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Wesbury Travel is Back! Join Us for New Adventures in 2022!

After almost two years of staying home, the Wesbury Travel group ventured out in March for a grand experience on the mighty Mississippi. A group of sixty-three passengers embarked the American Queen in New Orleans and went steam boating along to Memphis, taking in historic sights, lively music and fantastic southern cuisine. To keep the momentum going, two more trips are schedule to depart this year…. **"West Virginia Top to Bottom" September 13-16 and "Christmas at the Biltmore and Dollywood" November 28-December 2.**

Both bus trips will be hosted by Wesbury and booked through Premier Tour and Travel. The bus will leave right from the Wesbury parking lot and all proceeds benefit the Wesbury Benevolent Care Fund!

"West Virginia Top to Bottom" September 13th through the 16th.

Our journey begins with a visit to the Johnstown Flood Museum which shares the history of the Dam collapse on May 31, 1889, causing massive flooding in Johnstown, PA. From here, we head to Coopers Rock State Forest for a breath-taking view. As the day ends enjoy dinner and a tour at Adaland Mansion then settle in to the Weston Holiday Inn-Express, our home for the next three nights.

On day two, explore the West Virginia Trans-Allegheny Lunatic Asylum. This Civil War-era psychiatric hospital has nine acres of floor space and is said to be the largest hand-cut stone building in the United States. Guides explain the architecture of the hospital and its influence on local and national history. Then a tour of the Appalachian Glass and Mountaineer Military Museums will round out our day.

Next is a trip aboard the New Tygart Flyer. This four hour, 46 mile rail excursion follows the Shavers Fork River on a scenic ride to an 18-foot-high waterfall. Afterwards, visit the Stirrup Gallery which boasts an amazing collection of Americana. The day ends with the "Gandy Dancer Dinner Theatre" a two hour musical show featuring music from the 1950's, Country, Gospel and family-friendly comedy.

Finally it's time to head north. Along the way experience the Exhibition Coal Mine and camp tour offering a true representation of early 20th century coal camp life. Along the journey, enjoy lunch at the New River Gorge followed by panoramic views at the Canyon Rim Visitor Center.

The price for this trip is $1,129 per person based on double occupancy. Call for single, triple and quad

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Thank You for Your Support!

Brian S. Nageotte
Wesbury President/CEO

Rhonda K. Thomas
Wesbury Foundation V.P. of Stewardship & Development

Challenges and changes are inevitable these days, however, we feel optimistic about our future!

Despite recent challenges, our future is full of promise! Today's hurdles are evident; they exist at the national level and include staff shortages and reduced reimbursement, along with constantly evolving guidelines and regulations. As we write this, we continue to move forward.

Wesbury is fully open to visitors, our residents have returned to normal activities, our Life Enrichment programs are blossoming, and the Sunset Auxiliary Gift Shoppe is slated to open in June. Plus, this March, we hosted our first fundraising trip in two years, as more than sixty people joined us on a Mississippi River Cruise.

All of this is made possible by the incredibly caring people who work quietly behind the scenes to directly or indirectly improve the lives of our residents. To our dedicated employees, we offer our profound thanks. We also offer our heartfelt appreciation to our wonderful volunteers; these tireless partners are an incredible blessing to residents and staff alike.

Finally, on behalf of all of us at Wesbury, we'd like to thank our generous donors who help us in so many ways, from making outright gifts, to supporting our events, to remembering to include Wesbury in their planned giving arrangements.

All gifts, no matter the kind, help to provide the light as our mission propels us and the future calls us – ever forward.

With sincere appreciation,

Brian S. Nageotte

Rhonda K. Thomas

"The things you do for yourself are gone when you are gone, but the things you do for others remain as your legacy."
—Kalu Ndukwe Kalu

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rates. A deposit of $300 per person is due at booking. The balance is due by July 25th. Travel insurance is optional and additional.

"Christmas at the Biltmore and Dollywood" November 28-December 2.

Climb aboard and enjoy the journey to Asheville with a lunch stop at Tamarack Arts Center in Beckley, WV.

We start a new day with two beautiful stops - a tour of Billy Graham's The Cove and Chatlos Chapel. We'll also visit the Park Grove Inn to see the National Gingerbread House Competition which began as a simple display and has grown into the world's largest gingerbread house competition.

Later, we arrive at the Biltmore Estate's Antler Hill Village. Here, explore the winery and shops before an included dinner at the Stable Café. Experience a candlelight tour of the Biltmore Mansion where each room is elegantly decorated for the holiday season.

Our Christmas adventure continues as we head to Pigeon Forge. Stop for lunch at The Island, boasting 60 shops, restaurants, live music, a beautiful dancing fountain and a 200-foot-tall Great Smoky Mountain Wheel. Later, experience the Titanic Museum with over 400 Titanic artifacts. Upon arrival, guests are given a boarding pass to become an actual passenger aboard the ship then step back in time to 1912 as they explore over 22,000 square feet of educational history. Touch a growing iceberg, experience 28-degree water, and see a real lifeboat. Then it's off to dinner and at the Country Tonite Theater for the Country Tonite Christmas Show.

It's a full day ahead including a tour of Gatlinburg and Smoky Mountain National Park, the Ole Smoky Moonshine Distillery, and the day's highlight - Smoky Mountain Christmas at Dollywood! Be dazzled by over five million lights, explore the shops, enjoy holiday shows and take a ride on the Dollywood Express to view the park and lights. The tour ends with a bang as we take in the "Merry & Bright" Fireworks display set to Christmas Carols as it lights up the night sky.

