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On February 15, 2022, Brethren Village will mark 125 years since the signing of its charter establishing the "Home for the Homeless." Brethren Village moved to its current location in 1910, and solidified its focus on serving seniors.

As each generation changed over the past 125 years, and as each generation faced its own set of challenges, there are a few themes that unites the generations that have passed on, and today's generation.

## Volunteering

### Heart Cart

From generation to generation, Volunteers played a key role at Brethren Village. In early years much of the effort came through church members, and as Brethren Village moved into the modern, professional era, Volunteers have always come alongside staff to provide those extra touches that make Resident lives richer.

In that tradition, last year the managers of the Brethren Village Center Gift Shop (Nancy Hershey, left) and Village Store (Carol Ann Picard, right) approached Joanna

Rudisill, Director of Volunteer Services with a creative proposal to take items from their stores into Village Manor, Terrace Crossing and the Courtyards. This would give Residents who otherwise would not be able to visit the stores the opportunity to buy small food or gift items.



*The Village Gift Shop (top) started in 1958 and the Village Store (right) opened in 1975. Both were and are, completely organized and staffed by Volunteers.*



These Volunteers worked with the activities departments to create a schedule to visit the buildings each month. An anonymous donor generously providing underwriting support to purchase the materials for the cart, and for seasonal items that are given to Residents when the cart visits. Volunteers from the Brethren Village Workshop made the cart, which was delivered in time to start this program in October 2021.



*The Courtyards Residents really look forward to shopping at the Village Center Heart Cart. It gives them an opportunity to purchase items from the Village Store and Gift Shop. It is amazing how something as simple as shopping can bring such joy to our Residents. We are thankful for the generous donations that make the Heart Cart possible."*

– Patti Malay, Therapeutic Recreation Manager

### Did you know...?

Brethren Village has 254 active Volunteers & 29,000 hours of service last year!



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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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# Giving

## Wagner Estate Gift

Brethren Village literally has been founded on the generosity of donors. Churches, individuals and businesses have all given freely from the founding through today. As generations of seniors have lived at Brethren Village and experienced care through the services provided on campus, grateful family members have shown their appreciation through giving to Brethren Village.

Esther Wagner (shown right) lived at Brethren Village 24 years. An avid gardener, she enthusiastically joined the Green Thumb Society and pursued a hobby of making stuffed animals up until her last years at Brethren Village. Her son John and his wife June (shown below) appreciated the care that their mother received, and when they were creating their will, they included Brethren Village as a beneficiary.

The Wagners were members of Mechanic Grove Church of the Brethren, and both active in a variety of community groups. Even though they themselves did not

live at Brethren Village, their gift ensures that the caring that their mother received at Brethren Village will live on through the gift. From one generation to the next – and into the future – this gift is a legacy to the enduring value of caring at Brethren Village for 125 years.



The Green Thumb Society was founded in 1966 and remains a thriving Volunteer led organization today. Volunteers shown here in 1970.



## Did you know... .

Brethren Village received 29 bequests totaling \$2,480,018 in the past decade!

## Are You a Follower?

Be sure to follow Brethren Village

on Facebook, Twitter and YouTube for the latest news and events!



# Community Connections: Business Partners

## Wohlsen Construction

Brethren Village makes a point to work with business partners with aligned values, and to ensure that as many of our dollars spent on products and services go back into the local economy.

With a tagline of *Wohlsen Works*, this valued partner has made a tangible impact at Brethren Village for 32 years. Fieldcrest construction began in 1992, and is the first project for Wohlsen Construction. They returned in the late 2000s for the expansion of Fieldcrest, as well as the addition of the Courtyards, Terrace Crossing and the Welcome Center.

As we celebrate our 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary, we've been engaged with Wohlsen Construction to look at the feasibility of renovations to the common areas in Fieldcrest and an expansion of Wolfe Auditorium in the Welcome Center. We're grateful for the work that Wohlsen has done on the campus, and the considerable impact of the redevelopment 12 years ago. Now, we're anticipating another generation of Brethren Village Residents and friends will benefit from this partner's work.



1992: Prospective Residents excited to move in to Fieldcrest

## May 5 & 6, 2022

Join us to fully leverage the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary to create momentum for Brethren Village's future!

There will be a banquet Thursday evening and a festival on Friday. Information to come!

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**Jennie Roland**, Fairview Meadows,  
formerly of Manheim PA

**Albert & Sylvia Garner**,  
formerly of Lititz PA

**Johannes Liss**, Oakwood House,  
formerly of Lancaster PA

### AUGUST 2021

**Charlotte Cubbler**, Fieldcrest,  
formerly of Limerick PA

**David Anderson**, Village Townhouse,  
formerly of Lititz PA

**Janice Ruhl**, Fieldcrest,  
formerly of Lititz PA

**David Diehl**, Fieldcrest,  
formerly of Mount Joy PA

### SEPTEMBER 2021

**Ruth Hein**, Village Townhouse,  
formerly of Hamburg PA

**Ray & Kathryn Orlosky**, Northside Court,  
formerly of Ephrata PA

**Rosanne Sietins**, Northside Court,  
formerly of Dickson TN

**Edna S. Lewis**, Village Garden,  
formerly of New Holland PA

### OCTOBER 2021

**Judith Wimmer**, Fieldcrest,  
formerly of Manheim PA

**Thomas & Helen Hohenwarter**, Cottage,  
formerly of Lancaster PA

**Gerald Kniss**, Cottage,  
formerly of Lancaster PA

**Earl & Linda Shaub**, Fieldcrest,  
formerly of Lancaster PA

**Billie Robinson**, Village Garden,  
formerly of Denver PA

**Erma Bower**, Fieldcrest,  
formerly of Muncy PA

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formerly of Lancaster PA

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formerly of Marietta PA

### NOVEMBER 2021

**Charles & Davene McFalls**, Fieldcrest,  
formerly of Lancaster PA

**Kanella Voulopos**, Fieldcrest,  
formerly of Mount Joy PA

**George & Kay Schlegel**, Fieldcrest,  
formerly of Stevens PA

**John & Mary Groff**, Cottage,  
formerly of Lancaster PA

**Patricia Shoemaker**, Fieldcrest,  
formerly of Macungie PA

**Sandra M. Brown**, Fairview Meadows,  
formerly of Ephrata PA

### DECEMBER 2021

**Judith Maier**, Village Townhouse,  
Willow Street PA

**Ronald & Janet Gigi**, Northside Court,  
formerly of Lancaster PA

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formerly of Lititz PA

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