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Celebrating 95 Years of Caring

In 2013, Wesbury celebrates the founding of the original Cribbs Home in Conneautville, PA. It was 1918 when Hyatt M. Cribbs offered his farm to the Erie Conference of the United Methodist Church to become a home for those in need. That gift became The Ida M. Cribbs Methodist Home.

In 1945, the administrators were looking for a new location for the home; citing fire safety as a major concern. A fundraising campaign was mounted to raise $500,000 to build a new, all brick facility in Meadville, PA. In 1948, Dr. Harry C. Winslow persuaded a local farmer to donate 16 acres of land, then known as "Green Acres", on Park Avenue Extension. Ground was broken in 1950 on Wesbury's current location.

Opened in July of 1952, The Methodist Home in Meadville, which would later become Cribbs Residential Center, would spend the next two decades catering services to an aging population in need of more and more specialized care. The Conference addressed the need by providing funds to construct an extended care facility on the site. The Methodist Home Nursing Hospital was opened in 1970 licensed for 140 patients. Today, Grace Health Center and Memory Support Center is licensed for 210 residents. Opened in 2000, the Memory Support Center was designed for residents with Alzheimer's Disease and other cognitive memory impairments.

Wesbury's Independent Living program at Thoburn Village began in the late 1970s with the construction of five one and two bedroom villas. The expansion of Thoburn Village would continue for the next three decades, today there are 64 villa homes, and 16 one and two bedroom apartments on the Wesbury campus. To enhance the activities and fitness programs for Thoburn Village Residents, the Clubhouse at Thoburn Village was added in 2010.

Under the leadership of Donald E. Clawson, Wesbury has expanded in many new directions. The Wesbury Foundation was created in 1996 to raise funds to support residents who have outlived their resources. Wesbury's Home and Community Based Services, offering in-home housekeeping, companion, home delivered meals and Wesbury LifeAid, a 24 hour, wireless emergency response system began in 1997. 1998 brought the purchase of Hillside Home of Meadville, expanding the Assisted Living opportunities and services offered to a second location now called Wesbury-Hillside Home.

Recent years have brought exciting expansions to the Wesbury community such as on-site pharmacy services, a newly constructed medical arts facility, and the creation of Visiting Nurses Association-Alliance. VNA Alliance is a partnership with Wesbury, Meadville Medical Center, St. Paul Homes in Greenville, PA., and Concordia Lutheran Ministries in Cabot, PA. Wesbury's future plans are to build a second Independent Living campus in Edinboro, PA. They are currently in the early planning stages.

As Wesbury celebrates 95 years of providing a full continuum of compassionate care and services to area seniors, we are thankful to the many people and organizations that support us with their time, dedication, donations and referrals and we look forward to continuing to serve the community for many years to come.

Hyatt M. Cribbs donates his farm to the Erie Conference of the Methodist Church to create the Ida M. Cribbs Methodist Home.

1918
Wesbury Timeline

Dear Friends,

On behalf of our residents, their families, our volunteers and staff, ***thank you*** for your continued support of Wesbury!

Your thoughtful gifts of volunteer time, in-kind goods and services and financial support mean a great deal to our residents.

Because of your generosity, commitment and loyalty we continue to:

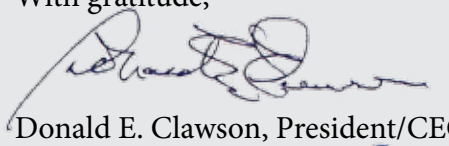
- care for the hundreds of frail women, men and disabled persons who have outlived their financial resources and depend upon our charitable care fund
- expand and improve the accommodations, programs, equipment and services for resident's quality of care and enjoyment
- promise each new resident the lifelong care that they so richly deserve - regardless of their ability to pay

In our 95 years of existence Wesbury is very proud to say that we have never asked a resident to leave because of lack of resources. We have you to thank for this!

As you read through your copy of the 2012 Contributors Report, we hope that you are comforted knowing that many people share your interest in supporting and caring for others and that Wesbury will be here if you or your loved ones are ever in need.

Please accept our heartfelt thanks for your faithful service and be assured that we very deeply and sincerely appreciate your gifts.

With gratitude,



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Rhonda K. Thomas, Director of Development

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Please note:
In an effort to be more environmentally conscious and be better stewards of the donations so graciously made to Wesbury each year, we have once again condensed the annual report listings to share the information more broadly through our Spring/Summer Wesbury Window Newsletter. We hope you will continue to find this approach interesting and informative. There are so many stories of giving to share! For a more complete listing of donors, you may visit www.wesbury.com. Thank you once again for your continuous support of Wesbury!

1920s

1924 - The Chapel was dedicated at the bequest of Mrs. E. McCracken.

1929 - The first ever formal fundraising campaign was held. A total of $164,585 was donated.

Discover the Freedom to Travel!