The price for this trip is $1,465 per person based on double occupancy. Call for single, triple and quad rates. A deposit of $300 per person is due at booking. The balance is due by October 3rd. Cancellation insurance is optional and additional.

To learn more about these trips or to join our future travelers mail list call Stacey Teuta at 814-332-9712.

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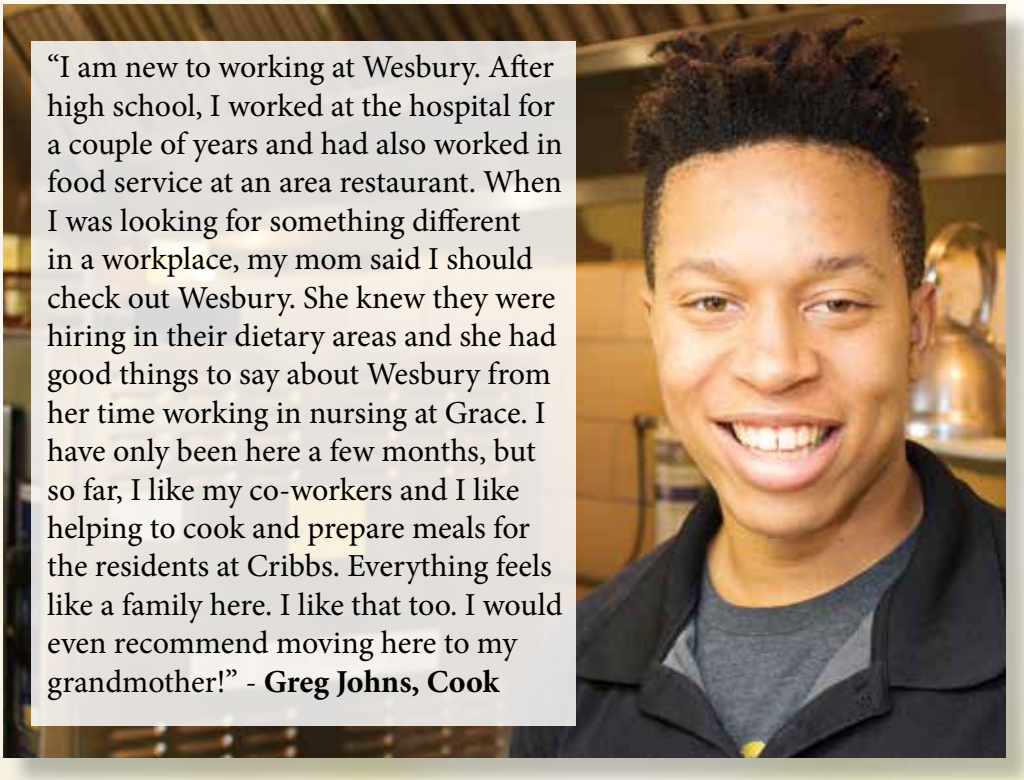
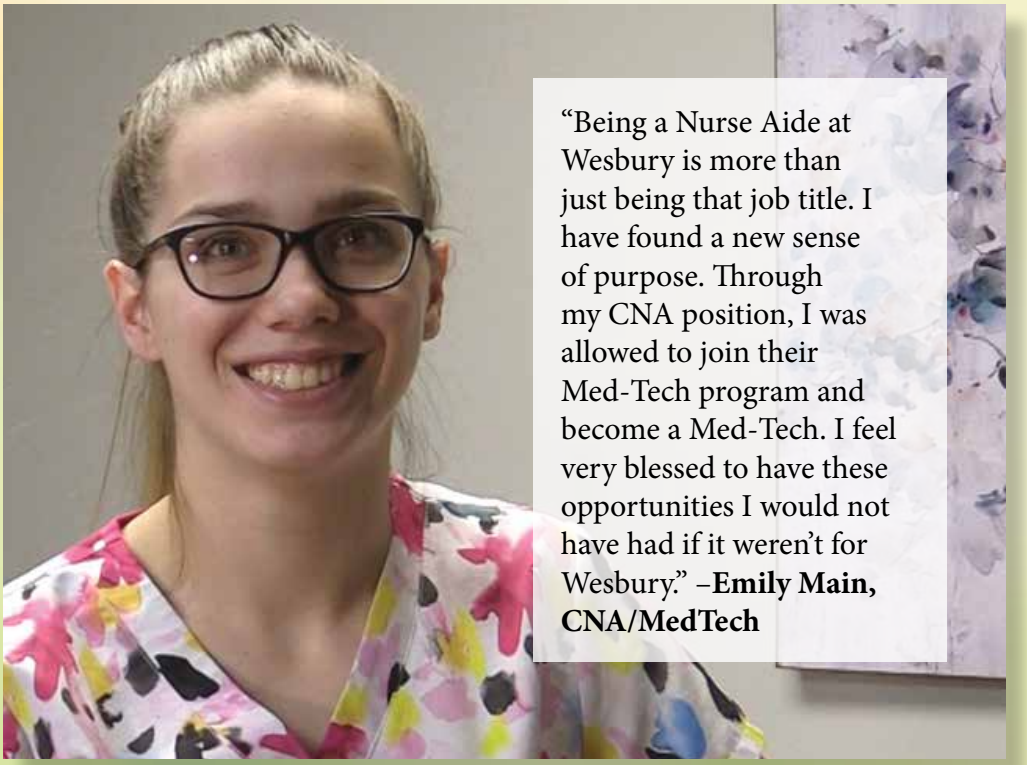


