

Perspective

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“We Didn’t Look Anywhere Else”

John and Mary Snyder first considered moving to a retirement community several years ago but decided they weren’t ready. “It is hard to leave your home after 57 years,” they mused.

However, they never doubted where they would go when the time came. “We didn’t even look anywhere else,” declares John. “We always knew we would come to Fairmount when the time was right.”

When they learned of Fairmount’s plans to build six new cottages, they decided to take a look. The standalone cottage immediately caught their attention, and they decided to take it.

A Decision Based on Experience

What makes them so certain they are making the right choice? It is the culmination of numerous Fairmount connections.

“My sister came here in 1969 and had wonderful care for 30 years,” John remembers. “Then two



Admissions/Marketing Director Jim Woolson (right) shows John and Mary Snyder one of the cabinet options for their new cottage.

other family members moved here, and we witnessed the personal care they received. The staff don’t treat work here as a job. They are truly dedicated to the residents.” Mary adds, “I used to volunteer here, giving ice and helping with meals. I, too, had siblings who lived here, and our new neighbors will include friends we have known all our lives.”

An Added Bonus

As they explored the admission process, the Snyder’s discovered yet another bonus for making a move now.

As the first residents to occupy the new cottage, they can choose many design
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Fairmount Homes Mission Statement

"Fairmount Homes is a ministry with mature adults, providing high quality services, promoting wholeness and creative living consistent with Christ-centered Mennonite Values."

Core Values

Community • Compassion
Dignity • Integrity
Quality • Teamwork
Trust

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A Healing Culture

The President's Perspective

A "healing culture" was the term he used in his letter. The writer was describing the care his wife received as a resident in Fairmount's rehabilitation neighborhood. Among his many positive reflections about her care, one comment has stayed with me: "A healing culture at Fairmount radiates from the employees and volunteers." He went on to describe how he and his wife found our team members to be caring, competent, and compassionate in their work.

In my articles in previous issues of this newsletter, I've explained the core values that shape Fairmount's culture, define our character, and are central to our community life. Displaying a "healing culture" is a great description of how these values are carried out by our team members. I know this is not an isolated experience because so many other grateful recipients express to me their grati-

tude for the compassion, quality care, and community spirit that they have appreciated during their time at Fairmount.

While we cannot physically heal everyone we care for, I pray that our actions will always provide an environment that nurtures emotional healing for every resident. In Mark 1:40-42 a man with leprosy came to Jesus and asked to be healed. Filled with compassion, Jesus reached out to the man saying, "I am willing." My desire is that every member of our Fairmount staff—regardless of their role—will consistently reach out to our residents with true compassion, showing the love of Jesus to all.

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Jerry D. Lile
President/CEO

Thanks for Helping at Quilting Days

By the end of our February Quilting Days, almost 200 people had participated in the three-day event. Ten quilts were finished and ready for binding, and two others were close to completion.

We want to express huge thanks to everyone who came out to quilt for this year's Benefit Auction. Mark the date—September 12—on your calendar, and make plans now to attend and bring friends and family. The day is always packed with fun, fellowship, and great food, and all proceeds go to benefit our residents.



Residents (from left) Esther Gehman, Martha Engel and Elizabeth Horst enjoy working together on Quilting Days.



New Cottages Feature Many Choices

For anyone considering future retirement living, there is no better time than the present to explore the possibilities offered in the cottages soon to be under construction here at Fairmount. There are so many options available to initial occupants of these new cottages. Here is just a sampling:

Standard Options

- Oak or birch cabinets
- Choice of 18 stains for cabinets
- Quartz counter top—choice of color
- Vinyl flooring—30 patterns
- Variety of carpet colors and styles
- Appliances in one of two colors

Available Upgrades

- Cherry or maple cabinets
- Glazed or painted cabinetry finishes
- Additional quartz counter options
- Additional appliance models and colors
- Ceramic tile flooring
- Fireplace
- Sunroom or deck in some cottages



President/CEO Jerry D. Lile and Environmental Services Director John Becker IV review the plans for the new two-bedroom, two-bath cottage duplex and triplex on the site where construction is underway.

If you have questions or would like to further explore cottage living, please call the Admissions Office at 717.354.1800.

Didn't Look Anywhere Else *(continued from page 1)* features themselves—essentially customizing their home, even without spending extra money for upgrades.

Anticipating Life at Fairmount

Asked what they most looked forward to in their new home, John and Mary respond with the familiar refrain: “We are tired of the upkeep on our home and will be glad to give up maintenance chores.”

On the other hand, they realize that there is a lot of work ahead, preparing for the sale of their home and

sorting through belongings collected over the years. “We wanted to be able to do these things while we can make our own decisions, rather than burden our children with them,” John explains.

The Snyders are excited to experience Fairmount in a new way, and especially delighted to have found a new home that overlooks the valley where they both lived most of their lives. “Not only will we have a great view, but we will still be close to our son and daughter-in-law,” they report. “We have no doubts that we made the right choice.”

Bequest to Fairmount Homes

If you wish to remember Fairmount Homes in your will, the following wording is suggested: “I bequeath unto Fairmount Homes, for its general operating purpose, the sum of _____ (or a percentage of your estate, residue of, or a particular asset.)” Gifts may also be given to endow your annual gift, or for a specific project or need, and may be designated as a memorial or honor gift.



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Items of Interest

Quest Health Screen

A Health Screen will be held by Quest Diagnostics in the Farm Crest Community Room on Wednesday, May 9, 2012, from 6:00–9:00 a.m. If you wish to participate, please register by May 2. For more information or to register, please call Ferne Motto at 717.354.1895.

Blood Drive Slated for May

On May 31, 2012, the Central PA Blood Bank will hold a blood drive in the Farm Crest Community Room from 11:30 a.m.–6:00 p.m. Donors may call the blood bank for an appointment at 1.800.771.0059. Walk-ins are also welcome.

Volunteer Opportunities

More hands are welcome to assist residents at mealtimes. If you are willing to help in this way, please call Carol Swailes at 717.354.1800.

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All proceeds benefit the Sharing Fund.



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