Looking out across the water Dick and Joanne were in awe as they approached the shoreline. This was the trip of a lifetime. They had always dreamed of experiencing the untouched beauty of the Galapagos Islands. Now, with careful planning, they are realizing their dreams. They have a long list of destinations and experiences that they hope to accomplish in the years ahead so when it came time to retire they searched diligently for a lifestyle choice where they had the freedom to just pick up and go. Since moving to Wesbury in 2003, they have begun to realize these dreams and have been to various places including trips to Australia, New Zealand and through the Panama Canal.

Everyone dreams about what they will do in retirement when they are able to shift their focus, from growing in a career or raising a family. It's no surprise that seniors are the fastest growing demographic in the travel industry. The Meadville area offers many adventures for senior traveling such as trips sponsored by Wesbury, Active Aging, and even local television stations. While most are bus trips, some, like Wesbury's previous adventures to Ireland, Nova Scotia and Alaska, require taking planes, trains or ships.

The Hartung's schedule many of their trips through the not for profit trip provider, Road Scholar (formerly Elderhostel). According to Dick, "They (Road Scholar) take you on excursions deep into an area so you may really experience the culture and destination. They avoid tourist traps and do not consider "going shopping" to be part of a travel package. Most trips are rated for difficulty so travelers can gauge what trip is best for them." Group tours provide safety in numbers, prearranged excursions, trip insurance, baggage handling and prepaid gratuities. Leaving the details to the tour provider allows one to focus on the total enjoyment of the adventures chosen. The Hartung's love the truly authentic experiences these trips offer and cherish the memories they create.

For many people, leaving their home unattended for an extended period of time can cause worry and inhibit their experience. Unfortunately some choose not to go away as they don't feel secure without someone trusted to check on their home and pick up the mail. Others are deterred by the added cost if they must pay someone to take care of these things. "Living in a retirement community like Wesbury has many advantages for seniors who enjoy travel." notes Dick, "Wesbury has security on campus every night; we relax knowing our home is safe, home maintenance chores are being done in our absence, mail is secure and someone is checking for any problems that may arise. If you forget to do something before you leave or have a concern while away, simply call and it's taken care of." Wesbury residents agree that these included benefits help to contribute to a truly, stress-free vacation. "We love that we can just pick up and go," says Joanne, "this is exactly what we planned for."

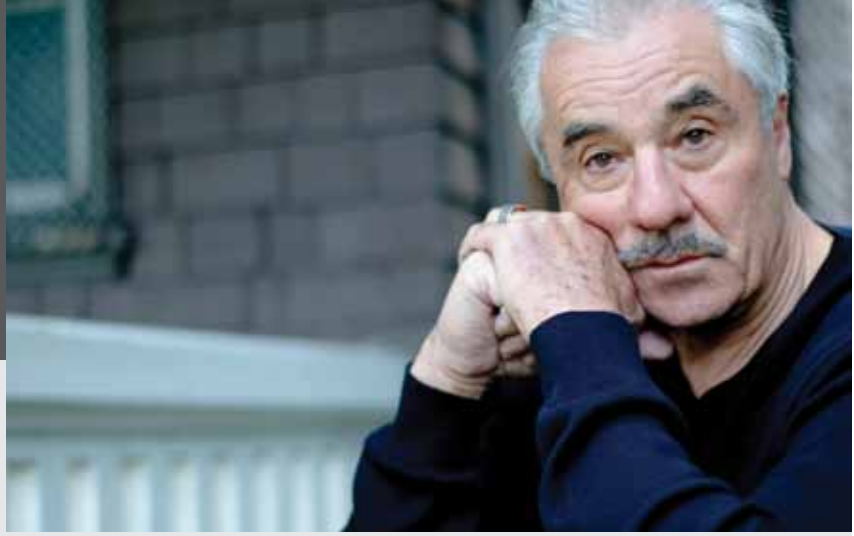
Joanne and Dick Hartung scuba diving

If you would like to discover the freedom to travel consider the villas at Wesbury's Thoburn Village. For more information call Melissa Porter at 814-332-9238.

1930s

1932 - Rev. and Mrs. Charles M. Hartshort were elected superintendent and field secretary at a salary of $2,400 with board and lodging and traveling expenses.

Do You Have Questions Related to Aging? The Wesbury Institute is Here for You.



The Wesbury Institute, established in 2010, responds to ongoing requests for information and assistance from area seniors, their families and caregivers. The majority of these requests involve topics important to aging including Power of Attorney, Guardianship, Dementia, End of Life care and a host of others.

Typically, the inquiries are precipitated by an event such as a fall requiring hospitalization, a pending surgery, or the possible placement of a loved one in a Personal Care or Skilled Nursing facility.