"I am new to working at Wesbury. After high school, I worked at the hospital for a couple of years and had also worked in food service at an area restaurant. When I was looking for something different in a workplace, my mom said I should check out Wesbury. She knew they were hiring in their dietary areas and she had good things to say about Wesbury from her time working in nursing at Grace. I have only been here a few months, but so far, I like my co-workers and I like helping to cook and prepare meals for the residents at Cribbs. Everything feels like a family here. I like that too. I would even recommend moving here to my grandmother!" - **Greg Johns, Cook**



"Being a Nurse Aide at Wesbury is more than just being that job title. I have found a new sense of purpose. Through my CNA position, I was allowed to join their Med-Tech program and become a Med-Tech. I feel very blessed to have these opportunities I would not have had if it weren't for Wesbury." –**Emily Main, CNA/MedTech**

Today, wherever you go, "now hiring" signs are visible up and down every Main St. in the USA. No matter the business type, there is a struggle to find staff. That challenge for Wesbury is no different. At a time like this, how does a business stand out? What makes a person seeking a job choose one business over another? Then, what makes them want to stay? Driving by Wesbury, you may have noticed messages on our outdoor signs that say "Be More at Wesbury." In recent months, we have taken an "all hands on deck" approach to recruit and hire new teammates using ideas from across the Wesbury community. We talked to staff from all of our service areas because we want to hear their ideas and concerns too. Being short on staff affects all of us and we all want a good work environment that results in positive customer service experiences for the Wesbury residents and their families we serve.

What we heard is, at Wesbury, it's more than just a job or paycheck. To work here is "meaningful and rewarding," and no matter the position, you are more than your job title. They know they are part of something important, something bigger, and even their smallest tasks have a big impact. They are friends, caregivers, a smile, and a helping hand to so many. They know what it is like to make a positive difference in the life of another every day.

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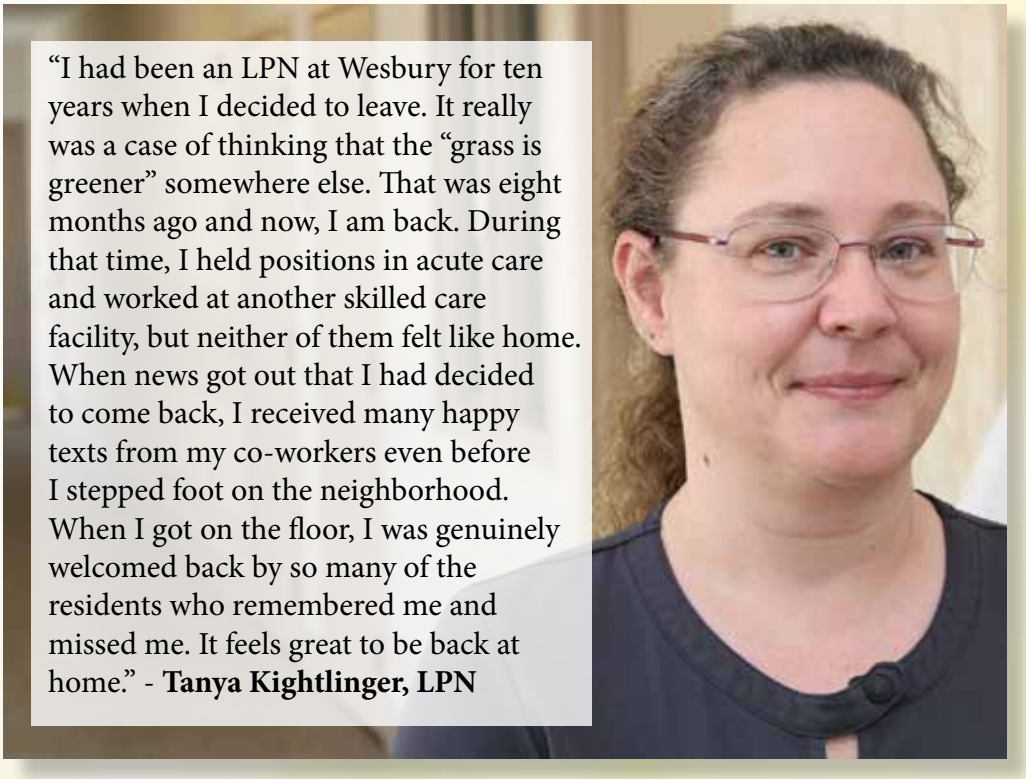
That's what we mean when we say "Be More at Wesbury." M.O.R.E. is Meaningful Opportunities and Rewarding Experiences.

We think this is big. M.O.R.E. is what makes Wesbury special, and we wish to share these experiences to build our teams for an even better tomorrow. Looking ahead, we are going to be sharing "Be M.O.R.E." moments on our website, Facebook, and Instagram pages.

Wesbury could not be more thankful to those who have continued to help us out and work with us through thick and thin. We also couldn't be more honored by those who have recently, among all of the options out there, chosen to join our team. Together, we are all striving to make this the best possible place to work, live and receive services.

So please take a moment and read what several of our employees have to say about working at Wesbury, in their own words.

Our staff makes us proud. They make us more.



