



*Blooming Where  
We Are Planted  
Residents and Staff Members  
Find Ways to Brighten Days*

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# Outdoor Beauty Abounds

## AT WOODCREST VILLA

In the northwest corner of Woodcrest Villa (WCV), just beyond the Nature Trail, lies more than an acre of meadowland, stream and, soon, a memorial arboretum with native shrubs, wildflowers and trees, planted in memory of and in honor of residents who have passed away and in honor of those who have made an impact.

Arboretums are protected outdoor museums of sorts, where visitors can wander through a wide variety of identified trees and other plantings, grown for education and ornamentation. Picture a mini-version of Longwood Gardens or the United States Botanic Garden, in Washington, D.C.

In addition to beautification, the WCV arboretum will shelter native wildlife living along the banks of Swarr Run, the creek that winds along the edge of the arboretum on its way to the Little Conestoga Creek.

As plantings mature, the acreage will be “a place where we can honor our people ... to help us remember our loved ones for a long time,” said resident Shirley Harms. “An arboretum is a joyful experience .... A person can find renewal as each season comes and goes.”

WCV resident Jerry Lawrence, a lifelong gardener, developed the arboretum idea over the past year. Step one was to remove invasive plants such as bush honeysuckle and poison ivy as well as dead trees and other debris along Swarr Run and the arboretum boundaries. Then, the Woodcrest Arboretum Committee planted approximately 100 native shrubs and trees—serviceberry, paw paw, winterberry, paper birch, flowering crabapple, hydrangea, viburnum, chokeberry and Kousa dogwood. The plantings accent areas along the Nature Trail and woodland tree canopy and act as a riparian buffer along Swarr Run, protecting stream banks and the waterway.

This past autumn, five memorial and honor trees were planted in the arboretum including an honor tree for the Mennonite Home Communities’ (MHC) “Health Care Heroes.” The Memorial and Honor trees include a cast bronze plaque. Purchased for \$1,000, this covers the cost of the tree and plaque, and the cost of planting and care.

The arboretum, created, funded and maintained by resident volunteers, will eventually feature American beech, Princeton elm,

black willow, red oak and oakleaf hydrangea. “We are perhaps the only retirement campus in the area that has both an arboretum and nature trail,” said Jerry.

The Nature Trail, recently dedicated to residents Lew and Gloria Kauffman “for their love of flora and fauna and their countless hours” of trail work, was the foundation of the “bloom where you are planted” initiative, which includes the greenhouse, raised gardens and the seasonal flower plantings.

The MHC Grounds crew has helped bring the arboretum to fruition by felling dead or dying trees and hauling away the debris. “We also make sure that the trees/plants that are being planted are suitable for the area that they want to plant them,” noted Jake Ault, grounds supervisor. “Sort of a ‘consultant’ role, if you will.”

The arboretum committee also made connections to tree experts and native tree farms through Lancaster County Conservancy, and Jenkins Arboretum in Devon donated identification signs.

In addition to developing the trail and arboretum, talented WCV residents bring their gardening talents together for the overall beautification of the entire community. Under the heading of WCV Flower Factory, Nature Trail & Arboretum, the gardeners nurture a variety of enterprises.

The Flower Factory grows, cuts and arranges bouquets, sold each week in the Marketplace, for the MHC benevolent fund—providing a continuation of high-quality care to residents who have outlived their resources.

The flowers, begun as seeds in February, come to maturity in a garden area next to the greenhouse, said Lawrence. Five bucketsful—a mix of perennials and annuals such as lisianthus, rudbeckia, cosmos, zinnia and dahlias—are cut each week and arranged into 15 to 20 bunches to be sold each Friday and Saturday. In season, the flowers bring \$100 a week to the fund.

*(Top photo) Jerry Lawrence (far left) leads the ceremony to dedicate the walking trail to Lew & Gloria Kauffman (pictured with Kauffman family members). Lew is one of several outstanding volunteers who devoted countless hours to making the trail a favorite walking path for many. (Middle photo) Location of arboretum on Woodcrest Villa Campus. (Bottom photos) Flower Factory volunteers create stunning flower arrangements with sales proceeds benefitting benevolent care.*







# 2020 Golf Tournament

## Celebrating 25 Years!

It was a beautiful day at Meadia Heights Golf Club in Lancaster as our sponsors and golfers joined with us to celebrate Mennonite Home Communities' 25th Anniversary Golf Outing. Over the past 25 years, our generous supporters have given faithfully to the Benevolent Care Program by donating more than \$1.3 million. What a difference that makes in the lives of our residents!