We welcome these requests for information and assistance; clearly, they indicate a pressing need for information and education. The primary goal of the Institute is to provide resources and expertise and to improve the quality of life for seniors and their families. We do this in a variety of ways: utilizing lectures, seminars, workshops and demonstrations. Course offerings are based upon the most frequently requested subjects and topics. Examples of previous courses offered include:

1. A Discussion about Dementia presented by NorthShore Neurosciences
2. Caregiver Challenges presented by Parkinson Partners/HealthSouth
3. TMJ – Seizure Disorders presented by Dr. Thomas Wilkes
4. Understanding LUPUS presented by LUPUS PA/Janie Lippincott
5. DBS-Clinical Concerns presented by The Cleveland Clinic (Dr. Etin)
6. Coping with Life's Transitions presented by NorthShore Neurosciences

Currently, we plan approximately ten Wesbury Institute events per year. This allows us to further develop the Institute as a regional resource, as well as provide a balanced and innovative curriculum to area seniors, caregivers and families.

An additional goal of the Institute is the development of the Wesbury Caregiver Support and Training program. This program will offer free training to caregivers charged with providing care for the health needs of an aging individual at home.

We know that caring for a senior is expensive, often done by a family member out of necessity and without proper training. This not only places the senior at risk, but also causes a tremendous amount of stress on the caregiver, which could result in a loss of patience or abuse.

The Wesbury Caregiver Support and Training program will teach caregivers the skills necessary to handle their responsibilities more effectively, improve their emotional and physical wellness, and increase the level of care for seniors. The overall results include fewer at-risk situations, less Emergency Room visits and more positive outcomes for all concerned.

Please turn to the last page of this newsletter for upcoming Wesbury Institute events. For more information contact David Venazi at 814-332-9399.

1940s

1948 - The Erie Conference selected Meadville as the location for its new home, 16 acres of land known as "Green Acres" on Park Ave. Extension in West Mead Township was given as a gift from the people of Meadville.

An Early Transition Leads to Successful Aging

Adult children, caregivers and seniors often question when the time is right to make a move to a senior living community. Wesbury Hillside Home Administrator, Cathi Hanson has 44 years of experience as a nurse, health assessor and a licensed nursing home administrator. She hears a common thread among those who come to her for a tour or information, they often worry that they have waited too long to fully benefit from the programs they are researching.

Overwhelmed and frustrated, most often it is the responsibility of the person inquiring to take care of a loved one who is alone for most of the day, unwilling or unable to go out, and typically living in a comfort zone of one or two rooms. They are cognitively not as alert and find recent events or instructions difficult to remember.

This family member or caregiver is usually trying to juggle their own life while making sure doctor's appointments are kept, shopping and chores are getting done, a proper diet is being followed and medications are taken correctly. For all of their efforts most continue to see a constant decline in their loved one. They report things like: "Mom is frustrated with me, she resents my involvement, maybe she will respond better to you." or "I never really know what is going on, she covers for herself so well." and "He is really not taking his medications correctly at all!"

Entering a personal care home when early warning signs emerge makes a significant impact on successful aging and longevity. Coming to a supportive living situation with built in services and socialization is enriching and allows residents to feel a sense of regained independence and control of their situation.

"At Hillside Home, new residents are often seen enjoying socializing with others. Residents share experiences and offer each other support" says Cathi."Nursing staff can spot a problem early and involve the physician if necessary. Balanced meals each day, activities and a routine help residents stay on track. Staff gently inserts assistance and reminders to guide residents to feel secure yet in control."

According to Cathi there are three important influences that lead to successful aging: nutrition, medical care and socialization. Neglecting any of these areas often results in decreased activity, depression and lack of independence.

Enhanced living and personal care programs are available to area families and caregivers at Wesbury Hillside Home and Wesbury's Cribbs Residential Center. We will be glad to explain what services are available, review the costs and make suggestions for how to experience a successful transition. We offer trial stays in furnished apartments and free move assistance. Call Cathi Hansen at Hillside Home at 814-724-3117 or Melissa Porter at Cribbs Residential Center at 814-332-9238 to schedule a visit and see how your loved one can benefit from these programs.

1950s

1950 - Ground was broken for a new building.

1952 - The first residents move into the newly constructed Cribbs Residential Center.

1954 - Mrs. Florence Braun establishes the Sunset Auxiliary.

Benevolent Care: A Gift That Matters

Following retirement, Bill and Catherine* decided they were ready to downsize not only their home, but their lifestyle. They wanted a simple maintenance free lifestyle where they could enjoy life to the fullest. They discovered Wesbury!

During their early years at Wesbury, life went according to plans with family visits, social outings, and time to travel. They were both in good health and able to enjoy all that life had to offer. As years passed, Catherine's health began to deteriorate, medical bills became cumbersome and life was not as simple as it had once been. When Bill passed away, Catherine was left with limited resources and failing health. But during this difficult time, Bill and Catherine had peace of mind knowing that Wesbury would care for their every need; personal, medical and financial.

Because of our gracious donors, Wesbury is able to offer this peace of mind to all those who call Wesbury "home". In our 95 years, Wesbury has never asked anyone to leave due to a lack of financial resources. It is our goal to never have to!