"I had been an LPN at Wesbury for ten years when I decided to leave. It really was a case of thinking that the "grass is greener" somewhere else. That was eight months ago and now, I am back. During that time, I held positions in acute care and worked at another skilled care facility, but neither of them felt like home. When news got out that I had decided to come back, I received many happy texts from my co-workers even before I stepped foot on the neighborhood. When I got on the floor, I was genuinely welcomed back by so many of the residents who remembered me and missed me. It feels great to be back at home." - **Tanya Kightlinger, LPN**

"I chose to be a Nurse Aide at Wesbury after being a stay-at-home mom for 17 years. I just felt like I needed to rejoin the workforce. In the course of my day, if I can provide the help residents and my fellow staff need, I find that fulfilling and a blessing as whole to me as a person." - **Jennifer Davis, CNA**

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The organization that would become Wesbury began in Conneautville, PA during 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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Thank you once again for your continuous support of Wesbury residents.

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

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It Takes A Village

The COVID-19 pandemic decimated volunteering opportunities for many organizations like Wesbury. As visitation restrictions fell into place, so did volunteer restrictions. In that long-pause, we dearly missed every volunteer as their time, talents, and energy are precious to us, but more importantly to Wesbury residents and their families. Without the caring gifts provided by the wonderful volunteers spotlighted below, some services would not be possible.

Ceil Marsteller has been a longtime volunteer at Wesbury. She began in the 1980s, long before moving to Thoburn Village in 2005. Early on, Ceil served Catholic Communion to the residents of Wesbury, and she continues to do so today! She not only serves Communion to the residents at both Grace and Cribbs, but she does home visits with Thoburn Village residents who would like to receive Catholic Communion. Ceil states she really enjoys visiting with the residents and feels like she gets as much from serving Communion as they do receiving it. She said, "I feel very blessed that this is something I continue to be able to do."

As a teenager, Marie Carroll was part of a Methodist Youth Group that collected canned goods and would take them to the original Wesbury, the Ida M. Cribbs Memorial Home located in Conneautville, PA. As a student at Allegheny College, Marie was present at the grand opening of Cribbs Residential Center. Marie has lived at Wesbury for twelve years and has been a volunteer for ten. Her favorite volunteer work is reading to residents who are unable to read due to cognitive or visual issues and being a part of the Volunteer Pastoral Team at Wesbury. Marie is the voice on The Daily Inspiration message which you can listen to by calling 814-332-9800, which she records every day. Marie says, "Christ says for us to take care of our neighbors," and the way she helps take care of her neighbors is by volunteering.

Since signing up to become a volunteer in November 2021, Darryl Boleratz has been very active in supporting residents throughout the Wesbury community. Each week, he helps with transporting residents to therapy, church services, and activities programs as well as assisting residents with dining. Darryl says, "I volunteer at Grace because it is a blessing to be able to help others. It's been nice getting to know some of my fellow residents living at Grace. The residents and employees need the support and are very appreciative of the help from volunteers as well."

The needs are real, and volunteers are truly needed in so many ways. If you are considering volunteering, we would love to meet with you, and if you are a former Wesbury volunteer, we would love to see you back again. To find out where you can help, phone Stacey Hoey, Volunteer Services Coordinator, at 814-332-9280 or by email at shoey@wesbury.com.

Ceil Marsteller volunteering at the Thoburn Village Clubhouse.

Marie Carroll recording The Daily Inspiration message.

Darryl Boleratz assisting Grace resident Dolores Reichel.

Wesbury Volunteer Statistics

188 Volunteers serving in 2021
for 1,357 hours
Total value of hours served in 2021
$40,642.15

(Source: independentsector.org)

Wesbury Cares About Community

A heart to serve can be found in all corners of the Wesbury community and extends well beyond Wesbury's campus and into our communities. The need to have a sense of purpose and make contributions does not change as we age, if anything it seems to grow stronger. Changes to our bodies and our minds often require us to find new ways to contribute, encourage, support, and add value to others.

Top picture: Jackie Palmer, Wesbury at Home Care Cottage Coordinator with members of the Meadville Ambulance Service.
Bottom picture: Jackie at the Meadville Community Soup Kitchen (inset shows close-up of craft project).

Wesbury at Home Care Cottages residents know the value of the encouragement and support they receive from staff and in turn wanted to help others through their "Crafting For a Purpose" projects so they can extend support to others. Their most recent project was an invitation to create small Easter gifts for the staff at Titusville Express Care and the Meadville Area Ambulance Service thanking them for the important service they provide to our community. In addition, the residents of the Care Cottages made table favors for this year's annual Easter dinner at the Meadville Community Soup Kitchen.

During the spring, residents of Cribbs Residential Center started a Couponing for Troops project by placing donation boxes around the Websury community and asking for people to bring in any coupons they have around their house instead of throwing them away. The residents then clipped all the coupons out to be sent to military families for their use.

Cribbs residents create port pillows for cancer patients.

Another community outreach craft activity completed by the ladies of Cribbs was a project to make Port Pillows for the Barco Oncology Center. The port pillows are provided to cancer patients for use when they are riding in the car. They go around the seat belt to ease any discomfort on car trips.

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A Reluctant Short Stay Becomes a Joyful New Beginning

Her daughter had a vacation planned, which wasn't a concern for Betty*, but Susan* simply didn't feel comfortable leaving her Mom home alone with no one to support her while she traveled. Reluctantly, Betty agreed to stay at Cribbs Residential Center for a 10 day respite stay to allow her daughter peace of mind so she could relax and enjoy her trip. BUT she was adamant that she wished to return home as soon as the trip was over. Betty's feeling of reluctance toward coming to Cribbs isn't at all uncommon. Often when a person comes to Cribbs for short or respite stay, they agree only to please their loved one, but inside they are nervous about feeling institutionalized and separated from the life they are accustomed to. Despite all of the encouragement they typically receive about benefits, amenities, activities and services available, they don't expect to enjoy themselves. After all, change is hard, and there is no place like home….or is there? After Susan's vacation, she picked Betty up and took her home as promised. Initially, Betty was excited to return to her home of 56 years. But to Susan's great surprise, Betty called after just a short time and stated, **"I can't stay alone in this house another minute! I want to move to Cribbs."** Susan was stunned, what had changed?

