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Wesbury Builds on Expanding Services for Area Seniors

Last year, saw growth and advancement for Wesbury in a variety of service areas for seniors and their families in our region.

Continuing to combat the nursing shortages affecting the entire healthcare industry, Wesbury provided Certified Nurse Aide (CNA) Training Classes on-site. Forty students graduated and began their careers in healthcare at Wesbury. Additionally, we have renewed our partnership with Crawford County Career & Technical Center (Crawford Tech) for the 2024-2025 Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) program. As the senior population keeps expanding, a strong healthcare workforce ensures that those in our area will have the help and support they need in the future.

Working with the Crawford County K-12 Career Education Alliance, Wesbury participated in mock interviews and educated students in area schools on their career path opportunities. There are many opportunities for employment at Wesbury, and not just in the nursing field. These include positions in maintenance, dietary, housekeeping, laundry, transportation, grounds, security, activities, caregiving, IT, and administrative staff.

Wesbury at Home, Wesbury's home and community-based services division, re-opened three of its Care Cottage locations in 2023 bringing the total to four cottages in Meadville, one in Titusville, and one near Cochranton. Each Care Cottage offers an alternative to living in a personal care facility. Care Cottages are residential three-bedroom homes that offer a maximum of three residents around-the-clock support to meet their day-to-day needs. While living in the cottage, residents receive meals, housekeeping and laundry services, and transportation

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Thank You for Your Support!

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Wesbury President/CEO

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

Dear Friends,

As we look back on the past year, we are grateful for the continued promise of stability and growth.

Our Wesbury family has been truly blessed! Our workforce strengthened through restructured leadership and increased staff levels, allowing us to increase those we serve across the campus and throughout the community. We enjoyed four successful fundraising trips which serve our cause to build community relationships and raise resources for Benevolent Care. Facility wide renovations continued that allow us to better serve the residents. Additionally, Grace Rehabilitations and Health Center continues to be ranked as one of the top skilled nursing facilities across Pennsylvania. This is all possible because of our donors, staff, volunteers and residents that offer kindness, faithful service and support. This is the foundation of our success!

As you read through our 2023 contributors report, we hope you will continue to be inspired to support our mission. On behalf of our resident community, our Board of Director's and our staff, thank you so much believing in us: who we are, what we do and who we serve! We are beyond blessed to have you, our donors, as part of our Wesbury family!

With much appreciation,

Brian S Nageotte

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Good Planning Keeps the Years Golden

Retirement is an exciting time, a turning point where years of hard work have paved the way for a season in life that's all our own. It's exciting to think about, but there is a lot to consider to be sure the years ahead are as "golden" as we hope for. Good planning is key!

Planning typically begins with evaluating finances to be sure there is a nest egg available to accomplish our dreams and to ensure our security as we age. Next, our minds drift to visions of how we will spend our time, doing the things that we hope to learn, accomplish, or experience. But what else is there to consider? Often, we tend to overlook some important pieces, like do we want to continue to manage home maintenance as we age… and what if we begin to decline later in life and need some support, how will that be taken care of? It's hard to make these changes once the need arises, it's better to plan for them.

Putting a plan in place for less home maintenance is a big consideration, who wants to spend their newfound freedom making repairs or mowing the lawn? And who wants to feel isolated and dependent on others if their health declines? **An important part of successful aging is having a strategy to remain active, manage our daily tasks, and secure the care we might need later in life.**

Reducing home maintenance seems easy enough, people often consider a smaller house, condo, or apartment. **These choices may resolve the reduction of home responsibility, but will they meet your needs in the years to come?** The answer typically is no. Only a Continuing Care Retirement Community (CCRC) such as Wesbury can check all the boxes. Why? Because CCRCs are designed to offer the perfect solution for active retirees looking for maintenance-free living while including a plan for potential future needs for care or support. Making another choice typically results in the need for another move and adjustment when health situations begin to change.