The Wesbury Foundation works hard to continue this benevolent care tradition. Between individual and business donations, church support, volunteer fundraising efforts and annual fundraising events, we continue to support our charitable care fund, offering this peace of mind.

Please help us continue this tradition that so many couples like Bill and Catherine look for and depend on as they age. Consider making a donation to the Wesbury Foundation by calling 814-332-9264 or by using the enclosed return envelope. You can also leave a legacy of compassionate care by remembering Wesbury in your will.

** Story is based on true events, however, to protect the privacy of others, names have been changed.*

Foundation Campaign Chair Returns for 2013

Richard B. Burkhardt, long time member of the Meadville community, has graciously accepted the role of the Wesbury Foundation's Annual Campaign Chairman for a second year. Dick exceeded his previous campaign goal, but identified with the fact that it was not an easy feat. With that said, he has set this year's goal at a comparable $175,000. With his first appeal under way, he has already begun his quest to meet this goal.

As a past resident, current board member and Wesbury friend, Dick is honored to serve in this role yet again. We at Wesbury are very humbled that he has chosen to continue this huge undertaking, and we greatly appreciate his dedication to supporting our charitable care mission.

Richard Burkhardt

1960s

1963 - The name of the Home was officially changed to The Methodist Home for the Aged at Meadville. Seven acres of land adjoining the property were bought through the gift of a friend.

1968 - Construction begins for the "Geriatric Nursing Home".

Thank You, Sponsors!

Thank you to all our sponsors for another successful year of great events.

The following sponsors partnered with Wesbury for all of our 2012 events:

Platinum Partners
Associated Contractors, Inc.
Tony Petruso's Northwest Pharmacy Solutions LLC

Neighborhood Partners
The Bert Insurance Group
UPMC Health Plan

Proceeds from all of our fundraising efforts support Wesbury's Benevolent Care Fund.

Senior and Friends Golf Scramble

Chicken BBQ and Craft Fair

Senior Tribute Banquet and Auction

Associated Contractors, Inc.

Tony Petruso's Northwest Pharmacy Solutions LLC

The Bert Insurance Group

UPMC Health Plan

Nominate a Deserving Senior

Wesbury seeks to find extraordinary individuals, aged 65 or over; groups, organizations or individuals (of any age) who support seniors; or groups of seniors who are doing good things within the community. The nominees are honored by allowing Wesbury to share their story and applaud their contributions at our Annual Senior Tribute Recognition Dinner and Auction on October 10, 2013. This event also serves as a fundraiser for Wesbury's Benevolent Care Fund, which helps support residents who have outlived their financial resources and require charitable care.

Please take a moment and think about those who have made a difference in your life or the lives of those you know. **Nomination forms are available online at *www.wesbury.com*, or by calling The Wesbury Foundation at 814-332-9712.**

1970s

1970 - The new Nursing Hospital was completed and could accommodate 140 people.

1973 - The name was changed to United Methodist Home and Nursing Hospital.

1977 - An independent living program was initiated with the construction of a villa.

2012 White Dove Awardee - Ellen Rezek

The White Dove Award is Wesbury's highest honor. Recipients of this award are selected based on their extraordinary ability to lead others with their unique vision and exceptional generosity. They make regular commitments to care for the well being of those who reside at Wesbury and beyond. This year's recipient is Rev. Ellen Rezek.

Ellen has served as chaplain at Wesbury since 1995 and has a strong belief in giving to God. She has been a regular and sustaining donor to Wesbury's Benevolent Care Fund since she began working at Wesbury. She has also donated Christmas decorations, activities items, two sets of hymn books as well as supported the annual Senior Tribute and Auction with basket donations. Wesbury's "Vacation Bible School" held each year and available to all residents at Wesbury, also began under Ellen's guidance and is funded with the help of Ellen and her husband.

Ellen was instrumental in starting the Stephen Ministry on Wesbury's campus, in addition to the Order of Good Shepherds (OGS), which encourages employee faith in the workplace. Under Ellen's guidance, the Wesbury OSG was named chapter of the year by the United Methodist Association; currently there are 28 members.

Awarded Chaplain of the year by the United Methodist Association, Ellen also represents the Order of Elders on the Erie-Meadville Superintendency Committee as well as leading teams for viability studies for district churches.

Ellen has a degree in art and although she had not painted in years, she started the Wesbury Art Class in 2002, donating many art supplies herself. The class has become so popular with Wesbury residents that they moved to a larger studio last year.

Rev. Ellen is retiring in June, 2013. Her Christian leadership, extraordinary talents and generous heart will be greatly missed. Wesbury is truly grateful to Ellen for her years of service and her sincere commitment to the residents and staff.

When asked about her accomplishments over the past 18 years, it is the art class she holds most dear to her heart. She says, "I just loved doing the art class. Watching the residents who have had no experience in painting find so much happiness in creating art brings out the best in them and the most joy for me, to have that opportunity."