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# Love Conquers All

In a time of uncertainty, apprehension and sometimes fear, one thing we can always count on is love. The bonds of family and close friends can be powerful enough to help us through anything.

### Unfortunately, during the COVID-19

pandemic, families have needed to stay apart to protect one another due to the PA Department of Health guidelines. For those living in a personal care or skilled nursing home, this has been especially difficult.

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So many heartwarming moments have occurred during these visits. Seeing grandchildren was definitely a highlight for many residents! Another resident

the baby up to the glass, grandma reached out, simultaneously allowing them to “touch” hands with the glass separating them. That beautiful memory is sure to be one that the family treasures for years.

and clapping. With their newly created language, they had a visit filled with smiles and precious memories.

Although families and residents were happy for the ability to see one another, everyone longs for the day when loved ones can hug one another freely and visit whenever they would like! Mennonite Home staff members appreciate the understanding and patience of residents and their families. Although it can be challenging, everyone is working together for the same positive outcome, and we remain committed to using creative ways to enable residents and families to see one another—electronically and in person. Visits might look different for a little while, but we want everyone to be able to share their love for one another.

Because we understand that it really is true—“Love Conquers All.”

Telephone calls and FaceTime visits have been a blessing during this time. Still, the absolute best visit is being able to see your loved ones live and in person again. Mennonite Home residents and families especially rejoiced when window and outdoor visits began this summer. During window visits, surfaces were routinely disinfected for visitors and residents and, for outdoor visits, residents and family members stayed 6-feet apart, and all wore masks for safety. Families were able to schedule 30-minute visitation blocks online.

Another fun idea was a surprise 95th-birthday party. The resident's family dropped off flowers, balloons, cake, cookies, chips, pretzels and beverages for the resident to share with her neighbors in her household.

During another visit, one resident and her son created their own language with hand motions, face motions

Most families spent their visits enjoying the simple pleasure of catching up on news regarding family and friends, sharing photos or simply just seeing one another.

### Sometimes residents even ended up meeting new family members!

During one window visit, a resident met her 6-month-old grandson for the first time. As the mother held





YOUR GIFTS MATTER:  
Annual Report 2020



**I love the theme of this issue “bloom where planted.”**  
A few years ago, my wife and I were driving through Saguaro National Park in Arizona. Even though it was 115 degrees outside, I was amazed to see beautiful blooms on some of the cacti. During times like these, I am reminded that we can truly bloom in some of the harshest environments just like the cacti.

The year 2020 has been an incredibly tough one. Yet in my quiet times, God has gently reminded me to remember and appreciate all the good things that are happening. And there’s plenty of wonderful things happening! I am blessed by the incredibly talented staff members at Mennonite Home Communities (MHC). I have watched them “bloom where planted.” Amidst all the challenges associated with COVID-19,

they have used their gifts to flex and adapt while continuing to provide outstanding care to the residents.

I am grateful for the residents and family members who have exhibited grace during the pandemic and ever-changing guidance.

I appreciate all who continue to generously support MHC financially. I value the MHC board that continues to provide wise counsel and make key strategic decisions.

Thanks to the teamwork of all involved, Mennonite Home Communities will continue to “bloom where planted” and enrich the lives of our residents, staff members and the community.

**John D. Sauder, NHA**  
**President**  
Mennonite Home Communities

A Letter from The Board Chairperson



**Mennonite Home Communities has been blessed with a heritage of serving others.**

That was especially true this past year, which has been an interesting one in so many ways.

As a Board, we are thankful to the MHC staff members for their tireless and selfless efforts to keep everyone safe and

to provide excellent care during the pandemic and beyond.

They are truly heroes. Their dedication inspires us to find creative approaches to the changing healthcare landscape so that we may continue our heritage of serving others well into the future.

One way we are doing so is by creating greater efficiencies in our operations by rightsizing our Mennonite Home campus. Decisions like this will help us continue to bloom and grow where we are planted. An older friend told me many years ago that you are either “green and growing or ripe and rotting.” We are so appreciative of our volunteers, donors, staff members and residents who enable us to grow and serve with grateful hearts.

And, a huge thank you to the individuals and businesses who have contributed to the benevolent care of our residents. As a Board, we remain optimistic, but would also appreciate your prayers for wisdom as we navigate the uncertain times ahead.

