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## PRESERVING LEGACY, SHAPING TOMORROW: FIELDCREST'S RENOVATIONS

As Brethren Village anticipates exciting renovations underway in Fieldcrest, this is a good opportunity to look back on the history of Fieldcrest, and its important role serving the entire Brethren Village community.



### How did Fieldcrest get its name?

In 1992, during the construction of the apartments, Residents were encouraged to propose names for the building. Jane Bagely, a Resident of Oakwood House, observed the construction from her second-floor window. Noticing a crest in the field, she suggested the name "Fieldcrest" for the new apartments.

1993

**FIELDCREST APARTMENTS OPEN**  
137 apartments

2009

**FIELDCREST EAST APARTMENTS OPEN**  
135 apartments

2024

**Major renovations to the Great Room**  
**Wellness Pavilion addition**  
**Chives renovations**  
**New Main Street Café added**

### Fieldcrest serves Generations

Current Fieldcrest Residents Dave and Friedlinde Ebersole moved to their apartment in 2013. For them, the move was natural since they both had parents at Brethren Village. For Dave, the generations are even deeper. His grandfather, Rev. John D. Ebersole served as the first chaplain in 1967. Rev. Ebersole was already a Resident of Brethren Village.

Dave's parents Harold and Anna were among the first Residents to move into Fieldcrest in February 1993. Dave notes that it is easy to remember the exact date, because as they finished up unpacking his parents' items

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Enriching each life touched by our ministry at Brethren Village.

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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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the day they moved in, they turned on the television to the news that the World Trade Center had survived a bomb blast – which was Friday, February 26.

Dave and Friedlinde believe that Fieldcrest makes a great home, and that just as importantly, Fieldcrest plays a vital role in offering quality of life opportunities to Brethren Village Residents. They both use the wellness facilities for individualized fitness and group classes. As Brethren Village renovates the dining spaces, Friedlinde notes that she is most passionate about seeing Residents gather informally again in the new spaces. “For me,” she notes “socialization

is key for Residents and seeing friends gathered to share a cup of coffee or a meal isn’t just a nice amenity, it’s a key to everyone’s total wellness.”

Much has changed since Dave and Friedlinde’s parents lived at Brethren Village, and they acknowledge much will change in the years to come. Seeing Brethren Village respond to serve changing Resident interests is key to a vibrant community.



*Dave and Friedlinde Ebersole –  
Fieldcrest, December 2019*



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*Harold I. and Anna K. Ebersole, early Fieldcrest Residents and parents of J. David Ebersole*



*Dave and Friedlinde Ebersole posed as models during the initial promotion of the Gathering for Generations capital campaign. Fast forward to December 2023, they revisit the same area in Fieldcrest, now bustling with construction, joined by a few of their Brethren Village friends.*

*Shown (L to R): Marj Gerhart, Dave Ebersole, Friedlinde Ebersole, Peggy Zuke, and Connie Brown*

### **Gail Long Spotlight**

Gail Long moved to Brethren Village in 2022 from her home nearby. She had a friend who had lived in Fairview Meadows, and Gail enjoyed visiting and eating in Chives. Several years ago, Gail had surgery that resulted in a loss of some of her vision, and ultimately she was no longer able to drive.

For Gail, moving to Fieldcrest at Brethren Village means gaining greater independence. She now is able to use the Brethren Village's on-demand shuttle, which takes her to all of the stores she shopped at when she lived in her home before Brethren Village. She

even continued to work for the first year that she lived at Brethren Village.

Gail focuses on the positive aspects of her move to Fieldcrest, emphasizing the enriching experiences she has gained. She shares about the new friendships that she has made within the community. She describes a very active life that include engaging in fitness classes, enjoying billiards and card games, and meals with friends in Chives. Currently, Gail dedicates her time to volunteering at the Fieldcrest store, and several times a week teams up with her new friend Vickie Denlinger to shop at Stauffer's for the store. She finds immense fulfillment in assisting her neighbors, and appreciates the reciprocal support she receives when needed.



