

# Mission Matters

A publication for donors and friends within the Presbyterian Senior Living family

Fall 2025

## Donors Invest in Team Members' Futures

### A letter from scholarship recipient, Candice Adams

About four years ago, I stepped into the role of Fitness Director at **Ware**, and it's been such an incredible ride ever since. Helping individuals feel stronger and healthier through movement is something I've always cared deeply about—thanks to my studies in Exercise Science and Clinical Exercise Physiology.

I've kept learning not just for myself, but to better support the community I work with every day. When I found out I'd received the Eng Scholarship to attend American College of Sports Medicine conference and courses, I was genuinely grateful. It means a lot to be chosen, and it opens the door for me to dive into more specialized training. I'm excited to bring back new ideas and solid, evidence-based wellness programs to residents.

Sincerely,  
Candice Adams,  
Ware Presbyterian Village Fitness Director



### Additional PSL team members who received donor-funded scholarships for the Summer/Fall of 2025 include:

**Camillie Fredrick** at Westminster Village received the **Westminster Village Florence Nightingale Scholarship** to attend Delaware State University.

**Anthony Soveral** at Cathedral Village received the **Cathedral Village Staff Education Scholarship** to attend Saint Joseph's University.

**Maasiyah Billingsley-Walker** at Cathedral Village received the **Cathedral Village Staff Education Scholarship** to attend Neumann University.

**Matthew McGurn** at Cathedral Village received the **Cathedral Village Staff Education Scholarship** to attend National Fire Protection Association courses.

**Natalya Fleming** at Cathedral Village received the **Cathedral Village Staff Education Scholarship** to attend Gwynedd Mercy University.

**Kalysta Bush** at Green Ridge Village received the **Green Ridge Village Staff Scholarship** to attend Fairmont State University.

# From the President and CEO



Dear PSL Family  
and Friends,

As we enter the  
holiday season and  
year end, my heart is  
filled with gratitude.

I want to personally  
thank you for your  
generous support.

Your gifts are more than a dollar figure; they are the power behind mission to provide compassionate, vibrant and supportive communities and services to promote wholeness of body, mind, and spirit.

In this edition of *Mission Matters*, you will read stories about a resident-run foundation that is investing in their neighbors through resident assistance, residents who are volunteering in their respective communities, and learn about villagers who saw a tangible need and contributed to address it. You will also discover how team members who are pursuing higher education are supported by residents, understand how team members emergent needs are met, and much more.

These stories illustrate the power of our community coming together. Thank you for being part of the mission and for your generous heart.

Wishing you a joy-filled, blessed holiday season and a Happy New Year!

In your service,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Sam Davis".

President/CEO



# Why We Care

By: Fred DeAntonis, Kirkland Village



In our community, approximately 30 of us regularly participate in marketing events designed to persuade prospective residents to make **Kirkland Village** their Life Plan Community of choice. We are the "KV Ambassadors." And why do we do this? When you ask any of the residents in this group, the answer is always some version of the following: "This is our home, and we want it to thrive." This is just one of the many volunteering activities in which my wife Joan and I participate. They take up an average of more than 30 hours of our time each month. Of course, these activities result in financial benefits for Kirkland.

*"This is our home,  
and we want it to thrive."*

But, in addition to our time, there are other, more obvious ways to donate. They include periodic cash contributions to PSL, especially in areas such as Residents' Assistance. And why do we do that? It's because PSL is our home too, and we want it to thrive. After all, as it seems obvious to me, if PSL is to take care of us, we'd better make sure that it has the resources to do so. In a way, you might say that we care because of selfish reasons. But in the final analysis, don't all kinds of contributions bring benefits, tangible or spiritual, to the donor?

That's why we care and that's why we donate.



# Meet the Mission Support Team

The Mission Support team focuses on building and maintaining relationships with residents, villagers, family members, team members, businesses, foundations, and friends to ensure long-term support and community engagement. These activities not only help in raising funds but also contribute to the overall success and sustainability of the organization's mission to provide compassionate, vibrant and supportive communities and services to promote wholeness of body, mind and spirit.

**Bethanie Constant, Vice President of Mission Support** – Builds relationships across all of the PSL communities and provides vision and direction that helps the team reach short-term and long-term goals that support PSL communities. Bethanie joined the PSL team in February 2025. She is a Certified Fund Raising Executive and earned her Master of Science in Gerontology. Bethanie enjoys hiking and gardening. She resides in Camp Hill, PA with her husband, son, and furry and feathered pets. Phone: 717-601-0626, Email: [bconstant@psl.org](mailto:bconstant@psl.org).

