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Three Generations... and Counting

The success of most businesses relies on the repeat customer. In the realm of a CCRC (Continuing Care Retirement Community), that usually translates to residents referring the community to other friends. However, in the case of Mildred "Mick" Zimmerman, it means a family commitment that has now spanned three generations.

It all began with Mick's grandmother, Emma Hummer, moving into Founder's Hall back in the late 1960s. In those days, the Brethren Village campus consisted of mostly private room and bath accommodations along with an infirmary known as Rose Garden. The tradition continued as Mick's father and stepmother, John and Mae Hummer, moved into a Village Townhouse one bedroom apartment in 1986. By this time, various services such as a pharmacy, bank, convenience store, beauty shop, library and coffee shop were available in the Village Center. By 2001, Harold and Mick Zimmerman also called Brethren Village home when they moved into a Terrace apartment which was located under the Graybill Wing of the building that served as the healthcare center. Shortly after moving into Brethren Village, Harold needed advanced levels of care, but Mick

continued to live in her Terrace apartment until agreeing to move into Village Townhouse in 2007. Her move, along with many other residents, was a major inconvenience but allowed Brethren Village to begin its extensive redevelopment efforts that eventually converted the healthcare center into personal care accommodations now known as Terrace Crossing. Coincidentally, Mick's new Village Townhouse apartment was located almost directly below the apartment previously occupied by John and Mae Hummer.

There are several reasons why the Hummer descendants decided to eventually call Brethren Village home. The first being they were all members of the Ephrata Church of the Brethren, connecting them to Brethren Village through events such as the annual BBQ and Auction as well as various volunteer opportunities. Another is experiencing the Village through regular visits.



Mick said, "It's like one big family here. Both my grandmother and father lived well into their '90s. I think Brethren Village added years to their life." Even an exchange student from Germany, who Mick hosted in the 1970s, was impressed when she recently visited and said, "There's nothing like this back home!"

There's a good chance the tradition will continue since Mick has three children and one stepson, four grandchildren, and nine great grandchildren. Mick says, "I don't know who will come next, but I do know that you should move while both husband and wife are healthy and able to enjoy it together." Sounds like good advice.



The Zieglers Sell Autographed Copies of Book and Donate Proceeds to Brethren Village

Earl and Vivian Ziegler, Brethren Village Residents for 10 years, recently published their new book, "We Remember It Well!" The book is a collection of real life stories that are informative, humorous, motivational and inspirational. Autographed copies were made available to Brethren Village Residents and Team Members at a book signing in December. The Zieglers sold a total of 65 autographed copies to Brethren Village Residents and Team Members, raising \$900. Earl and Vivian donated the entire proceeds to the Brethren Village Good Samaritan Fund!



Thrift Shop Revitalized

Brethren Village has finished extensive renovations to its Thrift Shop. Drop by to see the changes we have made to help our customers shop! Donations that are clean and in good condition are greatly appreciated. We accept clothing, household items, furniture and linens.

Also, please stop in our Gift Shop, located in Village Center, to see the "new" items that have arrived for spring!

Finally, volunteers are needed in various areas of the campus including the Gift Shop, Thrift Shop, folding laundry and pushing wheelchairs to appointments. Please contact Holly Began, Volunteer Coordinator at (717) 581-4251 for more information.



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Our Vision

Enriching each life touched by our ministry at Brethren Village.

Our Mission

Rooted in the tradition of service within the Church of the Brethren, the mission of Brethren Village is to provide a continuum of services and Christ-like care to support the aging process and to enhance the spiritual, physical, social and emotional wholeness of Residents, Team Members, and community.

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Nicholas Mahler Joins Brethren Village as Nursing Home Administrator

Brethren Village is pleased to announce the appointment of Nicholas Mahler as Nursing Home Administrator.

The Nursing Home Administrator monitors the skilled care environment known as The Courtyards, Brethren Village's Healthcare Center. This position monitors the development of the compliance for Department of Public Welfare and Department of Health Regulations for Federal and State rules, and also manages and coordinates functions of the Quality Assurance Program. Responsibilities include maintaining and developing service standards which promote outstanding skilled nursing care, high



quality resident outcomes, supportive social services, meaningful recreational programming, exercise, friendships, growth and learning, fun and enjoyment, personal routines and household rituals. The Nursing Home Administrator works to grow the household environment and coordinate the continuing structure of all those involved in resident care and professional expertise.

A resident of Hershey, Mr. Mahler holds a Bachelor of Science degree from The Pennsylvania State University. Mr. Mahler is a Licensed Nursing Home Administrator in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. His professional background includes work in Long Term Care, City Government and Parking and Transportation. He joins Brethren Village after serving as the Executive Director for Golden Living in Camp Hill, PA.



Courtyards Residents Surprised by Holiday Cheer

Residents of The Courtyards, Brethren Village's Healthcare Center, were delighted and touched as they opened more than 80 cards created by the 4th graders at Reidenbaugh Elementary School. The school's guidance counselor dropped off a large bag of handmade cards by the students just before the holidays.

The Life Enrichment Coordinators gathered the Residents in common areas to read and hand out the cheerful messages made by the students. The Residents enjoyed signing a giant card to thank the students for their thoughtfulness.