Residential living at Wesbury's Thoburn Village is about choosing an independent lifestyle that offers retirement freedom and solutions for the "what ifs" of aging. Our 110-acre campus includes 80 Independent living houses and apartments at Thoburn Village. In addition, the continuum right on campus includes personal care at Cribbs Residential Center, skilled nursing care, short-term rehabilitation and memory support at Grace Rehabilitation and Health Center, Care Cottages,

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and a variety of in-home services through Wesbury at Home. While the home that you select is yours to live in, decorate and enjoy, all the taxes, homeowners' insurance and maintenance responsibilities fall to Wesbury. Additionally, we provide lawn care, landscaping, and snow removal. There is security on campus keeping an eye on things, so you don't need to worry when you are away. Residents enjoy the convenience of an on-site clubhouse offering fitness programs, educational opportunities, entertainment, and social gatherings. Free local transportation can prolong your independence, plus, have peace of mind knowing that you will not need to face the research and planning of another move if you begin to require more services as you age. In short, come for the active lifestyle, and if you ever need more, we have you covered.

As you consider your future plans, here are some things to look for:

- Is the community not-for-profit?
- Does the community provide financial security?
- Is the community accredited?
- Does the community offer the lifestyle and amenities that I am seeking?
- Will I have priority access to a "continuum" of services if ever needed?

Wesbury's Thoburn Village offers all of this and more. Our focus is to do all we can to help you live abundantly.

For more information, please visit our website at *www.wesbury.com* or consider attending the August 7th Tour of Homes. (RSVP required).

Are You Ready to Learn More? Join Us for a Tour of Homes Event!

For those who <u>are not</u> already on the Wesbury waitlist, we are planning a **Tour of Homes event on August 7th from 1:30-4:00 p.m.**

Our guests will:

- Discover why you should choose Wesbury's Thoburn Village for your retirement lifestyle
- Learn the importance of joining our waitlist
- Tour several floor plans
- Enjoy a tasting of local wine and appetizers prepared by local restaurants.

RSVP is required by calling 814-332-9009 or email us at info@wesbury.com.

Seeing is Believing...Oooh, This is Nice!

After years of working in senior living, we can't begin to count the number of times a person has come to tour with images in their minds of places they have visited in the past that seemed institutional and depressing.

We are always thrilled to help our guests overcome this misperception. **Touring is a game changer.... and as the tour begins the mood quickly changes from apprehension to "Oooh, this is NICE!"!**

We know it takes courage to take that first step when you're considering a move. We hope these visuals will help you see how beautiful your new home can be, how engaging life is when there are amenities to enjoy, and how meaningful the day is when there are people around who make life fun.

Are you enticed? Choosing Wesbury's Cribbs Residential Center makes life a little easier, and a little safer, but never compromises your independence and choices. Come see for yourself! For more information or a tour call 814-332-9009 or email info@wesbury.com.

Thank You Donors - 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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A special thank-you to all church friends who supported Wesbury in 2023. We are most grateful for the kindness you have extended to our residents. Please note that churches and associated organizations are now included in our Hyatt M. Cribbs Society donor list and are denoted with a "+" at the end of their names.

Please note: To be more environmentally conscious and good stewards of the donations that are so graciously made to Wesbury, we continue to condense our annual report listings. For a complete listing of donors and sponsors please visit *www.wesbury.com*.

Thank you once again for your continuous support of Wesbury residents.

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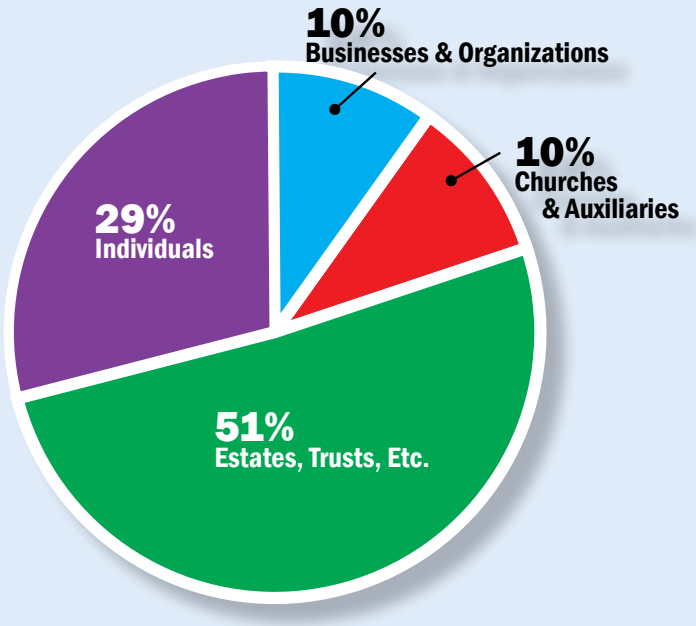

