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Continuing Our Active Lifestyle

Don and Dorcas Hostetter received a call two years ago offering them a Fairmount cottage currently under construction. But they declined, even though their name had been on the waiting list for some time. “We weren’t ready then,” explains Don. “It is hard to leave a beautiful home you built yourself and an area you lived in all your life. So we said ‘no’ and remained on the waiting list.”

But when Fairmount recently announced plans for six spacious new cottages, several with two-car garages, the Hostetters had a different answer. “This time, we both agree that we are ready,” they said.

With the cottages slated for completion around the spring of 2016, they have plenty of time to sort through their personal possessions, sell their house, and get packed for the move.

We Like to Plan Ahead

Friends have been surprised by the Hostetters’ decision to move now. They are younger and more socially active than some couples going into retirement communities. Don, a registered Holstein breeder for most of his life, is still involved in his business.

“We like to plan ahead,” he explains. “A lot of



Don and Dorcas Hostetter look forward to their move into a new Fairmount cottage next year.

people don’t want to talk about the future as they age. I have seen many instances where people postpone a move until their health fails. Then the families have to make all the decisions and pick up the pieces. We don’t want to do that to our children.”

Although they are still young and energetic, the Hostetters are aware of health situations that crop up more frequently with age. “My doctor told me that it would be a good idea to slow down a bit. When I move here, I won’t have to mow the lawn or

push the snow. When something breaks, someone else can fix it,” Don chuckles.

Dorcas adds, “We want to move while we’re healthy and can volunteer and enjoy an active life. I have a lot of flowerbeds at my home, and I want to be able to step outside the door of my own cottage and plant flowers here too. Living on a farm, we were always busy, and we have a lot of friends. We want to continue that lifestyle here.”

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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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Our Light on the Hill

The President's Perspective

As we drove along a local road not long ago, my son and I could see the distant lights of Fairmount Homes shining brightly on the hill. At the same time, we could see the illuminated steeple of the church we attend. My son mentioned how beautiful both lights are from a distance. It was a lovely sight that started me thinking about some important aspects that make and keep Fairmount Homes a shining light in our community.

"But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another."

I John 1:7 (NIV)

In their book *Mission Drift*, Peter Greer and Chris Horst warn, "Without careful attention, faith based organizations will inevitably drift from their founding mission."

As the CEO of this organization, my role is to ensure that Fairmount's founding mission doesn't drift, that our light keeps shining. Sometimes outside forces would pressure us to flicker, but Fairmount is fully committed to steadfastly remaining an organization shining our light on the hill.

Shining consistently is only possible because we have hired people who value and live out the Fairmount Homes mission every day. As I've shared in previous articles, I highly

value our staff. It's evident that they come to work each day feeling empowered and honored to carry out their responsibilities in a Christ-like manner. It's not unusual for me to receive a thank-you card from a resident's family sharing their appreciation for our wonderful team members. These notes confirm that

Fairmount continues as a light on a hill that blesses so many.

Our recent Benefit Auction evidenced other community lights shining. Our volunteers,

staff, and board members worked incredibly well together not just on auction day, but in the weeks leading up to this major event. All of you in the broader community who attended the auction were also essential to our success. Put all together, the collaboration was so extraordinary that we posted record auction proceeds for our Sharing Fund.

Fairmount's steady light reminds me of I John 1:7(NIV), "But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another."

Jerry D. Lile
President/CEO

26th Annual Auction Tops All Others

Fairmount's 26th Annual Benefit Auction and Barbecue produced record sales of over \$142,600, thanks to the generosity of people who attended our September 12 event! 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 10, 2016. See you there!



New to Fairmount's Rehab Program

Plain Community Outpatient Rehab Program

In keeping with our original mission, Fairmount has developed a Plain Community Outpatient Rehabilitation Program to help members meet the financial demands of rehabilitative services. Those who have chosen not to participate in insurance programs for religious reasons are offered a fee reflecting a substantial discount from the 2015 Medicare schedule.

To obtain services through this program, a doctor's written order for therapy is needed as well as verification that no other insurance is available. Physical, occupational, and speech therapy are included in this program. If you have any questions regarding our services or this Plain Community Outpatient Rehabilitation Program, please contact Admissions at 717.354.1800.

Introducing Covenant Alliance Rehab East

On May 1, Covenant Alliance Rehab East (CAR East) became Fairmount's rehabilitation service provider.

The group is part of the Covenant Health Alliance of PA (CHAPa), of which Fairmount is a partner.



Pictured are CAR East team members (back, from left) Samantha Walsh, Harry Kerstetter, Janae Rydbom, (front) Kerry Kreider, Kathleen Aquino, Megan Besancon.



Fairmount is participating in this year's Extraordinary Give, a 24-hour online giving campaign that benefits over 300 Lancaster County non-profits, including Fairmount. To participate, visit ExtraGive.org, choose Fairmount Homes, and make a donation. ***Give Extraordinary.***

Active Lifestyle (continued from page 1)

We Chose Fairmount Because...

When considering where to move, the Hostetters had many reasons to consider Fairmount.

"Before I do anything, I research well," Don says. "When we decided to make this move, we investigated six different retirement homes. We have friends in quite a few of them, and some were very impressive. But when we really thought about it, one of the most important considerations was the quality of health care. Other places have good care also, but friends who have been residents here have never reported anything but excellent care. I'm also impressed that Fairmount maintains a five-star rating. That is the kind of care I want my wife to have if she ever needs it."

There are plenty of other factors that appeal to the Hostetters: They will be closer to three of their five children who live in the Lancaster area. They found the prices reasonable, especially the monthly maintenance

fees. And the hilltop setting is perfect for them. Coming from a farm, they love seeing the farmland spread out below.

Coming Soon—Six New Cottages

Site work for the new cottage project at the corner of Cats Back and Farmersville Roads is set to begin soon. When complete, there will be six spacious cottages with one- or two-car garages. Original occupants like Don and Dorcas will have many options from which to select including sunrooms, flooring, cabinetry color, and appliance styles. Several of the cottages have already been spoken for, but a few are still available.

If you are ready to explore retirement living at Fairmount Homes, don't hesitate to call Jim Woolson in the Admissions Office at 717.354.1800. There is no charge to put your name on the waiting list, and you won't lose your place on the list if you say no until you are ready.



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Items of Interest

TOPS Chapter Tops All

Recently Fairmount's TOPS (Taking Off Pounds Sensibly) chapter was delighted to be recognized as the most successful Pennsylvania TOPS chapter in 2014. The emphasis of the TOPS program is not on calorie counting but on eating balanced meals. The chapter currently has 44 members, but more members are welcome to join at any time. For more information or to join, please call 717.354.1800.

Central PA Blood Drive

On December 10, 2015, the Central PA Blood Bank will hold a blood drive in the Farm Crest Community Room from 11:30 a.m.–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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12th Silent Auction Set to Open

The 2016 Heritage Day Silent Auction is set to open for its 12th season. On Monday, November 2, the first week's items will be placed on display in the Wheat Ridge lobby. From then until Heritage Day on June 4, 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 photo album at the bottom of the Silent Auction page on the Fairmount



website. New bid numbers are required each year, and can be obtained at the Wheat Ridge or Crest View reception desks. Since its beginning 12 years

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.