2012 Employee Fundraiser of Distinction - Rick York

Rick York is Wesbury's Vice President of Human Resources and is the 2012 Employee Fundraiser of Distinction.

Rick has worked at Wesbury for over 4 years, and in that time he and his family have volunteered their time to help out each summer at Wesbury's Annual Chicken BBQ and Craft Fair; not a small feat, considering they all live over an hour away in Warren, Ohio. Rick has been a strong supporter of the Wesbury Senior and Friends Golf Scramble by participating in the event as well as soliciting for outside sponsors. He is a good sport, stepping up in some interesting ways. For donations, he took pies in the face at the 2010 Wesbury Jubilee, and he can be seen behind the hot grill at staff and resident cook-out events. After challenging the Wesbury MDS team to a low case mix of 109, he not only jumped out of a "hot air balloon", but also put together a raffle of sports team jerseys that raised over $1,000 for Wesbury's Alzheimer's Walk Team. Additionally, Rick has supported the Wesbury Foundation's Senior Tribute and Auction by collecting items for baskets as well as providing a basket from the H.R. Department. Simply put, Rick is always willing to step out of the box to support the staff and residents at Wesbury.

1980s

1980 - Four additional villas were approved for construction. Cribbs Residential Center was renovated.

1984 - The name was changed to Wesbury United Methodist Community.

2012 Donor of Distinction - Phil and Nila Passilla

The Donor of Distinction award is presented to individuals and businesses that have financially supported Wesbury throughout the past year. This year's recipients, Philip and Nila Passilla, supported Wesbury residents by providing the Benevolent Care Fund with substantial personal donations in 2012. Additionally, The Passilla's have made ongoing contributions on behalf of Pennco Tool and Die to the Wesbury Foundation's Senior and Friends Golf Scramble since 2004.

The Passilla's association with Wesbury began when Phil's parents decided to purchase a villa in Wesbury's Thoburn Village, a relationship that has continued since their passing. Nila was a volunteer for the Wesbury/Mind Body Wellness Center Recreational Music Project and Phil was an original part owner in Northwest Pharmacy Solutions, LLC, the pharmacy provider to Wesbury. Through the pharmacy and individually, The Passilla's have lent sustaining support to all the major Wesbury events throughout the year including the annual Chicken BBQ and Craft Fair as well as the Senior Tribute and Auction and the Resident-Family Christmas Reception.

2012 Volunteer Fundraiser of Distinction - Phyllis Easley

Thoburn Village resident, Phyllis Easley is the 2012 Volunteer Donor of Distinction. Phyllis's volunteering at Wesbury can be traced back to when she was a Girl Scout helping and visiting with residents at the original Methodist Home in Conneautville, PA.

After living and working in California for 40 years, she and her husband Tom decided to retire in Northwest Pennsylvania to be near family. They knew at some point they would be moving to Wesbury, so Phyllis decided to start volunteering at Wesbury's Sunset Auxiliary Gift Shoppe in the late 1990s. While working at the Gift Shoppe, Nancy Yates approached Phyllis to become a member of Wesbury's Sunset Auxiliary, with which she happily obliged.

She has been a sustaining donor with the Wesbury Foundation's Benevolent Care Fund since 2005 and has served as the Wesbury Sunset Auxiliary President since 2010, speaking at area churches on behalf of the auxiliary.

The Easley's moved to Wesbury's Thoburn Village in August of 2011, at that time Phyllis began volunteering more for the Foundation; setting up for mailings and offering transportation to other volunteers. She also continues to give of her time to the Sunset Auxiliary Gift Shoppe. Phyllis says it best, "After years of work, work, work… it's now time to enjoy just doing for others."

1984 - Nature Trail was dedicated.

1989 - The first annual Chicken BBQ was held.

Hyatt M. Cribbs Society

The organization that would become Wesbury began in Conneautville, PA. in 1918 when Hyatt M. Cribbs offered his farm home to the Erie Conference of the United Methodist Church as a place for those in need. The Ida M. Cribbs Methodist Home was officially born out of that gift which included 22.75 acres of farmland. Today, the Hyatt M. Cribbs Society is a family of distinguished individuals, groups, and organizations who are committed to continuing in Wesbury's benevolent tradition.

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**Honored Posthumously*

1996 - The Wesbury Foundation is established.

1997 - Dogwood Terrace Apartments open.

1990s

Circuit Rider Society

In the early years of the United States, clergy in the Methodist Episcopal Church and related denominations that were assigned to travel to specific geographic territories and minister to congregations were called "Circuit Riders". Wesbury maintains a strong relationship with churches throughout Western Pennsylvania as these connections are a cornerstone to Wesbury's foundation. Methodist churches and church groups listed in the "Circuit Rider Society" have contributed to Wesbury directly and through the Sunset Auxiliary.