With appreciation,  
Roy Bomberger, Jr.  
**Board Chairperson**

Mennonite Home  
Statement of Operations

The Mennonite Home Statement of Operations for the year ending June 30, 2020

<b>RESIDENT SERVICE REVENUE:</b>	
Gross billings for room, board and ancillary services	\$49,531,293
Amount written off for required contractual allowances and inability of some residents to pay	(6,602,187)
NET RESIDENT SERVICE REVENUE	42,929,106
COVID-19 provider relief revenue	1,290,159
Pennsylvania nursing home assessment	456,758
Net assets released from restrictions	136,996
Other revenue	337,408
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE	45,150,427
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES:</b>	
Salary, wages and outside services	18,465,661
Employee benefits and payroll taxes	4,571,919
Food, medical supplies and other expenses	11,487,818
COVID-19 expenses	1,014,283
Pennsylvania nursing home assessment	427,190
Depreciation and interest	14,239,036
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	50,205,907
OPERATING LOSS	(5,055,480)
<b>OTHER INCOME:</b>	
Unrestricted contributions	518,590
Investment income (Realized and unrealized)	2,281,383
Change in fair value of interest rate swap agreements	2,634,458
OTHER INCOME	165,515
REVENUES LESS THAN EXPENSES	\$ (4,889,965)



*It is important to note that MHC’s fiscal year 2019-2020 operating results included two significant, one-time expense items totaling \$5.6 million. In recognition of the upcoming demolition of the Juniata building, \$2.95 million of accelerated depreciation was taken on this portion of the personal care facility. In addition, due to lower prevailing interest rates, a \$2.6 million decrease was experienced in the fair value of interest rate swap agreements that MHC has in place to manage the interest on its long-term debt. Excluding these one-time expenses, both of which were non-cash items, MHC would have shown revenues in excess of expenses of \$0.7 million.*

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YOUR GIFTS MATTER:  
*1903 Legacy Society*

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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William Cherry  
Blanche Corrigan  
Dorothy Gard  
Roy Hess  
Paul Leaman  
Paul Lefever  
Florence McGrath  
Sue Metzler  
Ellen Musser  
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Joan Nicholson  
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Marilyn Beardslee  
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Robert McGrath  
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**Elsie & Fred Reutenauer**  
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**Donald Wain**  
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**WCV April 2020 Deaths**  
Anonymous

**WCV Friends Who Recently Passed**  
Laurie Phillips

**Elizabeth Weaver**  
Dick & Cindy Weaver

**Amy Weaver** **G**  
Bea Armstrong  
Douglas & Lisa  
Armstrong  
Denise Bree  
Jeff & Dawn Donough  
Patricia Fickes  
George & Karen Grove  
Robert & Holly Keller  
Vagabonds Rod &  
Custom Club  
Raymond A.  
Wolownik, P.C.  
Allen & Amanda Yoder  
Brian Yoder  
Nathan & Zachary  
Yoder  
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Carol Brown  
Kathleen Dvorchak  
Joan Ellis  
Robert Felter  
Dr. & Mrs. James  
E. Goddard, Jr.  
Bruce & Susan  
Hepburn  
Dave & Tootsie Kuntz  
Lancaster General  
Hospital/Medical  
Staff Office  
Richard & Joanne  
Markley  
James McMullin  
Laurie Phillips

**Ernest & Jean Wood** **G**  
Patricia Powers

**Gene Wentling**  
Elaine Edgerton  
William Johnson  
James & Evelyn Trexler  
Susan Van Cleve  
Walz Group P.C.  
Joseph & Doris  
Wentling

**L. Kathleen Werner**  
John & Aileen  
Longenecker

**Barbara West**  
Anonymous  
Joan Ellis  
Rick & Liz Mentzinger  
Phyllis Stone

**Robert White**  
Ken & Wilma Beard

**John W. Wolf**  
Susan Wolf

**Jean Wood** **G**  
Michael & Casey  
Bergen & Family  
Fletch & Edie Creamer  
Kathleen Dvorchak  
Joan Ellis  
Kathleen Garvey  
Dr. & Mrs. James  
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The Griglik Family  
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Richard & Joanne  
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Ed Fuller  
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Virginia Mullin  
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Beth Terry

**Shirley Brumbach**  
Marc Brumbach

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Dale & Wendy Martin

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**Janet Sweigart**  
John & Lynette Howard

**Jessica Perry**  
Doris St. John

**Kathy Phillips - Primitives By Kathy**  
Doris St. John

**Mary Anne Gochnauer**  
Anonymous

**MH & WCV Staff**  
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George & Pat Werner

**\*Norma Landis**  
Thomas & Barbara  
Clawson

**Residents Who Made Face Masks for WCV**  
Tom & Linda Mullen

**Sarah Horting**  
Robert & Audrey Horting

**Warren & Linda Tyson's 50th Anniversary**  
Anonymous  
Herb & Barb Keener  
Virgie Keener  
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Merle & Bertha Ocker  
Tim & Sharon Tyson  
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Robert & Sandra Smith





# Why I Support Benevolent Care

By Noel Connaughton

Ursula and I came to the United States from Ireland in 1969. We arrived in Baltimore filled with optimism but short on cash. We bought furniture at second-hand stores until somebody told us about Julia and Rosalie Moody, elderly sisters, who were downsizing and moving into the same complex where we were living. It was a match made in heaven. We wound up getting some lovely furniture and made our first friends in the United States.