For Betty, it was the realization that at home, she was just too lonely. She needed stimulation, and now that she had experienced this, she wanted it! Before her trial stay she had become used to her daily routine, and she had accepted that this was how things would be at this time in her life. She was unaware how much she missed people and opportunities to be involved. Once home, it was just too quiet and she was keenly aware that there was little to look forward to from day to day. While at Cribbs, she had enjoyed having friends to share meals with, activities to attend and just someone to sit and visit with without having to go anywhere! Life was engaging again. She didn't have to be alone for long periods of time, or call for a ride, or wonder what she might do today…it was all available to her. At Cribbs, all she had to do was leave her apartment and there was something to do. While she hadn't realized how much this affected her before, now she was acutely aware, and it totally changed how she felt about making a move. A call was made, an apartment was selected and before she knew it, Betty had settled in to her new home at Cribbs. How does she feel now? Well, there is no doubt that downsizing is an adjustment, and after living over 50 years at the same address, she still has moments that she misses her old home. What she doesn't miss is eating alone, relying on others or trying to manage a big house and yard. She doesn't miss the isolation caused by no longer driving and the inability to be social and involved. For Betty, there are far more daily benefits to her decision than there are moments of feeling reflective and that has put a new spring in her step and more joy in her life!

It is not uncommon for a family member to call Wesbury seeking a short stay for a loved one to provide support when they plan to be away or need a break from their support role. We also encourage a "trial" stay when a person is uncertain about committing to a move but would benefit from a personal care environment. To learn more about coming to Cribbs Residential Center for a respite, winter, trial or even permanent move, call 814-332-9009 or email info@wesbury.com.

**Please note: Names have been changed to maintain confidentiality and to protect privacy.*

Keeping the BBQ Family Style for 2022

In 2020, Wesbury's annual Chicken BBQ became a drive-thru event due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We were amazed by the support celebrating a complete sell out by midafternoon. As we began to consider options in 2021, we felt called to return to our roots and decided to bring back the resident family focused picnic that the BBQ started out as in 1989. While we have all enjoyed the large BBQ days of past years with craft vendors, a car show, rummage and bake sales, kids zone and massive crowds, the warmth of the resident family focused event of 2021 was just the thing everyone needed. The feedback from residents, staff and families alike was so uplifting that we have decided to continue this approach in 2022. Will the big public BBQ come back in the future? Right now we are unsure, but we are hosting the Sunset Auxiliary Days, which is open to the public, on a separate date for those who enjoyed the Auxiliary's Granny's Attic rummage, book and bake sale. Look for more information about this on page 19.

For residents and their families, the BBQ picnic will take place on Sunday, July 17th on the Wesbury campus and with mini celebrations to be held at Wesbury at Home Care Cottages around the region. Attendees will enjoy a delicious BBQ lunch together with light entertainment by select local musicians. Resident family members will be mailed an invitation letter with detailed information on how to make their reservations for the event. We look forward to seeing our resident families coming together for a wonderful summer experience.

Reconnecting In Our New Normal

As you can imagine, for senior lifestyle and healthcare service organizations like Wesbury, the past two years have flipped the script on what is considered "normal." During these times, the challenges have been fluid, yet at Wesbury, we have strived to stay at the top of our game. Passion and trust are at the very heart of everything we do and we are proud to be recognized in a variety of areas despite the challenges of the past two years. Wesbury was voted 2022's Best Home Health Care and Best Nursing/Personal Care Home by The Meadville Tribune's 2022 Reader's Choice, maintained a 5-star rating with Centers for Medicare/Medicaid, and was ranked 8th best nursing home in Pennsylvania for 2022 by Newsweek Magazine.

One of the characteristics that contribute to making us stand out among other organizations is our commitment to care for the total person: body, mind, and spirit. Faith and heritage remain vital to our mission of providing support to area seniors. We continue to employ a full-time chaplain as well as provide non-denominational spiritual support to all of our residents. This includes weekly chapel services, Bible studies, spiritual support visits, grief groups, as well as support to our employees as needed or requested. Our goal is to provide residents an opportunity to continue growing in their faith when they are no longer physically able to participate in their local churches.

Of course, our industry is not alone in having pandemic-related challenges and this includes our area churches. Wesbury chaplain, Rev. Sam Marchetta notes, "When it comes to our relationship with our local churches, our goal for the future is to be more purposeful in re-establishing connection and engaging in dialogue about how we might serve one another."

Some of the ways we can reconnect include the opportunity for pulpit shares, mission moments, and volunteer opportunities for service. Also, Wesbury can provide specific workshops and teachings in the arena of senior life that members of area churches might find impactful. To reach out, contact Rev. Sam Marchetta at smarchetta@wesbury.com.

Vernon Square Update

During this past year, phase one of Vernon Square Apartments was completed. Vernon Square's vision is to provide a 55 plus, moderate-income independent living choice with amenities that include a fitness center and indoor pool to the area. The project has been well received and the first 15 apartments were quickly filled. While the majority of the building is intended for residential living, the front area was constructed as business space and is the now the new location of the offices for VNA Alliance, which provides nursing services to Crawford, Mercer, and Venango counties.