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*Pictured left to right: Brianna Farhat, Bethanie Constant, Wally Lee, Christy Sumbury, and John Ross.. Not pictured: Jason Lyons.*

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## Rain or Snow, Special Care is on the Move!

When someone needs care, it doesn't matter what time of day it is, and it doesn't matter the weather, they need assistance. Oftentimes, the road to recovery is a long one and for the Special Care nurses (part of At Home Services) at **Pine Run Village**, when they need to take care of Villagers at their residence, the weather can't get in the way.



That was the experience for a Villager who needed frequent care to get back on the mend. To ensure assistance arrives for Villagers as soon as possible, a generous couple made an anonymous donation that covered the cost of a brand-new Kubota at the Health Center. It is nimble, easy to drive, has an enclosed cab and, of course, all-terrain tires for the four-wheel drive. Sue Grater, RN and Community Nurse remarked, "I am so thankful to our generous and gracious donor who donated the Kubota for use by the community nurses. Having this vehicle allows me and the other nurses to navigate about the IL campus in a more timely manner, especially when responding to emergencies rather than walking or using our own vehicle. We will be able to safely respond to needs in both good and inclement weather. We appreciate this gift so much!"

When asked why they generously provided this gift to the community, the donors simply said, "When we needed them, they were there for us." Now, no matter what the weather, they will be ready for all other Villagers too!

## Team Members Give Back to Their Communities

The annual Team Giving campaign kicked off at **The Long Community** in Lancaster, offering all PSL team members an opportunity to support their community. To add fun, the Team Giving Champions shared PSL Signature Cookies with notes reading, "We need s'more people like you!" and provided a s'more maker, so employees could roast s'mores. The campaign was themed around the movie *Elf*, and participants had a chance to win tickets to *Elf the Musical* at the Fulton Theatre. "At The Long Community, we may be small, but we are strong," said Megan Feiler, IL Resident Services Director, and Ralie Heath, Sales Director. "Our team's contributions create a ripple effect in the lives of residents and coworkers alike."



*Megan Feiler and Jocelyn Knight showed off their 80's and 70's looks for the Flashback Friday theme, celebrated on the same day as the Team Giving event!*



# Residents Have Pride; Inside and Out!

This year, the residents at **Kirkland Village** held two campaigns to continue to enhance the beauty of their community.

The **Grounds and Gardening Committee** worked to design a beautiful landscape project for the Northwood area. It included **11 trees, over 200 shrubs, and lots of ground cover**. Together, **76 donors raised over \$30,000** for this project.

In the second half of the year, the **Arts and Decorating Committee** raised money to continue their good work of purchasing art of local artists (including those at Kirkland) and prints of masters for display in all public areas. They maintain and catalog the 800-piece collection and, from time to time, rotate selected paintings, so residents continually get inspired. To avoid holes in the wall, they have invested in art display rails to make it easier to hang and move artwork. In addition, they have presentations featuring an artist or artwork once a month. To date, they have **raised approximately \$8,000 from 71 donors**.



*Resident, Fred DeAntonis takes pride in the colorful flowers and garden boxes that have brightened Kirkland Village.*



*Thanks to the dedication of residents like George Hartzell, Sandra Hartzell, and Margie Mosher, art continues to inspire and beautify every corner of Kirkland Village.*

# Tax-Wise Giving: Gifting Stocks/Appreciated Securities

Giving appreciated securities is a tax-wise way to support Presbyterian Senior Living or the beloved community you call home.

**Tip: When donating stock, pick those with the highest appreciated gains that you've held for longer than one year.**

Charitable gifts of appreciated stocks, bonds, mutual funds and other securities can give you an extra bonus in terms of tax savings (as compared to a donation of cash). If you have owned publicly traded securities for more than one year, you can claim a tax deduction for the full fair market value of the securities and never have to pay capital gains taxes on the appreciation.

We welcome securities gifts of all sizes and you can support the fund you are most passionate about.

It may take a few days for stock to be transferred from your brokerage account, and mutual funds may take several weeks. Please plan accordingly. If you transfer stock to us before December 31, you can benefit by taking a charitable deduction for the full value of the asset on your 2025 tax return.

