

Residents Come for Values, Value and the View

New Wheat Ridge Apartment residents Doug and Toni Hoey have unique life stories. In 1960, Doug accepted a job in administration with the FBI and moved to the Washington D.C. area. There he also volunteered as unofficial chaplain with Boy's Village and attended Washington Bible College. Three years later, he married Toni.

A Lifetime in Prison Ministry

In 1968, Doug felt called by God to work in a prison ministry. "We had two children, and there was no funding—we had to raise our own support in order to get paid," Doug recalls.

Toni was completely supportive. "We pinched pennies and lived sparingly, but God met our needs," she reminisces.

As the prison work grew, Doug began traveling all over the country to start new prison ministries and train chaplains. It was a career he loved and continued until 2001 when health challenges loomed. He then settled into a chaplaincy position in York County prison. After retirement in 2013, he continued visiting prisoners as a volunteer until this past September.

From Around the World to Fairmount

Unlike many Fairmount residents, neither Doug nor Toni is a Lancaster County native. Born to missionary parents, Toni split her childhood years between Nigeria and Connecticut. Doug hailed from New Jersey. They moved to Lancaster County 26 years ago, buying a home on a quiet street with great neighbors near Marietta.

Also unlike many incoming residents, the Hoey's are not joining friends or family now living at Fairmount. "We don't know one soul who lives here," they admit, although they have begun to get acquainted with their



Doug and Toni Hoey, pictured in front of their 4th floor apartment, are excited to see the progress made on their new home.

future neighbors at informational meetings held throughout the building process.

However, the Hoey's had witnessed firsthand the compassionate care Doug's father received as a Fairmount Health Care resident from 2002 until his passing in 2005. "The staff took care of my father like they would take care of their own fathers," Doug reflects. "We knew then that when the time came to move from our home, Fairmount would be a great option." Still, the Hoey's looked around before deciding.

Values, Value, and the View

According to Marketing Director Mitchell Hanna, the top reasons people are drawn to Fairmount are its values, value, and view. It is a sentiment

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Implementing Person-Directed Living

The President's Perspective

“Culture Change” is the name of a movement to reshape older-adult services based on hearing, respecting, and honoring the voices of seniors and those working most closely with them. Relationship, choice, dignity, respect, self-determination, and purposeful living are values that drive this culture change.

As Fairmount began exploring this new mindset, we sent four staff to a conference sponsored by the Pioneer Network, an organization which champions this kind of innovative change. They brought back new information that began our transformation!

What differences will you see at Fairmount? First, our residents and team members are having a greater say in the care and services provided. We are calling this **Person-Directed Living**, designed to help residents feel more “at home” wherever they live. While we know residing in a care facility is not the same as living at home, we want to create living spaces with privacy, comfort, and personalization. Our goal is to nurture meaningful relationships between caregivers and residents so both feel valued and respected—with resulting benefits for residents, their families, and our staff.

Change can be scary, but to quote England's Prince Phillip, “Change does

not change tradition. It strengthens it. Change is a challenge and an opportunity, not a threat.”

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Over the next weeks and months, Fairmount will continue to explore new ways our residents, staff, and families can experience the exciting benefits Person-Directed Living offers over traditional institutional care.

Our mission statement is “Founded on Christ's love and Mennonite values, we strive to enrich the lives of those we serve.” I believe that Person-Directed Living will help us better fulfill that goal and enrich our entire community! I look forward to sharing more about our experiences as we move forward. ➤



Jerry D. Lile
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President/CEO

30th Benefit Auction the Best Ever!

A great turnout and enthusiastic bidding at last month's Annual Benefit Auction resulted in record proceeds! Don't miss the pictures on our website and Facebook page. We express a heartfelt thank you to everyone who attended or donated time, money, or items to sell. This great community event could not happen without everyone's participation. ➤



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Construction Project Nears Completion



Pictured is a view of the courtyard side of the new Wheat Ridge Apartments. The courtyard will feature a fire pit and bocce court.



Pictured above is a view inside one of our new Wheat Ridge Apartments. Residents will begin enjoying their new homes on November 4.



Wheat Ridge Personal Care residents have been enjoying their new dining room since mid-September.

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echoed by the Hoeyes as they describe the process of choosing their new home.

Doug says, “We liked the feedback we got from current residents. Their assurances that Fairmount lives up to its stated values convinced us that we would be much more in sync with our neighbors here than at other retirement homes.”

Toni explains further, “We toured a number of different places during the annual Explore Retirement Living events and visited the homes of friends in various retirement communities. Of all the places we checked, Fairmount offered the best value. Here we aren’t paying for amenities we won’t use; we are paying for the benefits of no longer having to shovel snow, cut grass, or climb ladders!”

Like most of the incoming Wheat Ridge Apartment residents, the Hoeyes find one of their greatest challenges is getting rid of “unnecessary stuff” as they prepare for their upcoming move. “We have three stories of our house to clear out, and we’re collectors,” Doug chuckles. “We are having a hard time getting rid of things. But we don’t want to store them, we won’t have the room for everything, despite the spaciousness of our new apartment, and we are not keeping anything we

can’t move to Fairmount!”

Taking a moment to think beyond their move, Doug and Toni both look forward to pursuing a favorite activity—walking—on Fairmount’s nature trails. They can’t wait to enjoy the spectacular views of Lancaster County farmland.

If you are interested in retirement living at a place with uncompromising values, excellent value, and unparalleled views, begin investigating the options by calling the Marketing Office at 717.354.1810. While most of the new Wheat Ridge Apartments have been reserved, several are still available, or you can put your name on the waiting list for the future! ->



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Items of Interest

Wellspan Diabetes Seminar

Fairmount will host a Wellspan Health event called “Living in Victory” on Tuesday, November 12, in the Farm Crest Community Room from 5:30–8:00 p.m. From 5:30-6:30, exhibitors will share food samples and recipes, and then several speakers will discuss strategies to deal with the challenges of living with diabetes. While the event is free, registration is required. Please call 717.721.8790 to register.

Central PA Blood Drive

On December 12, 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 800.771.0059. Walk-ins are also welcome until 6:00 p.m.



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Fairmount is participating in this year’s ExtraOrdinary Give—an annual, 24-hour, online giving campaign. To participate, visit ExtraGive.org on Friday, November 22, choose Fairmount, and make your donation. For this event, Fairmount will have a computer available in the Harvest View Conference Room at Wheat Ridge for anyone who may not have computer access elsewhere.

