

## Prayer Dedication Launches New Project

What better way to recognize Fairmount's 50 years of service than by beginning a new building project! After a meaningful 50th Anniversary Celebration in February, one of the most significant events of this milestone year was the Prayer Dedication Service held Monday, July 23, launching the new Wheat Ridge Apartments project. Attendees included Fairmount residents, members of the Board of Directors and Advisory Board, team members, and future Wheat Ridge Apartment residents.

The program began with a welcome by Fairmount President/CEO Jerry D. Lile. He first introduced Fairmount Board Chairman Ken Burkholder, who spoke about the value of this expansion project. Ken noted that Fairmount's emphasis has always been on people, not buildings. Adding a second apartment building enables Fairmount to serve a greater number of residents, benefiting the entire community.

Jerry then introduced DJ Risk, the fourth-generation president of Paul Risk Construction, of Quarryville, Lancaster County, PA. DJ is a familiar presence at Fairmount, having overseen two of our prior projects.

### **Commitment to Prayer First**

Before calling on Chaplain Paul Gehman for the prayer, Jerry explained the purpose of the Prayer Dedication. "We want to honor our commitment to pray first in all of our endeavors. Since the inception of this project about two years ago, we have been seeking God's wisdom in our many decisions. We continue to



*Pictured is the planning team for the Wheat Ridge Apartments project: (from left) Ryan Boyd, Vice President of Commercial Lending, Univest; DJ Risk, President, Paul Risk Construction; Richard Dropik, Partner, RLPS Architects; Jerry D. Lile, President/CEO, Fairmount; Charles Warrick, Senior Project Manager, Paul Risk Construction; Joyce Gerhart, Client Manager, RGS Associates; and Richard Shoemaker, Executive Vice President, Paul Risk Construction.*

pray for wisdom as well as for everyone's safety—construction crews, residents, and staff alike—as we live and work amid construction for the next 14 months."

The service concluded with Jerry and DJ each turning over a shovel full of dirt to officially begin the new project.

We were grateful for the presence of many future apartment residents at this special event. Not only did they watch the official launch of the construction of their new homes, but they began to get acquainted with their future neighbors.

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## The Value of Relationships - *The President's Perspective*

As I write this article, Fairmount is finalizing the program for a Prayer Dedication Service to launch construction on our Wheat Ridge Apartments. Many hours have gone into the planning and design of this new building that will include 45 apartments. The extensive preparation process has already begun building positive relationships.

Relationships do not just happen. They require conscious effort by each party. In our case, we interviewed numerous building contractors and ultimately chose Paul Risk Construction, a local Lancaster County builder. Several people have asked me why we chose Paul Risk, and my answer is very simple: relationship! Throughout the months of intense discussions and negotiations, DJ Risk and his team have demonstrated the quality of character that has won our trust and built a strong working relationship.

Relationships are always a high value for us here at Fairmount. We constantly work at building and maintaining positive relationships within the local community by providing quality care. Other things strengthen our relationships, like allowing local residents to use our nature trail for exercise, providing the largest tax

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revenue for West Earl Township, purchasing safety equipment for the Farmersville Fire Company, addressing concerns from our neighbors in a timely manner, and providing employment for over 300 staff based on competitive wages and benefits.

Fairmount doesn't take positive relationships for granted! Whenever we work with an outside company, it is our goal to build trust that supports a healthy relationship. As we begin our new building project, we thank our partners in advance for their commitment to quality work, honesty, and positive working relationships! All three are important enough to include in our corporate core values!

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*Jerry D. Lile*  
Jerry D. Lile  
President/CEO

## Heritage Day a Day to Remember

On Saturday, June 2, Fairmount and the local community once again celebrated our rural roots at our 14th Annual Heritage Day. The day also concluded the Silent Auction season. Details of the event, along with great pictures, are posted on the Fairmount website under the Community Engagement link. Thank you to everyone who participated in this exciting day with your hard work, attendance, and support. All proceeds will go to the Sharing Fund for the benefit of residents who have outlived their resources.



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## Welcome to 8th Open House

Along with 17 other local Life Plan communities, Fairmount is opening its doors for our 8th Annual Open House on Saturday, October 20, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Don't miss this opportunity to come and see what cottage and apartment living here at Fairmount are all about. ➤



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Reflecting on Fairmount's progress, Jerry says, "We have so much support from the broader community. That's a major reason we have succeeded for half a century. As we look forward to another 50+ years, we are eager to see how this new facility will serve the needs of both our current and future residents."

### *Project Begins with Personal Care Renovation*

While the primary focus is on the new 4-story, 45-unit apartment building, an equally exciting component of the project is the expansion and renovation of the Wheat Ridge Personal Care (WRPC) building—the first phase of the construction. A new activity room, lounge, and nurses station will be added to the center of the current building. This design will centralize the areas WRPC residents use on a daily basis, making them more easily accessible. Residents will not have to walk far to participate in activities, receive medications, or relax in the lounge with music, a book, a newspaper, or a jigsaw puzzle. The current activity room will be converted to a new dining room, and the increasingly popular Cat's Back Café will expand into the space currently occupied by the existing dining room, accommodating more staff, residents, and visitors.

Another component of the project will create direct access between the new apartment building and the Wheat Ridge building.

This will make it possible for spouses in the new apartments to visit their husbands/wives in rehab or skilled nursing without going outside.

### *New Apartments With Many Options*

Concurrent with the WRPC modifications, construction of the new apartment building will begin. Completion is slated for the fall of 2019 when 45 brand new units in 11 different floor plans will open for occupancy. Plans include a wellness room, gathering room, library, and outside courtyard with a bocce ball court.

To date, more than half of the units are reserved. If you or anyone you know is interested in exploring new Wheat Ridge apartment options, please contact Mitchell Hanna at 717.354.1810 or email him at [mitchellh@FairmountHomes.org](mailto:mitchellh@FairmountHomes.org).

## "Make a Difference" on Auction Day

The Benefit Auction/BBQ will once again offer "Make a Difference" gift opportunities. For a contribution of \$150.00 you can underwrite one day of care for a resident whose financial resources have been exhausted. You can use the enclosed envelope to "Make a Difference." Please consider helping our residents in this way. ➤



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## Items of Interest

### *Amish/Mennonite Student Safety Vest Frolic*

On Friday, August 10, a Safety Vest Frolic will be held in the Crest View Gathering Room at 1100 Farm Crest Drive starting at 9:30 a.m. The public is invited to come and work with residents to assemble kits and help make vests for the Amish and Mennonite students who need them.

### *Benefit Auction Needs*

**• Theme Baskets**

Donations of theme baskets, supplies, and/or money toward additional theme baskets are always welcome.

**• Dining For Dollars**

Consider hosting a Dining for Dollars event. To host a meal, please call 717.656.7810 or 717.733.2509 by August 10.

**• Auction/Flea Market Items**

New items for auction or good used items for the flea market are always welcome.



## 29th Benefit Auction & Barbecue *Saturday, September 8, 2018* New location: Farm Crest Campus



*“Make a Difference”  
Opportunities  
(details on page 3)*



*Come, enjoy the day and bring friends!*