To receive more information or electronic transfer instructions, please contact Bethanie Constant, Vice President of Mission Support at 717-601-0626.

## Illustration

Here's an example scenario to illustrate how this benefit works:

Let's say you bought 15 shares of Microsoft stock in July 2020 for \$788.85. And in November 2025, those same shares are worth around \$3,139 each. That represents a gain of \$2,350 per share. A nice appreciation.

You might be thinking about selling off the shares and using the proceeds for your charitable contribution this year, so you can deduct this amount from your taxes.

**Please, wait!** If you sell the shares and realize the gain, you will have to pay capital gains tax up to 20%. In this case, you'd pay around \$628 in taxes per share.

That would leave you with \$1,722 of your cash proceeds to donate per share.

**Instead, if you donate the 15 shares, neither you nor Presbyterian Senior Living or your community have to pay capital gains tax.** PSL or your chosen community will receive the full \$3,139 per share, and that's what you'd write off on your 2025 taxes.



The extra funds will make a huge difference to your community. Plus, you get to bypass capital gains tax. It's a win-win!

*As always, please consult your legal and financial advisors. This is not intended to provide specific legal, tax, investment, or charitable giving advice. Prior to contributing, please notify the Office of Mission Support with your intentions, so your gift can be properly identified, allocated and acknowledged. Email [bconstant@psl.org](mailto:bconstant@psl.org) or call 717-601-0626.*



# Philanthropic Giving, H.R. 1 and Tax-Related Changes

H.R. 1 (AKA the One Big Beautiful Bill Act), enacted in early July 2025, includes significant tax-related changes that have the potential to make an impact on charitable giving. Like most legislation, there are ups and downs. It is important to remember that while tax incentives are attractive, that is only one reason that individuals and businesses support charitable organizations, like PSL. These changes go into effect in 2026.

***This is not intended to provide specific legal, tax, investment, or charitable giving advice.***

## Here are the top five takeaways:

- **Non-itemizers:** The bill allows non-itemizers to deduct up to \$1,000 (single filers) or \$2,000 (married filing jointly) for cash contributions to public charities. This replaces the temporary above-the-line deduction of \$300 (single) and \$600 (married) deduction. This is anticipated to have a positive impact on philanthropy by broadening the incentive to give.
- **Itemizers:** Itemizers may only deduct charitable contributions to the extent the total exceeds 0.5% of their adjusted gross income (AGI). This limits the deductibility of smaller contributions, particularly for lower- and middle-income taxpayers. Furthermore, it further limits the tax benefit of itemized deductions for high-income individuals. For taxpayers in the top 37% bracket, the value of itemized deductions is capped at 35 cents per dollar, reducing the benefit by approximately 4.6%. The bill also makes the 60% AGI limit for cash contributions permanent, meaning a taxpayer could deduct cash contributions to public charities totaling up to 60% of their AGI in a single year. These donors may consider bunching contributions into one year using vehicles like a donor-advised fund to manage deduction thresholds and multi-year giving. IRA Qualified Charitable Distributions may also be more attractive.
- **Estates and gifts:** The estate and gift tax exclusion is raised to \$15M per individual filer (\$30M for married joint filers), indexed for inflation. This means that the filer(s) can transfer free of any federal estate, gift, or generation-skipping transfer taxes either during their lifetime or at death up to the given amount. There is no sunset in the law.
- **Corporations:** Corporations may only deduct charitable contributions exceeding 1% of their taxable income. Contributions below this threshold are not immediately deductible but may be carried forward for up to five years, subject to strict restrictions. In addition, the existing 10% cap on corporate charitable deductions remains in place, meaning deductions for corporate taxpayers are limited to contributions between the 1% floor and the 10% ceiling. If the corporation receives recognition in connection with the gift, they may want to consider whether to treat certain giving as a charitable deduction or a business expense.
- **New deduction for older adults:** Individuals who are age 65 and older may claim an additional deduction of \$6,000. This deduction is in addition to the current additional standard deduction for seniors under existing law. The \$6,000 senior deduction is per eligible individual (i.e., \$12,000 total for a married couple where both spouses qualify). The deduction phases out for taxpayers with modified adjusted gross income over \$75,000 (\$150,000 for joint filers). To qualify for the additional deduction, a taxpayer must attain age 65 on or before the last day of the taxable year. This deduction is available for both itemizing and non-itemizing taxpayers. Taxpayers must include the Social Security Number(s) of the qualifying individual(s) on the return, and file jointly if married, to claim the deduction.