Wesbury will move into phases two and three of the project, which is expected to develop upwards of 80 total units with additional community amenities for tenant socialization when completed. We are accepting waitlist applications for future phases, to join the list email info@wesbury.com or phone 814-332-9009.

Wesbury Cares *(continued from page 9)*

BJ and Bruce Angstadt fill up their vehicle with donations from their Thoburn Village neighbors for the war torn country of Ukraine.

As we all experienced the shocking images of war in Ukraine, the residents of Thoburn Village answered the call to help the displaced refugees fleeing the violence in their nation. As a local group prepared for shipments of donated goods, the Clubhouse was used for a donation drop-off spot where Bruce and BJ Angstadt would load up the items to bring down to the main drop-off area. Donations came from throughout Thoburn Village and they ended up making four separate trips.

Another couple from Wesbury stopped down to the community drop-off location in downtown Meadville to ask the volunteers there what was still needed and then promptly went across the street to the second-hand store and bought up all the children's items they had for the donation to the refugees.

Additionally, Bruce Angstadt is a veteran of the US Navy and recently received a pin for driving 2,500 miles as a volunteer driver for the VA. Since 2018, every Tuesday, Bruce drives veterans to doctors' appointments. Bruce says he is very grateful to have a way of giving back and thank his fellow vets for their service as well as to help out the VA.

Every Monday morning, the men of Wesbury's Thoburn Village kick off their week at Clubhouse for their "Men's Coffee." Each participant brings in one dollar when they attend.

When they accumulate $100, the Thoburn Men's Coffee group donates the funds to a local charity. So far, they have made donations to Meadville Women's Services, St. James Haven, The Wesbury Foundation, and the Children and Family Services Food Pantry.

Whether the need is in our local communities or around the world, the residents of the Wesbury Community are always willing to step up and use their time, talents, and treasure to help out wherever there may be a need.

Thank You for Your Service to Our Community

Wesbury is indebted to those who are willing to serve on our volunteer Board of Directors. We appreciate them all for their leadership, vision, and commitment to maintaining Wesbury's mission.

We are particularly thankful for the service of Timothy J. Bracken. Tim is Vice President, Private Banking Group, at First National Bank. Originally from Corry, PA, he has worked for FNB for 23 years. Tim joined the Wesbury Board of Directors in 2008 as a member of the Board's Finance Committee. He was elected Chairperson in 2012 and left the Board at the end of his nine-year term in November of 2021. As Chair, he served on various Wesbury Board committees as well as being a member of The Annesley Association of Senior Health Services, The Wesbury Foundation, and the Wesbury-Hillside Home Board of Directors.

"My tenure on the Wesbury Board has been most satisfying. Our community benefits from Wesbury's exceptional quality and high standards. Wesbury is a class act and I wish all the best for continued success."

As we thank Tim for his service, we also welcome Debra A. Spence as the new Chairperson of the Wesbury Board of Directors. Debbie is originally from Titusville, PA. For more than 30 years, Debbie worked in banking as an Assistant Vice President. She worked for Pennbank from 1969 until 1991 and for Mellon Bank from 1993 until 1998. From 1998 until her retirement in 2014, Debbie was the Human Resource Manager for Greenleaf Corporation. Debbie believes in giving back to her community. In addition to Wesbury's Board, she has served on the United Way of Western Crawford County Board of Directors, Meadville Medical Center Board of Corporators, and volunteers with Hospice of Crawford County.

According to Debbie, "Wesbury has always had a wonderful reputation and I have had the opportunity

Pictured left to right: Debra A. Spence, current Chairperson of the Wesbury Board of Directors and Timothy J. Bracken, Chairperson of the Wesbury Board of Directors from 2012 to 2021.

to see first-hand the extraordinary care provided to residents. My aunt had a stroke in 2016 and was in a rehab facility in Florida. I was able to bring her to Wesbury where she was in the short-stay neighborhood at Grace. She recovered well enough in a few weeks and was able to move into a Wesbury at Home Care Cottage. The home-like atmosphere and care she received in both environments were absolutely great and I was honored to be invited to serve on the Wesbury Board in 2018."

This edition of the Wesbury Window is dedicated to those who give to Wesbury and that includes giving thanks to Tim, Debbie, and all of our Board members.

Thank you for giving of yourselves to work side by side with us so that we can continue to grow and improve how we serve the residents, families, staff and community beyond our campus!

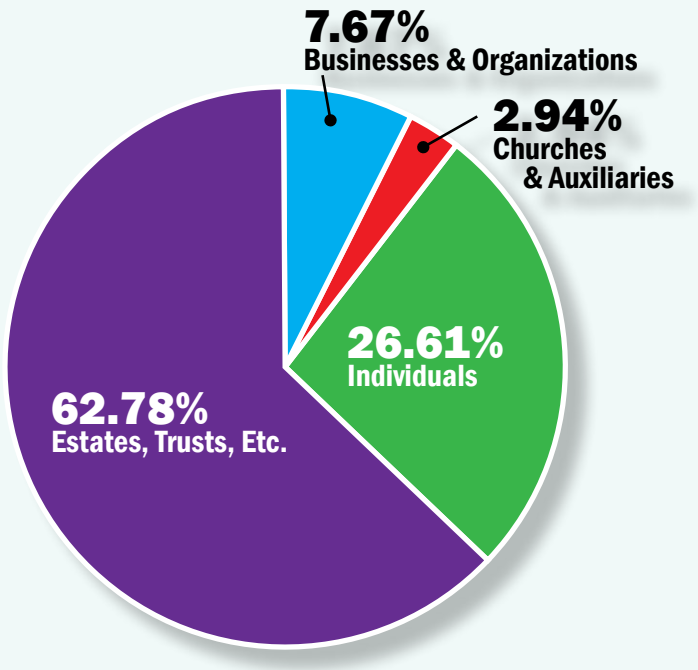
Support Wesbury During Crawford Gives 2022

