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The Right Time, the Right Place

Wilmer and Gladys Martin are convinced they have the best cottage in the best location on campus. “We had our name on the waiting list, and were called many times before we came,” says Wilmer. “But when we saw the location of the new cottages being built, we were convinced the time was right.”

Now that they have completed their first year in their new home, they declare they have not regretted their decision for a minute. What do they like best about their new cottage? They appreciate so many features that choosing one is difficult.

Freedom from Home Maintenance

Wilmer responds first, “The best thing is having a new house—we never had a new house before. For all of our married lives, we lived in a house built in 1937—not real old, but there was a lot of upkeep. It is wonderful to now be free of home maintenance.”

Given the severity of last winter, their move



Pictured above are Wilmer and Gladys Martin, new cottage residents.

could not have been timed better. “I counted a total of 14 occasions the maintenance crew cleared our driveway last winter,” Gladys remembers. “They plowed the driveway, shoveled the sidewalks, and even swept off our front porch several times.”

More Room than Ever

But then, maybe the best aspect of their new cottage is just how much

room they have. Gladys explains, “There is more counter and cabinet space in our kitchen than we ever had in our old place. There is even space in the kitchen pantry for the 50-plus jars of tomato juice we canned this summer. Also, I have plenty of room in the second bedroom for quilting. I quilt for a local shop and almost always have a quilt in a frame.”

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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
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Benefit Auction Is a Testament to Community

The President's Perspective

Can you imagine making 5,000 of something in one day? That is exactly what our Amish friends did at our recent Benefit Auction and Chicken Barbecue—they made 5,000 doughnuts. And there was not just one type, but a wide selection, from glazed to a variety of filled doughnuts. The one I ate early in the morning was

warm and delicious, so I wasn't surprised to see a constant line at the doughnut table throughout the day!

Many friends from our community came to help with the Auction. This is always a remarkable event, and our 25th was like no other. The day began with a little rain off and on and ended with the largest proceeds to date. All income goes to support our Sharing Fund, which helps to offset the cost of care for Health Care and Personal Care residents whose resources are depleted through no fault of their own.

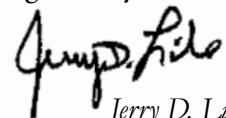
On average, about 40 percent of our residents in Health Care have depleted their own funds and receive financial assistance from the state. Unfortunately these state funds do not cover the full cost of their care. Last

year, our shortfall reached an all-time high of \$1.9 million dollars—so you can see why the Sharing Fund is vital to our operations! All Sharing Fund monies come from donations and special events such as our Benefit Auction and Barbecue. Fairmount Homes is dependent on the continued support of many donors as current Sharing

Fund totals will not cover the growing financial shortfall. We appreciate every gift made on behalf of our residents.

As I witnessed the numerous hands helping

with our Benefit Auction, I realized that these friends were demonstrating how much they value Fairmount's commitment to providing quality services in a Christian setting. It is a great testament to our community's willingness to support us and our strong Christian principles. Please join us next year—come eat a delicious doughnut or other wonderful food, or buy a handmade quilt or other keepsake. It is always a great day!


Jerry D. Lile
President/CEO

25th Annual Auction Tops All Others

Fairmount's 25th Annual Benefit Auction and Barbecue produced a record level of income, thanks to the generous and hungry people who attended our September 13 event! In spite of intermittent rain, a great crowd came ready to bid at the auction, enjoy delicious food, watch children at the candy drop, and meet friends—old and new alike. The day's sales totaled \$122,000. The proceeds left after expenses will be added to the Sharing Fund for the benefit of residents whose resources have been exhausted. Fairmount is very grateful to all for the efforts and support in this event. Mark your calendar now for next year's Benefit Auction & BBQ on September 12, 2015. See you there!