*Gail Long & Angie Carpenter*

### **New Marketing Director reflects on years working with Fieldcrest Residents**

Angie Carpenter has been promoted to Marketing Director, leading a three-person team that welcomes future Residents and walks alongside them as they navigate the process of moving to Brethren Village.

"We're happy to have Angie in this important role, she brings her experience with Brethren Village and skill meeting with and exceeding new Resident expectations," notes Tara Ober, Vice President of Communication & Resident Life.

"I've worked as a marketing associate here at Brethren Village since November of 2013, and I am so excited to have accepted the position as Director. Helping to facilitate moving so many Residents into our community has been a great honor. Everyone has become part of our BV family. I look forward to meeting many more in the years to come."

**– Angie Carpenter, Marketing Director**

Jessica Shortes and Monica Robertson are excited to answer any questions and take you for a tour. Don't forget to ask to see our new Wellness Pavilion and ask how you can join us for classes at the fitness center.

We look forward to welcoming our waitlist to join Brethren Village at our new Wellness Pavilion. Details and invites with more information will be sent after the new space is open. If you have any questions, please be sure to reach out to the Marketing office.

### **You don't have to live in Fieldcrest to benefit!**

"When we moved to a cottage at Brethren Village, we didn't realize what a large part the Fieldcrest building would play in our daily activities. We use the fitness room and attend wellness classes in Fieldcrest. We're excited to start using the newly added Wellness Center soon. On these cold winter evenings, we can often be found walking through the halls of Fieldcrest. It's good exercise in a warm environment plus we get to talk to other Residents who are also out and about. It's also nice to have the Chives Restaurant in Fieldcrest for those nights when we don't want to cook at home. We've had several peeks at the new renovations being done to the main floor of Fieldcrest. The new gathering spaces there are going to be fantastic!"

**–John Byers and Pat Veser – Cottage Residents**

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## JULY 2023

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**Walter & Carol Pfeiffer**, Fieldcrest,  
formerly of Lancaster, PA

**Lloyd & Mary Geraldine Goss**,  
Oakwood House, formerly of  
Manheim, PA

**Patricia Romerstein**, Fieldcrest,  
formerly of Clinton, MD

## AUGUST 2023

**Alison Carzola**, Fieldcrest, formerly of  
Akron, PA

**Mary Williams**, Fairview Meadows,  
formerly of Wilkes Barre, PA

**Dale & Sheryn Jerchau**, Fieldcrest,  
formerly of Lancaster, PA

**Donald Rank**, Fieldcrest, formerly of  
York, PA

## SEPTEMBER 2023

**George & Elaine Eckman**,  
Fieldcrest, formerly of Smoketown, PA

**James & Carol Bowman**,  
Fieldcrest, formerly of Lancaster, PA

**Art & Rhoda Yost**, Fieldcrest,  
formerly of Lancaster, PA

**Russell & Linda Adsitt**, Fieldcrest,  
formerly of Lancaster, PA

**Marlene Burkholder**, Fieldcrest,  
formerly of Leola, PA

**Linda Boyd**, Cottage, formerly of  
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**Nancy Smith**, Fairview Meadows,  
formerly of Akron, PA

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Cottage, formerly of Lancaster, PA

**Gail Darrenkamp**, Village  
Townhouse, formerly of Lititz, PA

**Elmer & Arlene Faller**, Fieldcrest,  
formerly of Lancaster, PA

## NOVEMBER 2023

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formerly of Lancaster, PA

**Bruce & Sarah Striggle**, Fieldcrest,  
formerly of East Petersburg, PA

**James & Mary Lombardo**,  
Northside Court, formerly of Lancaster, PA

**Clara Pikolas**, Fieldcrest, formerly of  
Lancaster, PA

## DECEMBER 2023

**Thomas & Kim Jordan**, Cottage,  
formerly of York, PA

**Jerry Demastus**, Fieldcrest, formerly  
of Mount Joy, PA



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### *Meet the Symbria Team at Brethren Village*