The 2022 Crawford Gives takes place on Monday, August 29th, and Tuesday, August 30th. This special two-day fundraising event allows people and businesses the opportunity to support area nonprofit organizations that are helping meet the needs of our community. Last year, 139 charitable organizations participated in Crawford Gives. While the past couple of years has been tough on everyone, including Crawford County's nonprofits that support so many of our friends and neighbors, this area is filled with wonderfully generous people who continue to lend their support. Please consider supporting Wesbury or any of the other worthy organizations in the 2022 Crawford Gives event. ***To find out about all the nonprofits participating and make a donation during the event, visit crawfordgives.org.***

2021 Financials

The vast majority of donations support the Wesbury Benevolent Care Fund.

The Wesbury Foundation Sources of Funds



As you can see, a large share of our gifts come from thoughtful people who have named The Wesbury Foundation in either their will or a planned gift, such as a trust, annuity, or insurance policy. We offer our heartfelt thanks to donors who include Wesbury residents in their philanthropic goals. For more information, please contact The Wesbury Foundation at 814-332-9264.

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.

The sponsors listed below partnered with Wesbury for all 2021 fundraising events. We would like to take this opportunity to thank them all for their very generous support of Wesbury!

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It's All About the Cause

Did you know that approximately 60% of residents at Grace Rehabilitation & Health Center and 15% at Cribbs Residential Center receive Medicaid benefits? Did you know that Medicaid does not cover the full cost of a resident's daily care?

It's Mid-July. You feel the warmth of the sun shining through your bedroom window; you hear bird songs from your door, and inhale the sweet fragrances around your familiar neighborhood. You love your home; you have lived there for years. It's where you raised your children and created cherished memories, but that is all in the past and you are there all alone.

On one fateful day, you have a fall and are rushed to the hospital. During your hospital stay, it becomes increasingly obvious that you can no longer care for yourself. You agree with your family and the medical professionals who say moving to a place like Wesbury's Grace Rehabilitation and Health Center or Cribbs Residential Center is the best environment for your safety and well-being.

Naturally, this is a big decision and a lot to take in. As you begin to think about the many ways this will impact your life, among your concerns is – how will I pay for this? You've worked and saved hard all your life. But you also helped support your family through the years, which depleted some of your nest-egg. You ask yourself, "If I get settled at Wesbury and run out of money, where will I go, and who will take care of me?"

The good news is that you chose Wesbury, a non-profit community with a Christian mission and vision. Unlike other for-profit facilities, when you run out of funds at Wesbury, we will continue to care for you, regardless of your financial situation, because Wesbury is now your home, and that's what we do.

Many residents of both Cribbs and Grace will need some amount of charitable care in their time at Wesbury and we stand ready to provide it.

But we can't do this alone. By supporting the Wesbury Foundation's Benevolent Care Fund, which helps to shoulder continually increasing expenses, you are helping to ensure our century-old promise of never asking someone to leave for a lack of money.

If you would like to support our cause, please use the enclosed envelope to make your donation to the Benevolent Care Fund.

With Your Help We Keep On Growing

The Wesbury Foundation's Tree of Life is a beautiful tribute and memorial to our donors and their loved ones. Located in the lobby of Grace Rehabilitation and Health Center, the Tree of Life represents the deep roots of Wesbury's giving history.

Dedicated in October of 2003 during the Fulfilling the Mission campaign, the funds raised on the Tree of Life were used to assist in the completion of the Emmaline D. Barco Memorial Chapel, the Sunset Auxiliary Gift Shoppe, and the new entrance to Grace Rehabilitation and Health Center. Leaves, stones, and acorns of various sizes and colors were placed onto the tree, depicting various levels of giving throughout the campaign.

Looking to the future, the Wesbury Foundation plans to enhance this lovely display by offering new giving opportunities to grow and enrich its Benevolent Care Fund. This fund supports residents who have outlived their financial resources and helps us to provide them with the essential programs, services, and care that they so desperately need.

To assist us in enriching the lives of residents who call Wesbury home, we invite you to purchase a leaf, acorn, stone, or dove which will adorn our Tree of Life for years to come and will demonstrate your support and dedication to our benevolent care mission. For more information or to make your donation, contact Stacey Teuta at 814-332-9712 or by email at steuta@wesbury.com.