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New Expansion Project at Fairmount

Fairmount continues to grow, with plans now in the works for another expansion. The project is two-fold. The first phase is to erect a new sign on the corner of Cats Back and Farmersville roads to allow visitors to more easily find Fairmount Homes. This will include signage to the Home Messenger Library & Book Store and Muddy Creek Library located on the Fairmount campus. The goal is to have the sign in place by spring, weather permitting.

A longer-term, second phase is the building of another group of duplex cottages. Six units will be added between the existing Country View cottages and the new sign. They will be called the Country View Drive Extension because they will be accessed from an extension of Country View Drive. The design will be similar to the cottage units just completed on Farm Crest Drive. Several units are already reserved.



We welcome you to come and visit our campus and watch as we continue to grow. Investigate the benefits of retirement in the Fairmount Homes community, and perhaps become the first residents to occupy one of these brand-new cottages. For more information, call Jim Woolson in the Admissions Office at 717.354.1800.



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Perhaps their favorite feature is the sunroom, where they spend so much of their time. From there they can see for miles across the valley on a clear day.

A Private Location and a Two-Car Garage

Wilmer and Gladys appreciate the privacy of their location on campus. Their home is in a small community of five cottages on a cul-de-sac, but still accessible to all of the community amenities and activities. “When I get tired of working, I can go to the library to find a good book or read the newspaper,” Wilmer adds. “Or I can visit with my sister, cousins, or other family members and friends who live here.”

Eventually Wilmer and Gladys agree that the two-car garage tops all the other benefits of their new home. For the first time in their lives, they can just pull into their garage and unload groceries without worrying about inclement weather. And by keeping just one of the cars inside, Wilmer has room for a wood shop, where he makes shelves, corner cabinets,

and podiums upon request for a local business.

Plenty of Time for Favorite Activities

From their Fairmount cottage, the Martins can maintain the same active lifestyle they enjoyed in their former home. Wilmer and Gladys still work as needed at a local restaurant, and Gladys volunteers in several capacities at Fairmount. They both enjoy gardening, as evidenced by lovely flower beds in front of their cottage, and the tomato plants that produced such an abundant harvest this summer. Now they have plenty of time for everything they like to do, rather than spending time on what they need to do.

If you think Fairmount might be the right place for you, don’t hesitate to call Jim Woolson in the Admissions Office at 717.354.1800 and get your name on the waiting list. There is no charge to do so and, like Wilmer and Gladys, you won’t lose your place on the list if you say no—until the time is right. With plans in the works for six new cottages on campus, that time may be sooner than you think.



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Items of Interest

Public Welcome to Clinic for Special Children Presentation

Matthew Sware, development director with the Clinic for Special Children in Strasburg, is planning a presentation at Fairmount on December 3 at 1:30 p.m. in the Farm Crest Community Room Chapel. Topics will include the history, mission, and future goals of the clinic, and there will be time for questions at the end. Everyone is invited.

Central PA Blood Drive

On December 11, 2014, the Central PA Blood Bank will hold a blood drive in the Farm Crest Community Room from 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Donors may call the blood bank for an appointment at 1.800.771.0059. Walk-ins are also welcome until 6:00 p.m.

Mailing List Update

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www.FairmountHomes.org*



Silent Auction Returns for 11th Season!

New bid numbers are now available for the 2015 Heritage Day Silent Auction set to open for its 11th season. On Monday, October 27, the first week's items will be placed on display in the Wheat Ridge lobby. From then until Heritage Day on June 6, each week's auction will begin Monday at 8:30 a.m. and end a week later when a new collection of antique or collectible items is exhibited.

The items are also pictured on a slide show at the bottom of the Silent Auction page on the Fairmount



website. New bidder numbers are required each year, and can be obtained at the Wheat Ridge or Crest View reception desks. Since

its beginning a decade ago, the Silent Auction has continued to grow in both number and quality of items, as well as in the interest and enthusiasm of participants. All proceeds from the Silent Auction and June Heritage Day are designated for the Sharing Fund which benefits residents who, through no fault of their own, have outlived their resources.