

# FAQs

## WAYS TO SUPPORT THE GATHERING FOR GENERATIONS CAMPAIGN

### 1. Will my gift to Brethren Village be tax deductible?

Yes. Brethren Village is a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organization. Gifts made to Brethren Village are tax exempt to the fullest extent of the law. We suggest that you contact your financial advisor for the most “tax-wise” way to make your gift.

### 2. Why are the expansion and renovation projects planned for Fieldcrest so important to Brethren Village residents and their families?

Residents come to Brethren Village to enjoy life to the fullest. Brethren Village offers many choices for social engagement, dining, wellness and fitness activities and Resident-directed events and activities. As more Residents participate in these kinds of activities, more space is needed to accommodate the many choices Residents enjoy. With careful planning, Brethren Village will significantly improve or expand the spaces necessary for these activities that Residents enjoy today – and prepare us for activities that will be of interest to tomorrow’s Resident.

### 3. Are there lessons from COVID-19 that will be incorporated into the designs?

Yes! We have learned that spaces must be flexible in purpose, and that ample space must be provided for smaller groups to gather safely. In order to accommodate current and possible future needs, Brethren Village is shifting to a design that clusters all wellness programs in the same area, and provides greater space for exercise equipment, for instance. Brethren Village also anticipates permanent changes in preferences for high quality grab and go and take-out dining options, and is incorporating these changes into an updated design.

### 4. What new programs and activities will be possible in the expanded Fieldcrest?

In Fieldcrest there will be a third dining option which will include expanded menus with grab and go sandwiches, salads and sweet and savory snacks in the Main Street Café. The Wellness Team has already begun planning enhanced fitness classes because of the new Wellness Studio, as well as more self-directed events and activities in the new Great Room.

### 5. Is philanthropy really needed to make these projects a reality?

Yes! Brethren Village will not be incurring any additional indebtedness and will not raise Resident fees specifically for the cost of renovating these spaces. Thanks to the generosity of donors in the Brethren Village community, this project will go forward in faith thanks to pledges and gifts already received.

### 6. What is the planned timeline for expansion projects? How will Brethren Village limit the interruption to residents as these projects begin?

Brethren Village has approved the project to start in mid-2023, and all of the work should be completed within 12 months of the start. During the renovations, Brethren Village management will work closely with the project partners to phase the

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work so that Residents will have access to dining, to space for activities, fitness. Brethren Village completed renovations to the Chapel in 2019 so that during the renovations it can accommodate some of the larger events that have previously occurred in the Fieldcrest Great Room.

### **7. Will Brethren Village offer any special gift “naming” opportunities in this campaign?**

Yes. The **Gathering for Generations Campaign** will include numerous “gift naming” opportunities. Gifts may be “In Honor of” someone special or “In Memory of” loved one. All donors will be thanked in a special post-campaign **Honor Roll of Donors** publication at the conclusion of the effort. A list of named gift opportunities is available. Gifts of all sizes are needed in this campaign and all will be gratefully received! Remember: You may make a gift in the form of a pledge payable over a period up to 5 years to secure a naming opportunity. Please contact the Brethren Village Development Office at 717-581-4416 for details about donor recognition.

### **8. Over how many years may I pay my pledge?**

Brethren Village is offering pledge payments for a period of one to five years, if requested. Because of the tremendous importance of annual giving, Brethren Village asks that campaign gifts be made “over and above” what you ordinarily gift to our mission and ministry on an annual basis.