Frances Asbury Circle
($2,500 +)
First U. M. Church, Titusville
First U. M. Church, Warren
Grace U. M. Church, Oil City
Wesbury Sunset Auxiliary
Western PA U. M. Women, Cranberry Twp.

Thomas Coke Circle
($1,500 - $2,499)
Lakewood U. M. Church

Peter Cartwright Circle
($500 - $1,499)
First U. M. Church, Brookville
First U. M. Church, Union City

Donors ($250 - $499)
Asbury U. M. Church, Erie
Calvary U. M. Church, Greenville
Christ U. M. Church, Franklin
Cranberry U. M. Church
Deckards U. M. Church
Fairview U. M. Church
Fallowfield U. M. Church
Glenwood U. M. Church, Erie
Grace U. M. Church, Grove City
Grace U. M. Church, Sykesville
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Zion U. M. Church, Sarver

Sunset Auxiliary on a Mission

Wesbury's Sunset Auxiliary is a network of individuals within the Western Pennsylvania Conference of the United Methodist Church who raise funds and build relationships for the residents of Wesbury. They operate the Wesbury Gift Shoppe at Grace Health Center. In addition, the Sunset Auxiliary coordinates the rummage, book and bake sales during Wesbury's Annual Chicken BBQ and Craft Fair. All of the proceeds from the auxiliary's endeavors directly improve the quality of daily life at Wesbury.

In May 1998, the Auxiliary pledged $50,000 to modernize the Beauty Shop at Grace Health Center. Their pledge was fulfilled when the new Beauty Shop opened in January 2013 offering state of the art amenities such as adjustable sinks and hair dryers allowing Wesbury staff to better serve the varying needs of residents.

In 2012, iPods, for a music memory program, and "Rock-n-Go" wheelchairs were purchase for residents at the Memory Support Center to help calm residents and enhance their quality of life.

Consider scheduling a "Mission Moment" where ladies from the Auxiliary visit your church and offer a 5 minute presentation during worship service on their mission and your opportunity to support Wesbury residents. For more information, please call the Wesbury Foundation at 814-332-9264.

Supporting Wesbury Through Your Church

During 2012, the strong relationship Wesbury has with churches throughout Western Pennsylvania continued. Church members support residents in a variety of ways that include monetary gifts, volunteer help, and in-kind donations such as hundreds of pies and baked goods for the Annual Chicken BBQ and Craft Fair. They also make much needed memory boxes and lap robes that are greatly appreciated by residents of Grace Health Center and their families. Church members provide monthly birthday parties for residents at Grace Health Center and Cribbs Residential Center, bringing entertainment, gifts and cake. Most importantly, they lift up the spirits of residents at Wesbury with love and prayer. We are truly blessed to have their ongoing support!

1997 - The Home Enriched Living Program is established to provide in-home services.

1998 - Hillside Home becomes part of the Wesbury family.

Determining Your Home Value

In March, Wesbury offered a seminar on preparing to sell your home. We found that many are seeking answers and advice to prepare for a future move, and decided to highlight and explain area solutions in the upcoming issues of the Window.

Typically the first step is determining a property's value. The value of a house is understood to be what it will sell for on the open market. A state licensed appraiser will compare the location, quality of construction, square footage, amenities, condition, improvements, maps and photographs of the house with similar homes that have sold within twelve months from the appraisal inspection.

Wendy Gerber of Gerber Appraisal Services explains, "Our primary goal is to aid a client in their specific needs within the real estate appraisal and consulting industry." An appraisal appointment should include thorough attention to your property, a photograph of every room and inspection of ceiling, walls, and flooring.

If you have made improvements, be sure to point them out to the appraiser. However, it is not suggested to invest time and money into your property prior to the appraisal inspection. When recommended, updates to kitchens and bathrooms may increase value and marketability. Painting, replacing light fixtures, windows and doors may also be considered. "Before you dive into a project, a little bit of research is well worth the time." Wendy advises, "Pay careful attention to homes within your neighborhood, ideally your home should be comparable."

Gerber Appraisal Services is located in the Conneaut Lake area. Wendy Gerber has been a state certified appraiser since 1998 and serves four counties in Pennsylvania: Crawford, Mercer, Lawrence, and Venango.

Hillside Hiram Fuller Whiting Society

In 1906, Mr. Hiram Fuller Whiting made a generous bequest of $2,000 to purchase a house and property in Meadville, Pennsylvania to shelter elderly men and women who could no longer care for themselves. Wesbury Hillside Home is the proud legacy of this generous gift.

The Hiram Fuller Whiting Society is a family of distinguished individuals who are committed to continuing the benevolent tradition of Wesbury Hillside Home.

Many people contribute in honor or memory of their loved ones. These thoughtful gifts help Wesbury Hillside Home continue its mission of providing the best possible care while remembering special people in their lives.

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2000 - The Memory Support Center is opened.

2001 - Renovations begin at Grace Health Center.

2003 - Emmaline D. Barco Memorial Chapel is dedicated.

