



November 22, 2021



Dear Friends,

It is trite to say that the past 18 months have been challenging. In 2022, Brethren Village will celebrate its 125th Anniversary, and when I think about how history will tell the story of the pandemic at Brethren Village, I look for what is hopeful, what got us through, what drew us together.

Throughout its history, Board Members and employees, Residents and families, donors and volunteers from the local Church of the Brethren congregations all stood with Brethren Village in support of its mission of serving seniors.

This mission is simple. There are times when a Brethren Village Resident exhausts their resources and is no longer able to pay for the life-sustaining services that they receive. Thanks to the generosity of donors, Brethren Village can offer direct benevolent care through the **Good Samaritan Fund**.

That's right, ***thanks to your support***, a Resident can go to sleep each night knowing that they will have the nourishing meals that they need, health services, and the peace of mind that comes from knowing that they can always call Brethren Village home.

Since the beginning of the pandemic, I have been repeatedly humbled by the generosity and support we have received from donors. In the face of all of the challenges Brethren Village has faced, having sufficient funds to provide benevolent care to Residents is not one of them.



Yet we come back again to generous donors like you **because there are more Residents and families that will need the support**, the peace of mind that comes through knowing that the Good Samaritan Fund ensures their ability to remain at Brethren Village.

As the 2021 calendar year comes to a close, **our hope is that we can put some of the uncertainty of the past 18 months behind us**. While we have little control on the factors that have created the uncertainty this year, we do have control over the uncertainty that is created for Residents who face dwindling resources as they need quality care and services provided by Brethren Village.

Through your support ***it is donors like you who stand BVStrong for the Residents*** who benefit from the Good Samaritan Fund. Thank you for your determination and commitment to Brethren Village's ministry as you consider your gift to the year-end appeal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'John Snader'.

John Snader, President & CEO

PS *Make your gift* by December 31, 2021 and your name will be listed in the Winter 2022 *Villager* newsletter roll of donors.