

Love Radiates in Personal Care



Betty Buch enjoys friendly conversation with caregiver Brianna Darrow while taking in the view from the Personal Care Dining Room.

Betty Buch gazes out the window and over the beautiful farmland as she finishes her breakfast in the Wheat Ridge Personal Care dining room. She's pondering my question, "What do you like about living in Personal Care at Fairmount?"

"Are the three good meals each day a special perk?" I ask.

"The food is delicious, but meals are not what matter," she answers. "What really matters is the relationship with my caregivers. I feel their care radiating toward me. I feel their love when they go over and above expectations for me. I can look at their eyes and tell that they are really listening to what I have to say."

Betty became a Personal Care resident more

than four years ago after recovering from surgery in Fairmount's Rehab area. She enjoys the privacy of her room, the company of the other residents, and the activities. Her face lights up as she recalls a picnic in the Wheat Ridge Apartment courtyard, just outside the activity room, "when Jerry [Jerry Lile, Fairmount's President/CEO] cooked us hamburgers!"

So much to do!

Betty was so enthusiastic that I decided to ask other Personal Care residents what they liked about life at Fairmount. Harold "Jack" and Alberta "Bertie" Weaver moved here just after Labor Day from their cabin home in Tioga County, PA. "We had planned on coming to Fairmount earlier, but just put it off. Then this residence was offered, and we were ready," they explain.

"What fills your time now that you're at Farm Crest?" I ask.

Bertie responds, "We are busy here! We go to devotions in the morning and all of the activities during the day. We have already made friends with some of our neighbors!"

Ready to slow down a bit!

The Weavers were ready to be done with some of life's rigors. While Bertie still drives to their doctors' appointments, she is ready to leave most chores to others. Eating meals in the dining room

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A Season for Sharing

The President's Perspective

If you ask me which season of the year I enjoy most, I would have to say summer because I love the warmer weather. However, fall is definitely a close second. Growing up in Texas, I didn't experience fall foliage, but since living in Virginia and now Pennsylvania, I really enjoy the beauty of changing leaves.

My family and I love to hike many Lancaster County trails, and our favorite one is Oak Trail in the Speedwell Forge Park. On numerous Saturday or Sunday afternoons, we get exercise and soak up the beauty of the trees and running water along Oak Trail. Walking the trail helps me mentally refresh

and focus on what God has provided for us to enjoy! Peak leaf season in Lancaster County is forecast for late October this year, and the foliage is expected to be vibrant because of this year's abundant rainfall. I can assure you that I will be on Oak Trail in the next few weeks to witness God's hand at work!

Fall is also the time of year Fairmount receives financial contributions from many generous donors, including gifts towards the Sharing Fund and the Matching Gift Appeal. One generous family will match up to \$25,000 towards a covered pavilion with electricity, seating, and tables to be built on the north side of campus, next to the Muddy Creek Farm Library/Home

Messenger Library. With a wonderful view of northeast Lancaster County, the pavilion will provide a location for residents and families to enjoy together. Completion is estimated for the summer of 2022. I hope you will join me in contributing towards the pavilion project!



Jerry and Janette Lile (front) enjoy hiking the local trails with their daughter and son-in-law, Jenna and Seth Peters, and son Jeffrey (back).

Another opportunity for support is our Sharing Fund. This past year has presented unusual financial challenges for Fairmount. COVID continues to cause a shortage of supplies and labor, along with an increase in costs. As expenses increase and government funding continues to remain flat, many of our residents in Health Care and Personal Care rely on the Sharing Fund to help cover the cost of their care. A contribution to our Sharing Fund is a great way to help support residents that have exhausted their financial resources.

As you enjoy this fall season, please remember Fairmount in your prayers and consider contributing towards the pavilion or the Sharing Fund. Regardless of whether or not you can give, thank you for your prayers and support! Enjoy the fall foliage this year and maybe I'll see you on Oak Trail!

*Jerry D. Lile
President/CEO*



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allows them to socialize and become acquainted with other residents. They love having personal laundry and housekeeping services provided so that they have the freedom to do just the things they enjoy.

Elsie Altpeter was the next resident I asked to describe her experience here. Elsie moved into a Crest View apartment in 2008. There she enjoyed getting to know other residents and volunteering in many areas, including taking care of campus flower beds, participating in the Prayer Walkers group, and helping to keep the Crest View library organized.

After Elsie's move to a Farm Crest Personal Care room, she was delighted to assume responsibility for organizing and managing the Personal



Elsie Altpeter enjoys managing the Personal Care library on her hallway.

Care library. On her way to show me the library, Elsie greets the Activity Coordinator who is going door-to-door passing out cookies to residents. With a chuckle Elsie explains, "They find something to celebrate almost every day!"

"I am happy here," Elsie muses, as we return to her room. "I have my privacy, and my every need is met. For instance, if I can't go to the dining room, they bring my food to me. I was ready to give up cleaning, doing laundry, and cooking. Now I can spend my days reading, my favorite pastime."

Alluding to the concept of contentment that the Apostle Paul describes to the Philippians, Elsie adds, "I am determined that wherever I find myself, I will be content."

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By Carol Swailes



Jack & Bertie Weaver stay busy participating in activities planned by Activity Coordinator Janetta Lauver.

32nd Benefit Auction and Chicken Barbecue

Many thanks to our community for your wonderful support of Fairmount's 32nd Annual Benefit Auction and Chicken Barbecue. Due to COVID-19, the event was held off campus. The Benefit Auction was held both in-person and online with great success. Quilts,

theme baskets, and many other items were on display in the tents. Dining for Dollars events were sold by silent auction. While the final results have not yet been tallied, proceeds will come close to pre-COVID years. Thank you again! ➤



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Matching Gift Opportunity

A generous donor has offered to match up to \$25,000 any gifts contributed by December 1 for a special project that will enhance the lives of our residents.

The matching gift this year will go toward the cost of building a covered pavilion on the Wheat Ridge campus. The pavilion will provide a gathering place for fellowship, worship, hymn sings, and celebrations, all while enjoying beautiful views of Lancaster County farmland. Completion is planned for the summer of 2022.

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