# Partners in Mission Reception and Jack Barnhart Memorial Golf Tournament



*Pictured left to right: Residents from Ware Presbyterian Village, Jim Horn, Rick Nelson, Fred Crotchfelt, and Larry Szarko.*

Presbyterian Senior Living recently hosted two inspiring back-to-back events in support of our mission to serve older adults with purpose and compassion.

The celebration began with our Partners in Mission Reception, an evening of gratitude, storytelling, and connection with our generous supporters. The following morning, we teed off at the Jack Barnhart Memorial Golf Tournament, bringing together community members, donors, and partners for a day of fun and fundraising on the course. Together, these events showcased the powerful impact of partnership and philanthropy in enriching the lives of those we serve.

## **Partners in Mission Generosity and Impact**

It was an evening of gratitude and inspiration at the annual Partners in Mission Reception, held at the historic King Mansion, Harrisburg, PA. Over 60 guests enjoyed delicious bites, an open bar, and stories that showcased the incredible impact of our philanthropic partners. PSL team

members and residents shared how partner gifts are being put to work to support programs at the corporate and community level.

*Special thanks to all our Partners in Mission for their support of residents and team members.*

## **Annual Golf Tournament Benefits Senior Living Residents**

This year the Jack Barnhart Memorial Golf Tournament benefited the Resident Assistance Fund. Collaboration and philanthropic support are essential to address this need, and many sponsors rose to the occasion.

The Golf Tournament was held on August 5, at Colonial Golf and Tennis Club, Harrisburg. The course was packed with over 140 people, and the event **raised over \$131,000.**

*Thank you to all sponsors of the Jack Barnhart Memorial Golf Tournament for their generous support of residents and team members.*



# A Caring Community: Helping Team Members in Need

In late April, there was a power outage surrounding the community near **St. Andrew's Village**. Twenty-eight team members were left without power for up to eight days. Impacted individuals lost food from their freezer and refrigerator, and some were displaced from their homes.



Presbyterian Senior Living (PSL) leadership brainstormed ways to assist the team, including providing sign-ups to use St. Andrew's Village showers, laundry areas, and distribution of water. Leadership also made sure that team members knew of the Employee Assistance Program services as well as the Caring Community Hardship Fund. PSL gathered qualified team members' information and grants ranging from \$200 to \$750 were provided. Accounts Payable expedited checks, and they were distributed within a week of leadership knowing about the team members' situations.

There was not enough money in St. Andrew's Village Caring Community Hardship Fund to cover these costs so Presbyterian Senior Living stepped up with supplemental funds.

If you would like to demonstrate your appreciation for our caring and dedicated team members in any PSL community, you can contribute to the Fund by making a check-out to Presbyterian Senior Living and noting Caring Community Hardship Fund on the memo line. You can also contribute online at [www.psl.org/donate](http://www.psl.org/donate).

If you would like to discuss how you can make a meaningful difference, contact Mission Support at 888-530-6329 or email [ResourceDevelopment@psl.org](mailto:ResourceDevelopment@psl.org).

## You Made a Difference on Founder's Day!

On September 17-18, we celebrated Founder's Day which recognized PSL's beginning in 1927. In this spirit, we offered 1,927 minutes of giving to support the Resident Assistance Fund.

**Over 80 donors rose to the occasion and, together, contributed \$31,357!**

Resident Assistance provides dignified care and helps cover the cost of monthly fees, meals, health insurance premiums, medical care, and other necessities for those residents and villagers who have run out of financial resources through no fault of their own. Gifts to Resident Assistance is not just a financial contribution; it's an investment in our mission and it is an investment in our families, friends, neighbors, and communities.



# Five Individuals Inducted into the Chairman's Circle

**Over 50 people attended the recent Chairman's Circle Luncheon to honor the 2025 inductees.**

Chairman's Circle inductees are a distinguished group with a variety of talents and abilities, but a common commitment to Presbyterian Senior Living and its mission. Each one has made a unique contribution to Presbyterian Senior Living's success. All have given significantly of their time, talent and treasure to make their community a better place.