2000s

Meet Ruben - a Volunteer Making a Difference

For 30 years, Ruben Masciotti worked at Avtex in Meadville, followed by 17 years at the Center for Family Services. Upon retiring, Ruben felt the need to help others and began volunteering at the Meadville Medical Center (MMC).

It was a 6 week, short-term rehabilitation stay at Grace Health Center where Ruben was first introduced to Wesbury. After he was discharged from therapy, he went back to volunteering at MMC. While he enjoyed being a greeter there, Ruben says he wanted more "movement and activity" in his volunteering. He thought of his stay at Wesbury and the volunteers that helped transport residents to activities programs and therapy sessions. At the recommendation of his wife, Ruben came to Wesbury and met with Activities Director, Melissa Swartwood to begin the process of volunteering at Wesbury. He got his clearances, went through orientation and started transporting residents to and from rehabilitation therapy at Grace Health Center.

Today Ruben is logging in 25 hours per week; volunteering Monday through Friday. "I look forward to coming to Wesbury every day," says Ruben, "I have a wonderful time with the residents they are very sweet people and it's great getting to know them." Even during a recent hospital stay, helping residents at Wesbury was on his mind. He would call Melissa to give updates on when he would return and sure enough, the first day he was able, he was back helping residents. Ruben says he is motivated when he comes to Wesbury and strongly recommends other seniors experience what it is like to help others. There are 160 other individuals who have volunteered their time and talent in 2012. To learn how you can join them in service to residents at Wesbury, contact Melissa Swartwood at 814-332-9235.

"Personally, I get to exercise and keep in shape," adds Ruben, "but really, I get so much more than feeling good on the outside, I feel good on the inside as well."

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**Honored Posthumously*

2005 - Renovations to all resident rooms on Village Center are complete.

2006 - Renovations on Town Square begin.

2008 - Wesbury celebrates 90 years of caring.

Change can be Overwhelming, Let us Ease Your Worries!

Future residents commonly express numerous fears when considering a move. What should I bring? How will I move my belongings? What if I don't like it and wish to go home?

For those specifically interested in Cribbs Residential Center's Enhanced Living and Personal Care apartments we offer a high level of included support. Residents may choose a trial stay in a furnished apartment for any length of time to see how they like the community. Once they decide to move their own belongings to Wesbury, we provide free moving assistance. We offer furnished apartments too!

Sometimes we are asked, what makes Wesbury so special? To answer this, there are many services that we can list, but experiencing the attentive staff, the secure and friendly atmosphere, the enjoyment of meaningful activities and the freedom of included transportation services speaks for itself. Join us for a delicious free lunch where you can learn more about what we have to offer.

The following dates are available with limited seating. RSVP for the date that best works for you!

Thursday, June 6 and
Monday, June 10.

Call Melissa Porter at
814-332-9238.

Yes, I'd like to learn more about Wesbury.

Please send me information about:

- ❑ Independent Living
- ❑ Enhanced Living & Personal Care
- ❑ Skilled Nursing
- ❑ Home & Community Based Services
- ❑ The Wesbury Institute
- ❑ The Wesbury Foundation/Making a Donation

❑ Send me the New Wesbury DVD

❑ Send all information via e-mail ❑ Call me to schedule a tour

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-Mail _____

Phone _____

Please clip out and mail this completed form to:
Wesbury - 31 N. Park Ave., Meadville, PA 16335 - Attn: Marketing Dept.

2010s

2010 - The Clubhouse at Thoburn Village opens.
2011 - Grace Health Center designates a short-term rehabilitation neighborhood.

2011 - Wesbury purchases property in Edinboro for a future residential living community.

2012 - Renovations at Grace Health Center include new offices, relocation of the Sunset Auxiliary Gift Shoppe and enhanced therapy space.

Wesbury's Rehabilitation Team Receives Award!

L to R: Sara Vandee, Angie Bohlender, Margaret Bell, Jessica Williams, Lori Marsh, Andrea Papsun, Rod Miller, and Jeanine Malarik.

Providing rehabilitation service has become more challenging as post-surgical patients are being discharged from hospitals sooner than ever before. Advances in the healthcare industry, therapy options and in-home services now enable more individuals to get well and transition back to home.

Wesbury's Grace Health Center rehabilitation is provided by an on-site team employed by Alliance Rehab/HVA. They embrace these changes with open arms by utilizing a variety of advanced clinical procedures and modalities which are individually tailored to assist residents in achieving their optimal outcomes. In some cases, residents experience multiple admissions to Wesbury's Grace Health Center over a period of years for therapy and strengthening services. This intermittent therapy enables them to remain in their homes much longer than would have been possible in the past.

