



November 20, 2023

Dear Friend,

“When we all pull together by infusing everything that we do with compassion and caring for the well-being of each other and the greater community we can maintain the mission of Brethren Village.” Marie Bachman

Each year Brethren Village upholds its promise that no Resident will be asked to leave because of decreasing resources. This promise is made possible through the generosity of compassionate individuals like *you* who understand the *importance of community and care* by saying yes to the Good Samaritan Fund. **Will you say yes again – ensuring that we can keep our promise?**

To keep this promise, Brethren Village relies on a community of generous donors like YOU. For 126 years this community spirit has been alive and well, creating a community where friends, neighbors, family members and business partners contribute generously to the Good Samaritan Fund.

In direct response to our mission, Brethren Village provided nearly \$3 million in direct assistance and uncompensated care for Residents in all levels of care. We can do this because of *generous individuals like you* throughout the year.

As we approach the end of this year, **we ask you to join us once again in supporting the Good Samaritan Fund.** Your kindness and generosity enable us to honor our promise to Residents and keep the spirit of community alive at Brethren Village.

Thank you for your unwavering support of the Good Samaritan Fund.
Together, we can continue to infuse compassion and care into the lives of Brethren Village Residents, preserving our mission for years to come.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Snader". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent loop at the end.

John Snader, President & CEO

P.S. Make a difference today! **Say "YES" to the Good Samaritan Fund** and help us uphold our promise to Residents at Brethren Village. ***Your support matters.***

P.P.S. It is **your support that empowers us** to stand by this commitment and provide a loving, supportive environment for our Residents.

STORY OF CARING - Together with Love

by: Resident, Marie Bachman

When I was nine years old, on a very windy March night, our barn burnt to the ground. Along with the barn went the truck that carried our produce to market. All the animals – cow, steer, chickens—perished as the fire raged out of control. The tractor and other farm equipment were destroyed.

But it was in the aftermath of this family catastrophe that I saw the power of God's love expressed through the community of people who stepped forward to assist in the rebuilding process. The Mountville Church of the Brethren women made food and served it to the hungry volunteer workers at a "barn raising" event, led by a Mennonite contractor who donated his time to supervise a whole crew of volunteers. The image of a whole row of men lifting rafters into place, and nailing shingles on the roof was seared into my mind. This is the power of togetherness—Family, neighbors, church friends and the community at large all coming together to share the grief and burden of loss.



Then when my elderly parents moved to Brethren Village in 1996, they joined another caring community of supportive people. They lived in a Townhouse apartment near Village Center. We celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary and gathered for a family portrait in front of the fireplace in the library here at Brethren Village.

Tragedy again struck our family on Mother's Day in 2000, when my mother had a major stroke. This time it was the Residents and Team members of Brethren Village who supported us. Because my mother needed skilled nursing care for approximately 2 years my parents' financial resources dropped rapidly. BV guided them through the process of dividing their assets so my father could afford to continue living in the Townhouse apartment while my mother received medical assistance, and lived in the skilled nursing area. Both parents died in 2002.

I have experienced the power of love and community in action here at Brethren Village in the past and in the present.

From the community's response to my family's barn burning, to BV's response to my parents' needs, and to the BV community welcoming my husband and me, I have seen the power of God's love expressed through community. When we all pull together by infusing everything that we do with compassion and caring for the well-being of each other and the greater community we can maintain the mission of Brethren Village.



Year-End Appeal 2023

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I would like to make a gift in the amount of:

\$2,000 \$1,000 \$500 \$250 \$100 \$50 I prefer to give \$ _____

- I have enclosed my check payable to Brethren Village
- I would like to pay by credit card (*see below)
- I prefer to set up monthly giving with my credit card (**see below)

I would like my gift to go to: (choose one)

- the Good Samaritan Fund which annually provides benevolent care to Residents who have exhausted their financial resources.
- the Endowment Fund where the earnings generated by this fund provide a source of continuing financial support for benevolent care.

My gift is: (optional)

- In Honor of: _____
- In Memory of: _____

We would love to hear why you support Brethren Village

***Credit Card Information:** Visa Mastercard Discover

Card # _____ Exp. _____
 Name on Card _____ CVV # _____
 Signature _____

****Monthly Giving:**

Monthly amount \$ _____ for # months _____ = Total Amount \$ _____

Above is how we have you represented in mailings and donor lists.
 If you would like to change that, please fill in below.
Name that I/we prefer:

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