## **This year's Chairman's Circle inductees:**

**Charles E. (Alex) Alexander** has been a faithful contributor to the health of Presbyterian Senior Living and Ware Presbyterian Village for 23 years. Since moving to Ware Presbyterian Village in 2002, Alex's contribution to resident life at Ware has been significant. He served in board and committee leadership roles at both the PSL and Ware community levels, including being a member of the Presbyterian Senior Living Board of Trustees. In addition to giving freely of his time and talent, Alex has also given his personal treasure – donating continuously to PSL for the past 23 years. He has invested in the Ware Tranquility Garden, Visionary Endowment DEI fund, Community Enhancement, Steve Proctor Endowment Fund, the unrestricted fund and more.

*Pictured left to right: Dan Davis, Tai Eng, John Bartko, Alex Alexander, Libby Browne, and Joseph Kinard.*

*Not pictured: Mary Kay Gentry-Bartko.*





**John J. Bartko and Mary Kay Gentry-Bartko** have been a tremendous blessing to Green Ridge Village since joining the community in 2006. John has faithfully served in leadership roles on a variety of committees. His dedication is evident in his countless volunteer hours.

Drawing on his experience in the Public Health Service and his longstanding volunteer leadership at Green Ridge Village, John was a principal supporter of the well-being of Green Ridge Village, especially during the challenges of the pandemic. Mary Kay's contributions have been equally impactful. She has dedicated many volunteer hours and has helped to create welcoming and supportive spaces for residents and visitors alike. Also notable is John and Mary Kay's generous financial support. They have consistently contributed to areas of identified need, including Community Enhancements, the library endowment and more.



**Elizabeth (Libby) Browne** has resided at Cathedral Village since December 2011 and been generous with her time. She served as President of the Cathedral Village Resident's Association, and she continues to serve as an ex-officio member of the Cathedral Village Resident Council and Executive Board. A former teacher and linguist, Libby, is one of the founding members of, and an instructor for, Village College. This program offers classes and lectures to residents at Cathedral Village on traditional subjects. This meaningful program contributes greatly to the health and well-being of residents. Libby has been an active donor contributing to the Cathedral 35th Anniversary Campaign, Cathedral Village Staff Education Endowment Fund, Resident Assistance, Community Enhancements including the Fitness Center, Green Fund, and the unrestricted fund.

**Tai Eng** and her late husband, Kuen Siu (Chuck) Eng, moved to Ware Presbyterian Village in 2015 and became deeply involved. Tai volunteers her time and talent by participating in photography and art clubs, the auxiliary, and Mahjongg activities. Tai is an integral part of the philanthropic tapestry of Ware. Tai and Chuck established the Eng Scholarship to benefit team members seeking to further their education. In recent years, Tai has given to enhance the Ware community and provided the lead gift to create a beautiful Tranquility Garden in Chuck's memory. In this serene setting teeming with flora, fauna, and flowing water, visitors can reflect on their thoughts and memories of their loved ones. Tai has invested in other community enhancements and beautification projects as needs and opportunities arise along with other identified needs.

**Including this year's class, over 140 members have been inducted into the Chairman's Circle since its inception in 1988.**



*All have given significantly of their time, talent and treasure to make Presbyterian Senior Living a better place.*

# Dollars for Scholars



At **Cathedral Village** there is an incredible, resident-led, Scholarship Committee. They set an ambitious goal again this year to raise another \$50,000 for scholarships, and on August 23 they were celebrating their success. The endowed fund now has well over \$300,000. The campaign couldn't have come at a better time because there was a record number of applications which resulted in a record number of awardees for the fall. Their success was marked with a brunch to celebrate with fellow supporters as well as meet a couple of the scholarship recipients. Judy Borie, Co-Chair and Co-Founder, explained, "Scholarships are a real need. The cost of education constantly increases, and we know some employees simply can't afford to go to college or even get a GED. We care a lot about our employees and, as a result, this appeal continues to be very popular. And we've been fortunate to have committee members with fundraising experience and/or a passion to help others...and that's what we do."

One of the recipients was Matthew McGurn, who works in security. He will take courses to become a Certified Fire Protection Specialist from the National Fire Protection Association. In his application he wrote, "This [certification] aligns closely with both my professional experience and personal passion for life safety." In the 10 years that he has served as a security officer, he noted, "I take pride in my role, not just in ensuring the safety of residents and team members, but also in proactively identifying risks and staying current on best practices through monthly Relias courses."