#### **Front row (left to right)**

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# VOLUNTEER

A new partner for the BV Thrift Shop, Jubilee Ministries

Did you know that the first Monday of each month the BV Thrift Shop turns over donations that have not sold to make room for new donations? Volunteers pack up these items, and then Chaplain Dana drives the BV box truck to deliver these items to Jubilee Ministries in Manheim.

This relationship is relatively new. Previously the Brethren Village Thrift shop donated these items to the Salvation Army or the Ephrata

Re-Uzit Shop. Donations that are passed on to Jubilee Ministries also include additional items that cannot be sold in our BV Thrift Shop. The staff at Jubilee always express their gratitude & appreciation for our donations & we are happy we can support their ministry in this way.

Who are Jubilee Ministries? They help to rebuild, restore, and renew lives that are affected by incarceration through the Gospel of Jesus Christ. They offer a prison chaplaincy program which employs

14 chaplains in nine different State and Correctional facilities in PA. They also offer “Jubilee Aftercare” which offers a structured residential environment for the deep needs of those individuals caught in the cycle of incarceration, addiction, and unhealthy relationships.

Jubilee Donation Centers of clothing and houseware items help to fund their ministry. We are happy to be part of this important mission.





*In the past  
6 months...*

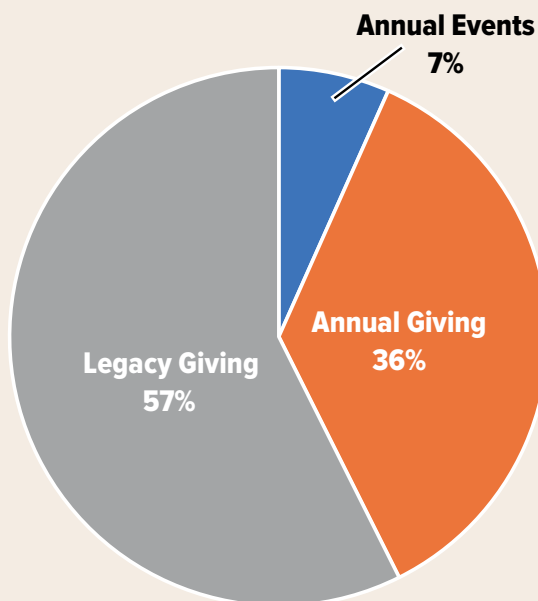
With your help  
**68 Residents** in  
**Personal & Skilled Care**  
have received benevolent care.

Your donations received for the  
**Good Samaritan Fund**  
totaled **\$898,138.50.**

That's a total  
of **659 gifts!**

## GIVING SUMMARY

*for 07/01/2023 - 12/31/2023*



### ANNUAL EVENTS:

Good Samaritan Banquet  
Golf Tournament  
ExtraGive

### ANNUAL GIVING:

Church Giving  
Tribute Giving  
Year End Appeal  
Miscellaneous

### LEGACY GIVING:

Bequests

## BV STORE DONATIONS

Brethren Village is grateful for the proceeds from the stores on campus. These proceeds benefit Brethren Village Residents.

The total gross proceeds from revenues contributed directly to Brethren Village between 07/01/2023-12/31/2023 = \$60,817.45.



*This issue's featured BV Store is the Village Center Store.*

**Monday – Friday, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM**

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## YOU'RE INVITED!

*Brethren Village's 2024 Spring Celebration*

### THURSDAY, MAY 2

We hope you can join us the evening of May 2<sup>nd</sup> - reservation info to come!

For more information, please visit:

**[bv.org/giving/good-samaritan-banquet](http://bv.org/giving/good-samaritan-banquet)**