Meet Chuck Few, Planned Giving Counselor

Chuck Few recently joined the Development Office of Brethren Village as a part-time Planned Giving Counselor. Retired from a long career in financial services, primarily as a Certified Financial Planner® and bank trust officer, Chuck's areas of concentration were estate planning, specialized trusts and account development. Chuck is a past president of the Susquehanna Valley Planned Giving Council and past board member of the Financial Planning Association of Central PA. Chuck and his wife, Terry, enjoy spending time at the family cabin with their five children and eight grandchildren. Chuck also loves to hunt with his black Labrador Retriever, Dulci, and has been an active professional trumpet player for



almost sixty years. Chuck is available to work with residents and staff, as well as their families and friends, in the areas of charitable gift annuities, bequests and charitable trusts. His hours are by appointment and he can be reached by telephone at (717) 581-4274 or by email at cfew@bv.org.

PLANNED GIVING

What Is It and What Might It Mean For Me?

Planned Giving means giving a specifically considered gift, or gifts, to a favorite charity. It is rarely a complicated process, but it does involve an intentional act of planning. Gifts can be made during your lifetime or after you pass away, or both. A Planned Gift can be almost anything; cash, highly appreciated stocks, bonds, mutual funds, CD's, land, real estate, artwork, etc. Most gifts are easy to give, while some might need special considerations.

The benefits of Planned Giving are many. For starters, it is a great feeling to give something of value to an organization you care about or has been kind to you or someone you love. Your gift allows the organization to carry on their work during and after your lifetime. An additional advantage is that a gift made while you are living can provide you with a lifetime income stream that comes at regular intervals.

A Planned Gift can often provide tax benefits to you as well. A gift made during your lifetime usually has current income tax benefits and these can sometimes be carried over to future tax years. When properly set up beforehand, a Planned Gift can help lower estate taxes and fees when given as part of a will or trust.

Another great benefit of Planned Giving is that you don't need to be a millionaire to make a gift. Small drops of water, over time, fill a bucket just as surely as holding that bucket under a spigot turned on full force. Small gifts have surprising ways of growing to significant sizes. They can be a powerful way to give.

Please contact me at the Brethren Village Development Office to explore how a Planned Gift may fit into your overall charitable giving objectives. As always, it is a good idea to consult with an attorney or tax accountant before making a gift.

Give me a call. Let's talk.

Chuck Few

Brethren Village
Planned Giving Counselor

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Please Join US

on Thursday, May 9, 2013 for the annual Brethren Village Good Samaritan Banquet

which last year raised over \$50,000 for the Good Samaritan Benevolent Fund! Your support of this event will help assure Residents who are in need of financial assistance that care and essential services will be available to them even if their assets are depleted.

The memorable event will begin with a fellowship hors d'oeuvres reception, followed by a full course dinner and a program of uplifting, inspirational stories and heartfelt entertainment by Residents, Team Members and Board Members... all encompassing and exemplifying the lives enriched by Brethren Village's ministry.

The Good Samaritan Banquet will take place at the Middle Creek Church of the Brethren. Tickets are \$125 per person and seating is limited. For reservations or questions regarding table sponsorship, please call the Development Office at (717) 581-4316. We look forward to seeing you there and appreciate your support!



Brethren Village hosted its annual Christmas Craft Bazaar & Cookie Sale on December 7 and December 8, featuring an array of handmade crafts, cookies and food. All proceeds from the Brethren Village Christmas Craft Bazaar benefit the Brethren Village Auxiliary, which funds projects and resources for Residents of the Village.



Hundreds of well-wishers attended a reception held in honor of Gary Clouser, who retired January 31, 2013, after 40 years of distinguished service to the Village. Gary joined Brethren Village in 1973 and assumed the role of President in 1983.



Calendar of Events

Tuesday, March 19 through Friday, March 22:

Daffodil Days — flowers will be for sale in Village Center

Friday, March 22: Annual Easter Candy Sale and Craft Bazaar held in Wolfe Auditorium from 9AM – 1PM

Saturday, March 23: Spring Love Feast/Communion in Wolfe Auditorium at 6 PM

Wednesday, March 27: David Shenk from Eastern Mennonite Missions discussing differences between Christian and Islamic faiths in Chapel at 7 PM

Tuesday, April 2: Middle Creek Church of the Brethren will perform a Children's Musical in Wolfe Auditorium at 7 PM

Wednesday, April 24: Jeff Bach from Elizabethtown College Young Center for Anabaptist and Pietist Studies discussing differences between Anabaptist and Presbyterian faiths in Chapel at 7 PM

Saturday, April 27: Annual Volunteer Recognition Banquet held in Wolfe Auditorium at 11 AM

Sunday, April 28: Service of Remembrance in the Chapel at 3 PM

Thursday, May 2: National Day of Prayer service in the Chapel at 12:30 PM

Thursday, May 9: Good Samaritan Banquet at Middle Creek Church of the Brethren

Tuesday, May 14: Brethren Village Choir Spring Concert in Fieldcrest Great Room at 7 PM

Wednesday May 15: Brethren Village Choir Spring Concert in Wolfe Auditorium at 7 PM

Wednesday, May 29: Dr. Lee Barrett from Lancaster Seminary Seminary discussing differences between Roman Catholic and Protestant faiths in Chapel at 7 PM

Saturday, June 1: Evening of Melody in Wolfe Auditorium at 7 PM



March 2013
Martha Anderson
Village Townhouse, formerly of Park Hills, Kentucky

Timothy Benton
Oakwood House, formerly of Lancaster, PA
William & Mildred Oberholzer
Cottage, formerly of Harrisburg, PA
Ann Huber
Fieldcrest, formerly of Lancaster, PA

February 2013
Gladys Ney
Oakwood House, formerly of Mount Joy, PA

January 2013
Carl & Jacqueline Zimmerman
Oakwood House, formerly of Sebring, FL
Alice Wentling
Village Townhouse, formerly of Morgantown, PA

December 2012

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