*Pictured left to right: Anthony Soveral and Matthew McGurn.*

Another recipient was Anthony Soveral and he and his family are well known in the community. Both of his parents worked there and he himself has been in Dining Services for four years. He is a first-generation college student in his junior year at Saint Joseph's University and is studying accounting. Regarding Cathedral Village, he wrote, "I love the environment, team members, and residents there and feel there is no better place for me to be, and part of the love for Cathedral is because of how willing everyone is to help." In thinking about the scholarship, he noted the generosity of the donors to fund it and noted it exemplified that Cathedral Village is a true community where people are very willing to help. He, too, gives time back and has lent a hand in setting up the community room for Vespers and even in doing some of the readings.



# Turning Every Purchase Into Community Support



Since 2006, **Westminster Village** in Dover, DE has been transforming second-hand treasures into community benefits. What began as an unused closet has grown into a stand-alone thrift shop offering housewares, clothing, kitchenware, furniture, electronics, and décor. Nearly **30 volunteers** donate about **2,000 hours** each year to receive, clean, price, and sell items. The shop serves residents, team members, families, and the greater Dover community, also donating unsold items to local churches, shelters, and community centers. With annual revenue of around \$30,000, the shop recently contributed **\$15,000 to the Resident Assistance Fund**, with prior gifts supporting equipment upgrades, the Thrive Wellness room, and library chairs.

## A History: Presbyterian Homes in the 1970s and 1980s Reflection

*By: Jim Horn, a resident at Ware Presbyterian Village*

The purpose and mission of Presbyterian Homes is a very moving story. I was ordained as a PC(USA) pastor in Philadelphia Presbytery in 1977 in my home church, the Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church. In the 1980s, I was the pastor of the Penn Wynne Presbyterian Church in Wynnewood, PA. Presbyterian Homes, Inc. had its office in Philadelphia, and representatives often spoke at Presbytery meetings about the growing need to care for foreign missionaries, pastors, elders, and deacons who did not have adequate finances to live the rest of their lives in retirement. The most urgent needs were from foreign missionaries and pastors of small congregations who lived in church-owned housing. When they retired, they were put out on the street to make room for the next pastor's family. Our foreign missionaries were underpaid; sometimes, they were paid in chickens and produce, not enough to live on, let alone retire. Presbyterian Homes honored them all for their sacrifices, giving their lives to the mission of the Church.

For those who don't remember, the 1970s and 1980s saw global changes in how the world dealt with Christianity. The Iranian Revolution and later, the Arab Spring, meant Christian missionaries were unwelcome abroad, and had to leave the Christian mission sites that had built schools and educated women and girls for centuries. Many came from the Mid-Atlantic region, and Presbyterian Homes did all they could to assist these missionaries who could retire back home.

In the Philadelphia Presbytery, there was a healthy competition among the pastors of the tall-steeple churches to see which church gave the most support to Presbyterian Homes each year.

Over the years there were many changes, most importantly, opening every campus to all faith traditions and upgrading the quality of living. Presbyterian Senior Living is now a tradition of extending compassion, mercy and hope to all.

It's also good to know our heritage.







# Finding Home at Westminster Woods: A Resident's Reflection

By: Sue Esch, resident at Westminster Woods

When my mother moved to **Westminster Woods** in 2003 at the age of 87, it was a decision grounded in love and practicality. My husband, Tom Nolan, and I were living in nearby Huntingdon, and we had always thought we might move to Westminster Woods ourselves—"someday." But as often happens, life moved faster than expected. Health challenges pushed that timeline forward, and in 2005, we made the move. Looking back, I can say with full confidence: it was the right decision.

*"The care, compassion,  
and community here  
made all the difference."*

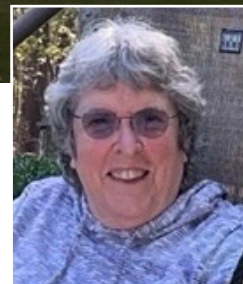


Both my mother and Tom passed away in 2010. Those final years and months were filled with many emotions, but I don't know how I would have managed them without the support and services Westminster Woods provided. The care, compassion, and community here made all the difference.

Over the years, my golden retriever, Midas, and I became part of that circle of care. For over five years, we volunteered together at The Oaks, visiting more than half of the residents every Sunday. Midas especially looked forward to these visits—he was showered with treats and often skipped dinner afterward!