Grace Health Center boasts a spacious, specially designed, fully equipped Therapy Suite where residents can practice cooking a meal or washing a load of laundry using actual equipment. These real life scenarios better prepare residents to make successful transitions to home. They also enjoy viewing one of many flat screen televisions while participating in exercise programs that have been custom designed by the therapy team. The team continues to advance in an unparalleled manner and provide services that are differentiated from all other providers in the area by offering specialized equipment and staff training for treating additional care issues such as wounds and incontinence. They focus on customer service, receiving outstanding reviews in both resident and client satisfaction surveys.

On March 25, 2013, Alliance Rehab/HVA held their annual Employee Appreciation dinner which included an award ceremony. As a result of their hard work and focus on providing exceptional quality rehab services, the Rehab Team at Wesbury received the top achievement award of "Outstanding Team Performance".

We wish to congratulate the Alliance Rehab/HVA Team for the exceptional care provided to Wesbury residents.

Financials

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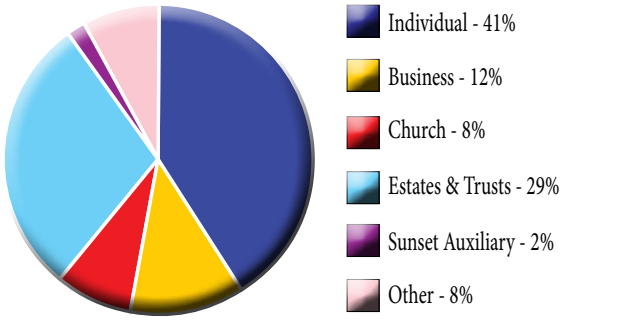

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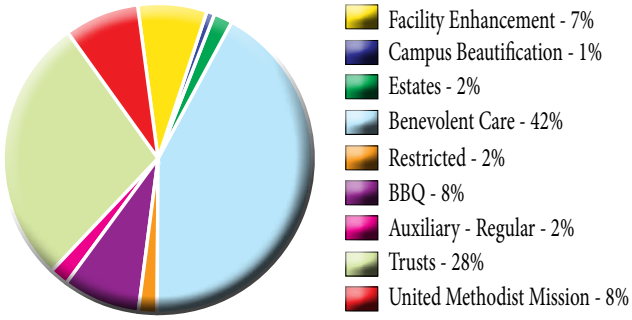

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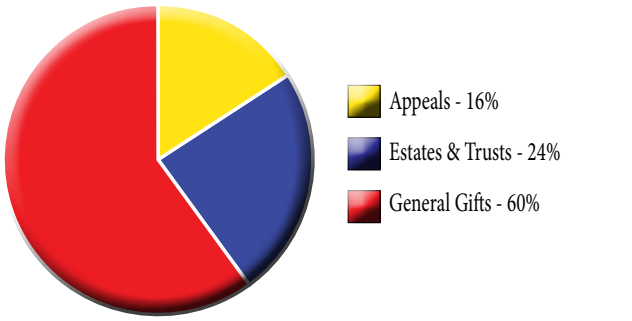

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The Wesbury Foundation Promise

The Wesbury Foundation promises to use your gift carefully and wisely, never to ask for money that is not needed, and to abide by all generally accepted accounting practices.

The Wesbury Foundation Mission

The Wesbury Foundation is dedicated to advancing the Christian mission of Wesbury United Methodist Community through promoting the needs of seniors, encouraging charitable contributions, and prudently managing philanthropic donations to and assets of the corporation.

2013

2013 - Dr. Jack Bailey relocates his practice from downtown Meadville to the newly constructed Medical Arts Building at Grace Health Center.

2013 - The Neighborhood Grill opens to the public.

2013 - Wesbury celebrates 95 years of caring.

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Wesbury and Wesbury Institute Upcoming Events

Wesbury Institute

June 25th - "Back Pain in the Senior Population: Causes and Treatment" Sponsored by Boston Scientific, Dr. Colantonio and the MMCHS Pain Clinic at 1 p.m. at Wesbury's Campus Community Center

August 22nd - "Medicare Coverage for Life - Limiting Illnesses" Sponsored by Southern Care Hospice at 1 p.m. at Wesbury's Campus Community Center

For more information on Wesbury Institute events, call David Venanzi at 814-332-9399.

Body Recall Classes

Classes start August 26th
Phone Judy McElwain
at 814-337-2579 for more information.

Seniors for Safe Driving

Classes scheduled for
June 11th from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
October 9th from 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.
October 10th from 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.
November 20th from 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.
December 11th from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
at Cribbs Residential Center. Call
800-559-4880 for more information.

Wesbury's 24th Annual Chicken BBQ & Craft Fair

Sunday, July 21st
11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Wesbury's campus.
Tara Lawrence at 814-332-9712.

Wesbury's Senior Tribute and Auction

Thursday, October 10th at 5:30 p.m.
Iroquois Club, Conneaut Lake
Deadline for nomination is July 31st.
Phone Rhonda Thomas at 814-332-9264.

Wesbury provides individualized proactive health care and life enrichment services to assist mature adults in maintaining their independence, dignity and spiritual wholeness in a secure, Christian environment.
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