y. Leaman
MHC Board Chairperson

Many Ways to Help

Mennonite Home Communities has been blessed by the gifts of many individuals and organizations. These gifts fund our Benevolent Care program, which provides needed resources for residents with limited financial means. We as a Board are committed to creatively cover the $3.3 million difference between government reimbursements and the costs of providing that care. Gifts to our Benevolent Care program help offset these differences.

The Golf outing, the Extraordinary Give, our Annual Campaign, Monthly gifts, Memorial/Honor gifts, estate planning and bequests are some of the different ways to give. Gifts in your will and gifts of retirement plan funds are particularly important giving mechanisms. Greg Pierce and our development associates continue to create new initiatives for giving. They are also knowledgeable about the most tax beneficial methods of giving.

"Joy of Giving" continues to be our theme. Thank you for your support of the Mennonite Home Communities.

With Sincere Thanks,
Roy Bomberger Jr.
Chairperson,
Development Committee

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Mennonite Home Communities is committed to providing high-quality, loving care for our residents, regardless of their financial limitations. We use the phrase Benevolent Care to describe the gift of uncompensated care and the donations that support this care. Our Benevolent Care Policy assures residents the same high level of care, with complete confidentiality to protect their dignity.

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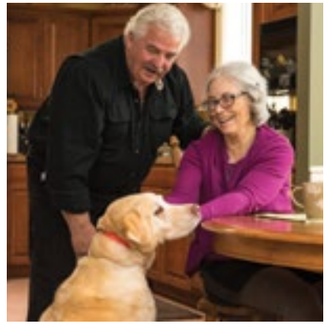

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The Board of Trustees established the 1903 Legacy Society (named for the year Mennonite Home Communities was founded) to celebrate the role of philanthropy and to thank our generous donors.

The 1903 Legacy Society recognizes donors for one or more of the following:

- Those who have given gifts and pledges totaling $10,000 during their lifetimes
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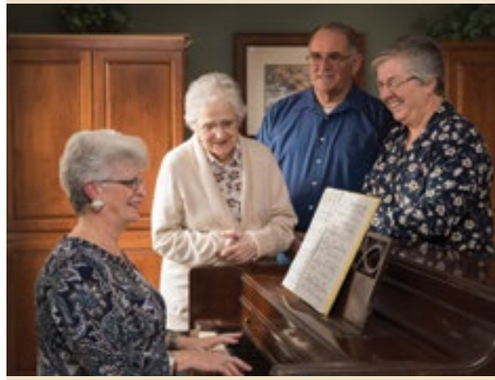

Spirit of Giving: Phil & Sue Metzler

Phil and Sue Metzler moved into their Romarin Place Villa in January of 2015. That spring they discovered one small, but important-to-them element missing from the Woodcrest Villa (WCV) campus - a regulation bocce court.

Phil shared his desire for a court with WCV leadership because he knew others would also enjoy playing the sport. Leadership agreed and a new court was included as part of the VIVA Centre. Phil was also happy to lend his financial support to the project through a generous donation.

Since the court opened, Phil's prediction has come to pass. Many people throughout the community enjoy playing bocce. Fitness Instructor Kathy Eberly helps to organize players routinely and fellow residents Rich and Vi Shoemaker also enjoy helping out.

After seeing residents happily participating in bocce games, Phil saw another opportunity—courtside seats and umbrellas for protection from the sun. Once again, Phil contributed funds to help make the bocce experience an even more enjoyable one. Thanks in part to Phil's efforts, bocce has become a wonderful social event that has had a positive impact on the community as nearly 20 people enjoy the exercise, challenge and the socialization that comes from organized play.

Phil and Sue's love of the VIVA Centre extends to also taking exercise classes, swimming and playing water volleyball.

They initially became interested in WCV after their daughter encouraged them to consider moving from their original retirement location on the eastern shore of Maryland during the summer and Florida in the winter (which is where Phil developed his love of bocce). Three of their five children live in the Lancaster area.

Having lived much of their lives in Lancaster, Phil and Sue also happened to be quite familiar with WCV through years of visiting his aunt and uncle, Ginnie and Paul Diller, who lived in an apartment here. The Metzlers actively started their search in 2013 and were elated to discover WCV was building villas in 2014. The location directly across the street from the Lancaster General Health Suburban Outpatient Pavilion was also a definite plus in their considerations as they liked the idea of being close to quality healthcare.

Since moving to WCV, Phil and Sue have made lots of friends, gotten involved in various activities and joined the 1903 Legacy Society. The 1903 Legacy Society is an opportunity for donors to support residents who rely upon Benevolent Care after outliving their own resources. Additionally, the Metzlers are also considering other ways to support WCV such as through the donation of a life insurance policy. After seeing the good that can come from sharing his gifts, Phil encourages others to consider how they can support Benevolent Care now or in the future.

VIVA la Mile Grows in Second Year!

For the second straight year, Woodcrest Villa hosted a one mile walk/run the same day as the Explore Retirement Living Open House in October.

This year, more than 100 people participated, raising close to $3,000 for Benevolent Care. The race was also made possible by the extraordinary efforts of close to 30 volunteers who made the event run smoothly and safely. Awards were given to the fastest participants in different age groups as well as top staff members and top residents.

The male winner was Jay McMillan in 5:43, a new course record, and the female winner was April High in 7:22. Top male resident was Lew Kauffman in 14:15 and female was Sally Rodenberger in 14:37. Fastest male employee was David Jachimowicz in 8:34 and female was Pamela Stuttler in 11:08.

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