As you can see, a large share of our gifts come from thoughtful people who have named The Wesbury Foundation in either their will or a planned gift, such as a trust, annuity, or insurance policy. We offer our heartfelt thanks to donors who include Wesbury residents in their philanthropic goals. For more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

Totality Awesome Eclipse

The hype was real. During the recent winter months, you saw reminders everywhere that Northwest Pennsylvania was in the zone of totality for the April 8, 2024, Solar Eclipse. There were warnings of a plethora of people coming to the area to catch a glimpse of the rare celestial event. Hotels and rentals had been booked for more than a year. Traffic would be a mess. Schools closed. Stores and restaurants closed. People throwing eclipse parties everywhere.

At Wesbury, we had watch parties all over the campus. There were residents in front of Cribbs, at the Thoburn Village Dog Park, in front of Grace, out by the Nature Trail and just sitting on their villa porches. While people were spread out, that moment of totality brought us all together. And not just on the Wesbury campus, it brought everyone experiencing the rare magical event together no matter where they were experiencing it. From Wesbury, you could hear the cheers and fireworks going off in the distance from downtown Meadville and Allegheny College's football stadium. Yet, it also got strangely quiet as everyone could feel something beautiful and much bigger than any of us was taking place and we were all taking it in.

Did the event match the hype? The answer was an amazing and awe-inspiring YES!

Embracing Growth and Positive Change With Our New Team

In late 2023 and early 2024, Wesbury made a variety of strategic structural leadership changes in different areas of our team that are designed to strengthen the focus on our growth, the commitment to those we serve, our long-term success, and future progress.

Lisa Maddy returned to Wesbury in the Fall of 2023 in the position of Chief Financial Officer (CFO). Previously, Lisa held Wesbury's Controller position. She is a graduate of Thiel College with a BA in Accounting. Lisa worked in public accounting before starting a career in senior living and healthcare. She has over 22 years of experience serving as Controller and Chief Financial Officer at senior communities in Pennsylvania and Ohio. "I am excited about being back on the Wesbury team," says Lisa, "I look forward to working with the staff and residents to continue making Wesbury a great place to work and live."

Sheila Bundy moved to the position of VP of Home and Community Based Services, Corporate Compliance and Risk Management. A graduate of St. Vincent School of Nursing, Sheila has more than 25 years of experience in Long Term Care as a Registered Nurse and Nursing Home Administrator. Sheila provides the focus needed for the future success of Wesbury at Home, utilizing her leadership experience to reinvigorate the Care Cottage and Wesbury at Home programs. She also oversees Corporate Compliance and Risk Management for the Wesbury organization. According to Sheila, "In looking at how healthcare is positioning itself for the future, it is more critical than ever to have a strong/thriving HCBS division to meet Wesbury's commitment to our community."

Paul Kerr has joined Wesbury as Director of Project Management. Paul attended Pennsylvania College of Technology where he earned an associate degree in building construction technology. Paul has worked in the construction field for nearly 30 years as a laborer, carpenter, foreman, project superintendent, estimator, and project manager. At Wesbury, Paul oversees the continual construction and renovation projects for all Wesbury facilities. This includes supervising the maintenance and construction teams and managing Wesbury building renovations and new construction projects both on and off the Campus including future phases of construction at Vernon Square Apartments. Paul says, "In my

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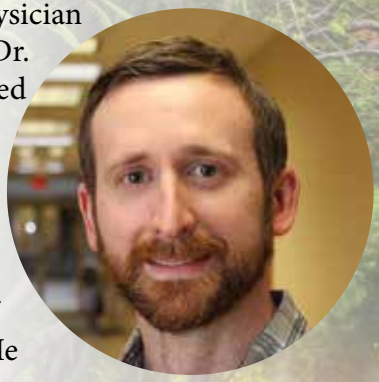
position, I work hard to make sure the entire Wesbury community continues to be a great place for the residents who live here, the family members that visit here, and the employees that work here."