Six months later, our son Rory was born. The sisters then had us and a baby to fuss over—and Rory had two additional grandmothers.

In 1975, I decided that I liked practicing medicine more than I liked teaching it. Ursula and I

decided to explore opportunities outside the Baltimore area. One of my closest friends, Dr. John Gareis, asked me to join him at Lancaster General. We loved the mixture of a busy small town and a vibrant farming community. Deep down I think Lancaster reminded us of Ireland. By then we had a five-month-old daughter, Orla, and we decided that

coming to Lancaster would be wonderful.

At the time of our move, Rosalie had already passed away, but Julia continued to live an active and social life. We made lots of trips to Baltimore, and she spent a lot of time in Lancaster. She liked to see us, but she loved seeing the children even more.

When Julia entered her early 90s, we began to worry a bit about her. Her family and many of her friends had passed away. We invited her to come live with us and she thoroughly enjoyed being part of our family. If there had been a positivity award, Julia would have been the clear winner.

A few years later, we realized we needed some help in caring for Julia, so we reached out to Mennonite Home. Although we missed Julia, the great staff and other residents enabled her to brighten up enormously and recover her vitality.

Julia sadly passed away three months short of turning 100. We buried her in Baltimore next to her grandfather who had come to America from Cork, Ireland (Ursula's hometown), at the age of 12. We felt a circle had closed.

We are grateful to the Mennonite Home for their wonderful care of Julia. By donating to Benevolent Care, we are able to support their important mission and honor the memory of our dear friend Julia Moody.

*(Top photo) Ursula and Noel Connaughton enjoy supporting benevolent care at Mennonite Home. (Bottom photo) Rory Connaughton shares a smile with Julia Moody a few years ago.*



Korean War Veterans' Association (KWVA) past-president Paul Cunningham, EdD, recently concluded his term of office with three significant events. Each led to receiving awards in recognition of his leadership and service to KWVA and further strengthening the United States/Republic of Korea (ROK) Alliance.

The first of these was participating in a Zoom teleconference with Pastor Rev. Dr. KangSuk So and Elder ChongDae Kim, Rear Admiral ROKN (Ret.) of Sae Eden Presbyterian Church in Seoul, South Korea on June 24, 2020, to observe the 70th anniversary of the start of the Korean War. Joining this event were 4,000 Korean War veterans from the U.S., Canada, Thailand and the Philippines plus members of this 46,000-member congregation. During the program, Paul was awarded a certificate and plaque in recognition of his service.



The following day, he was one of nine people to lay wreaths at the Korean War Memorial. At the conclusion of the program, ROK Military Attache at the Korean Embassy, presented Paul with a plaque inscribed, "for his

devotion of treasured time and energy to perpetuate the legacy of Korean War Veterans."

Following a postponement, the KWVA conducted their 70th anniversary observance, also via Zoom. This event, billed as a "chat," was hosted by KWVA Chairman Kim Jin Ho. Following his opening remarks, Paul was presented with the Korean Veterans Association (KVA) Grand Meritorious Service Award. This award is the highest honor bestowed by the KVA.

The proclamation reads, "for his significant contribution to the ironclad ROK/US Alliance and security of the Korean Peninsula." A short video commemorating the anniversary of the start of the war was presented. The program concluded after each participant—Chairman Kim, Dr. Cunningham and General John Tilelli—was allotted five minutes each to make remarks and observations.

General Tilelli and Colonel Bill Weber also are recipients of the Grand Meritorious Service Award. Paul, a Woodcrest Villa resident, is a J.P. McCaskey High School Class of 1948 graduate. He was named a Distinguished Alumnus in 2019.



*Paul Cunningham displays his proclamation and service award.*

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**Featured on the cover:** Throughout the spring and summer months, residents eagerly anticipated the beautiful floral arrangements created by the Woodcrest Villa Flower Factory volunteers, using fresh flowers grown by resident Jerry Lawrence. Proceeds from the sales of the bouquets went to benevolent care.

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