Levels of Support

Item	Dimensions/Details	Lines/Characters	Cost
Copper Leaf	(3-1/4″w x 2″h)	Max of 22 characters per line including punctuation	$500
Bronze Leaf	(3-1/4″w x 2″h)	Max of 22 characters per line including punctuation	$600
Silver Leaf	(3-1/4″w x 2″h)	Max of 22 characters per line including punctuation	$700
Gold Leaf	(3-1/4″w x 2″h)	Max of 22 characters per line including punctuation	$800
Acorn	(5″w x 6″h) (bronze cast with bronze engraved plate)	5 lines with 25 characters/line including punctuation (125 max)	$1,500
Stone	(8-1/2″w x 5″h) (bronze cast with bronze engraved plate)	5 lines with 25 characters/line including punctuation (125 max)	$3,000
Dove	(carved wood base with bronze plate)	5 lines with 25 characters/line including punctuation	$5,000

Thank You, Lance and Diane

Twenty years have passed since the Emmaline J. Barco Chapel at Grace Rehabilitation and Health Center was constructed. The beautiful stained glass windows that adorn the chapel were donated for the project from a United Methodist Church which was being torn down in Pittsburgh. To make the project possible and provide for additional renovations at Grace, the Wesbury Foundation raised funds through the Fulfilling the Mission campaign. As the windows were restored and installed, the names of major contributors were added to the stained glass to be forever remembered for their generosity and friendship.

This year, The Wesbury Foundation will be adding Lance and Diane Johnson's names to the stained glass in honor of their continuing support to the Wesbury community individually and through The Johnson Trust.

While the Johnsons were always familiar with the work of Wesbury, it wasn't until Lance's mother was a resident of Grace that they saw first-hand the quality of care residents and their families receive. During that same period, Lance began a professional relationship that would last through his retirement from Associated Contractors, Inc. (ACI). ACI did the construction and renovation work at Grace Rehabilitation and Health Center, Larcom Memory Support Center, and Barco Chapel.

Lance and Diane are long time donors to The Wesbury Foundation, and currently through The Johnson Trust, they are Partner Sponsors at the Leadership level, supporting all of our Fundraising events. We are forever grateful for their generosity.

In addition to their financial support, Lance and Diane also each donate their time to volunteering at Wesbury. Lance joined the Wesbury Board of Directors in August 2004. Since that time, he has completed one term on the Wesbury board and is now in his second nine-year term. He also serves as Board Chairperson of The Wesbury Foundation, The Annesley Association of Senior Health Services, and Vice-Chair of the Wesbury-Hillside Board and The Wesbury United Methodist Community Board. Diane has spent many hours volunteering in our Sunset Auxiliary Gift Shop. Both are Wesbury Travelers and have gone on many of our fundraising trips, most recently our March 2022 Mississippi River Cruise.

"We feel very close to the Wesbury community. We have built great relationships with both the staff and residents. We want to support Wesbury because they provide a level of quality care that is important to our community."

Thank you, Lance and Diane for your continuing support of Wesbury's mission and your continued friendship to every part of the Wesbury community.

One of the ways Lance and Diane support Wesbury is by "traveling for a cause" on the Wesbury trips.

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

Please send me information about:

- ❑ Independent Living
- ❑ Enhanced Living & Personal Care
- ❑ Skilled Nursing
- ❑ Short-term Rehabilitation
- ❑ Vernon Square Apartments
- ❑ Wesbury at Home
- ❑ Care Cottages
- ❑ The Wesbury Foundation/Making a Donation
- ❑ Other Areas of Interest

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❑ Send information via ❑ e-mail ❑ mail

❑ Contact me to schedule an appointment

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

Mark Your Calendars for Auxiliary Days

For close to seventy years, Wesbury's Sunset Auxiliary has raised money to purchase useful items for the use of Wesbury residents and staff. The Sunset Auxiliary is a group of dedicated and inspired volunteers whose membership includes representatives from churches in Crawford, Erie, Mercer, and Warren Counties who are part of a family of individuals in the Western Pennsylvania Conference of the United Methodist Church. Traditionally, they raised money through the Grace Rehabilitation and Health Center Gift Shoppe, a merchandise cart in Cribbs Residential Center, and by holding sale events like "Granny's Attic" rummage and used books sale, bake sales, and the "Christmas Trees and More Bazaar". With the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020, these outlets for fundraising had to be modified. And so, the Auxiliary is excited to announce a new approach to raise funds for 2022!

Coming this summer, they will be hosting "Auxiliary Days." This fundraiser event will feature "Granny's Attic" where attendees can seek their treasure among gently used furniture, household items and holiday decor as well as many many books! Mark your calendar for Thursday, August 11th, from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. and Friday, August 12th from 9 a.m.-noon in the Picnic Shelter located on the Wesbury main campus at 31 N. Park in Meadville.

Would you like to help support Auxiliary Days?

The Wesbury Foundation and the Sunset Auxiliary are accepting in-kind donations! If you have rummage or used books (no electronics, clothing, or exercise equipment) that you would like to donate for Auxiliary Days or other fundraiser sales that support Wesbury residents, you may drop them off at the Wesbury Foundation Office by appointment only. Please do not drop your donations at Grace Rehabilitation and Health Center. For information or to schedule a drop-off, please call The Wesbury Foundation at 814-332-9264.

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Gift Shoppe is Open!

After two years of being closed, the volunteer-run Sunset Auxiliary Gift Shoppe at Grace Rehabilitation and Health Center is happy to report that they are reopening!!

From jewelry, scarves, candles, and hand care products to candy, snacks, and beverages, they offer many items at terrific prices. The best part of shopping at the Sunset Auxiliary Gift Shoppe is that the proceeds benefit Wesbury residents. Your purchases help raise funds for items the Sunset Auxiliary buys to help support Wesbury residents and staff. The Gift Shoppe is open Monday through Friday from 10:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m.

"We are so excited to be coming back in service to the residents, their families and friends as well as our fellow volunteers and Wesbury's staff. It's been a long wait, but we have been anticipating this day to move forward," says Judy Stewart, Sunset Auxiliary Gift Shoppe Manager.

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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