Stacey Hoey was promoted to the position of Campus Life Enrichment Director to ensure that all areas of Wesbury offer a consistent variety of meaningful and life-enriching activities to residents at all care levels. She also serves as Wesbury's Volunteer Coordinator. Stacey has more than 13 years of experience working in Cribbs Life Enrichment and is Activity Director Certified (ADC). She is a veteran who served in the U.S. Air Force and a member of her local American Legion. She hosts a monthly Veterans Coffee hour at Wesbury which is open to all veterans in the region. "As Life Enrichment Director and Volunteer Coordinator, the primary concern is that our residents live a life of purpose." Stacey says, "Achieving a life of purpose not only comes from just the Life Enrichment Department but from everyone who is a part of the residents' daily lives." Stacey is excited to work with the entire Life Enrichment team as well as volunteers throughout the Wesbury Community.

Dr. Ryan Evans is the newest attending physician at Wesbury. Dr. Evans has lived in Meadville since 2015 and is originally from the south hills of Pittsburgh. He attended Gannon University for a degree in Biology and then LECOM for his medical degree. His residency training was at Lehigh Valley Health Network in Allentown PA., graduating with his internal medicine training in 2015. He currently rounds on Wednesday mornings with the hope the frequency will increase as the need grows. Dr. Evans says, "At best, my work as a physician allows Christ to work through me. I hope my work at Wesbury increases this aspect of my faith."



We thank each of these individuals for utilizing their experience to allow a dedicated focus on their areas, supporting the future and growth of Wesbury.

"Here's the Scoop!" We Think Our Volunteers Are Awesome!

In celebration of National Volunteer Month in April, Wesbury holds its annual Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon in the Community Room at Cribbs Residential Center as a personal thank you to all our volunteers.

Volunteer Statistics:
97 Volunteers serving in 2023 for 5,516 hours.
Total value of hours served in 2023: $101,935.68

The Power of Volunteering and How You Can Get Involved

Have You Considered Volunteering? The benefits of volunteering can be enormous. It not only offers vital help to residents in need and the Wesbury community, but the benefits can be even greater for you, the volunteer. Volunteering can reduce stress, combat depression, and provide a sense of purpose. Giving even in simple ways can help those in need and improve your health and happiness.

Benefits of volunteering: Three ways to feel healthier and happier:

- Volunteering connects you to others and reduces loneliness.
- Volunteering is good for your mind and body by keeping you active and engaged.
- Volunteering brings fun and fulfillment to your life.

Keep in mind, volunteering doesn't have to be a long-term commitment or take a huge amount of time out of your busy day. You can choose to be as involved as often or as little as you like. Currently, we have needs with:

- Mealtime Assistance
- One-on-one visits
- Bingo Calling
- Crafting
- Transporting to Activities
- Other Activity Assistance

If you are interested in volunteering but don't know how to get started Stacey Hoey, Wesbury's Volunteer Services Coordinator, would love to meet with you to discuss how you can share your time and talents with the Wesbury community. Stacey can be reached at 814-332-9280 or by email at shoey@wesbury.com.

A Gift of Technology: Enriching Spiritual Connections, One Stream at a Time

During the pandemic, like many churches, Wesbury Chaplain Rev. Sam Marchetta came to the realization there was a need to utilize streaming technology. While chapel services at Wesbury have always been available to watch via our closed-circuit television channel, we did not have lyrics on the screen or other ways that residents could actively participate from their room, apartment, or villa. Rev. Sam knew with new technology, Wesbury could provide the best possible ministry to those unable to attend services and ensure that they could actively join our worship experience.

Last year, thanks to several generous donations made to Wesbury Spiritual Care we were able to upgrade and modernize our technology and chapel service productions. Our sound system at Grace Rehabilitation and Health Center's Barco Chapel received an upgrade making it much easier to operate with the simple push of a button. Different departments use Barco Chapel for a variety of reasons and as the system is preset, it gives easy access to microphones and other chapel uses without the need for a sound technician.

Donated funds were also used for the purchase of a new media computer and equipment necessary to stream our chapel services to Wesbury's Channel 950. This simply means that we can utilize graphics and display lyrics to songs, scripture verses, and prayers in real time as the service is happening live. Now, residents who are unable to get to services can sing along, pray along, and actively participate in our chapel services. The feedback from residents has been very positive.

According to Rev. Sam, "It's so important for spiritual care to provide residents with a similar experience to what they would have if they were attending their local churches. With technology advancing, we realized there was an opportunity to provide a better worship experience for those unable to attend chapel. With the help of all the new technology that is available, we are excited to move forward with providing residents and their families the best possible experience while they are at the Wesbury community."