Beyond volunteering, I've stayed actively involved as a longtime Independent Living resident. I've served on several resident committees, especially Building and Grounds,

where we partner with the Environmental Services Department to help them see campus needs from a resident's perspective. I've also been honored to serve on both the PHPH Board and the PHPH Foundation.



Even though I've lived in Huntingdon and taught at Juniata College since 1976, Westminster Woods is the place where I've found my truest sense of community. My friends are my neighbors, and my neighbors are my friends. We live together, play together, and support each other through life's joys and challenges. It is, in every sense, a shared journey.

And then there's the setting—it's something special. I always dreamed of having a mountain house. Now, I do. Except this one comes with the comfort, amenities, and peace of mind that come with being part of a life plan community. It's a rare and beautiful combination.

When I think about the people who make this place exceptional, it's hard to name just one. Kyle certainly comes to mind, but so do Todd, Paul, Tara, and so many others. Westminster Woods attracts truly good people—both residents and team members. For many on the team, I believe what they do here is more than just a job; it's a calling.

People sometimes ask me why I give my time, energy, and resources to this community. My answer is simple: to give back. To pay it forward. Westminster Woods has given so much to me and my family—support, friendship, purpose. It's an honor to be able to return the favor.



# Glen Meadows Foundation Board Makes a Gift to Resident Assistance



*Glen Meadows Foundation Board Members*

In August, the **Glen Meadows Foundation Board** voted unanimously to give the maximum allowed for a charitable gift for 2025, **\$16,849.93, to the Resident Assistance Fund** for Glen Meadows residents.

Resident Assistance provides confidential, dignified care and helps cover the cost of monthly fees, meals, health insurance premiums, medical care, and other necessities for residents who have run out of financial resources through no fault of their own.

The Board members are proud to continue the legacy of a compassionate community and see this gift as an investment in our friends and neighbors.



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## Holiday Bazaar & Open House



### Calling All Artists & Crafters!

Join us for a joyful celebration of creativity, community, and holiday spirit at our upcoming Holiday Bazaar!

#### Interested in Selling Your Crafts?

Reserve a table for just \$10 – all proceeds go directly to the PSL Resident Assistance Fund.

**Saturday  
DEC. 6**

**10 am – 2 pm**

The Great Hall  
Glen Meadows  
11630 Glen Arm Rd  
Glen Arm, MD 21057

It's a great opportunity to showcase your handmade creations to residents, family, and friends! To reserve your table, please contact: Margaret Chua, Sales Director at 410-319-5034 or at [mchua@psl.org](mailto:mchua@psl.org).

#### Not Planning to Sell? Consider Donating to the Silent Auction!



We're also welcoming donations of art or handmade items for our Silent Auction, with 100% of proceeds supporting the Resident Assistance Fund. If you'd like to donate, kindly email Margaret with a photo and a brief description of your piece – or feel free to call her directly to coordinate.

#### Please Spread the Word!



Friends, family, and fellow crafters are welcome to join in – whether by selling, donating, or simply shopping at the event. Let's make this a warm, festive, and meaningful celebration for our community!



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## How to Leave a Bequest to PSL or Your Community

A bequest is a transfer of cash, securities or other assets made through your will or living trust and can be made for a specific amount, percentage of your estate, or a particular asset. Like other gifts, bequests can be unrestricted in purpose or designated to one of the philanthropic funds as identified by Presbyterian Senior Living. A will can be changed at any time with an amendment, which means the donor does not have to rewrite the entire will. Presbyterian Senior Living and its communities welcome bequests of all sizes.

### Bequest Language to Use in your Will or Trust

One sentence can make a lasting difference. We suggest the following bequest language:

*I give [all of the residue of my estate OR an amount equal to X percent of the residue of my estate OR \$\_\_\_\_\_] to Presbyterian Senior Living's **XYZ Community**, a nonprofit located in **City, State**, for its general and charitable purposes. **XYZ Community's** Tax ID number (EIN) is **XYZ**.*

### If you wish to designate your bequest, please add the following paragraph.

*The donor requests the Board of Trustees to consider this gift to be used for [purpose]. If at the time this bequest is received by Presbyterian Senior Living's **XYZ Community**, or thereafter, the organization determines that all or part of said income of the Fund cannot be utilized to the best advantage for the purpose designated herein, then all or any part of the annual income may be used for such other institutional purpose which, in the sole discretion of Presbyterian Senior Living's **XYZ Community**, shall most closely carry out my original intent.*