Make a Difference Today

Your Donation Can Provide iPads for Residents

Currently, we are fundraising for the purchase of new iPads for Memory Support Residents to use. We are also accepting donations of gently used iPads and other brand tablets that use android for residents. Any donated iPads and tablets need to be wiped clean by the owner before delivering them to the Wesbury Foundation.

"At Memory Support, we are always looking for new ways to engage the residents with dementia or other memory-related impairments. We find that playing some of the games on these various devices keeps residents involved and occupied and iPads and other tablets are the perfect size for resident's use," says Autumn Ferringer, Director of Nursing.

If you would like to send a contribution for new tech devices for residents or donate a used iPad or tablet, please contact The Wesbury Foundation at 814-332-9264.

Sunset Auxiliary Sales Support Residents

In May, Websury's Sunset Auxiliary held its annual Auxiliary Days Rummage and Book Sale. The Sunset Auxiliary consists of dedicated and inspired volunteers from churches in Crawford, Erie, Mercer, and Warren Counties and within the Wesbury Community. For seventy years, Wesbury's Sunset Auxiliary has used the money they raise to purchase beneficial items for Wesbury residents. Money is also raised through the Grace Rehabilitation and Health Center Gift Shoppe and sale events like Auxiliary Days and Holiday Sale (Mark your calendar for November 14 and 15, 2024).

How can you help in supporting Wesbury's Sunset Auxiliary?

The Wesbury Foundation and the Sunset Auxiliary are now accepting in-kind donations! If you have rummage, holiday items, or used books that you would like to donate for their fundraiser sales, 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. We do not accept electronics, clothing, or exercise equipment donations. For information or to schedule a drop-off, please call The Wesbury Foundation at 814-332-9264.

The Sunset Auxiliary sort through books and rummage for their annual sales.

We Couldn't Do What We Do Without YOU!

l to r: Rhonda Thomas, JoAnn Clute, Phyllis Easley, Joyce Jacobs, Bessie Kohler, Brian Nageotte, and Gerri Heibel

In the 70 years since Mrs. Florence Braun first reached out to area United Methodist churches to make friends and raise funds on behalf of the residents of the United Methodist Home in Meadville (now known as Wesbury), The Sunset Auxiliary has continued to enrich the lives of the residents.

Recently, The Sunset Auxiliary held their annual luncheon at Wesbury's campus Community Center and honored long time board members Gerri Heibel and Bessie Kohler with Emeritus status. The Auxiliary also recognized the retirement of Mary Lee Gourley. After an invocation from Wesbury Chaplain, Rev. Sam Marchetta, Wesbury President and CEO, Brian S. Nageotte, was on hand to update The Auxiliary members on the current happenings around the Wesbury organization as well as have a Q&A session.

Over the past year, The Sunset Auxiliary raised $25,000 to support the needs of the Wesbury community. Thank you to the hundreds of volunteer members from around the area who work together on behalf of Wesbury residents.

Support Crawford Gives 2024

Are you looking for an opportunity to be philanthropic right here in our community? Now, for the 6th year, Crawford Gives provides a platform for participating nonprofits of Crawford County to share their stories, connect with new donors, and create a gateway for people to learn more about local causes doing good work in areas they care passionately about. Last year, 1,452 generous people contributed more than $800,000, benefiting 168 local nonprofits.

Wesbury is grateful for the support we have received over the years. In 2023, we received $34,666.54 from 87 separate donations. These numbers put us in second place for total giving and ninth place in the gift count category, indicating how important supporters feel it is that we are able to continue our mission to care for the seniors who have worked, raised families, and contributed to our community.

The sixth annual Crawford Gives online giving event is set to run from Saturday, August 24th until Tuesday, August 27th. We hope you will consider supporting Wesbury in this event. Your gifts directly support residents through our Benevolent Care Fund, providing financial aid to residents at Wesbury who have outlived their resources and require charitable care. We are very proud that for over a century, we have not asked anyone to leave because of a lack of wealth. Our Benevolent Care Fund makes that promise possible. To find out about all the Crawford County nonprofits participating in this 94-hour online giving event, visit *www.crawfordgives.org*.

Your Meaningful Gift of Love

At Wesbury, any level of monetary gift can be donated "in memory of" or "in honor of" beloved family members and friends. Over the years, many donors have chosen to leave permanent gifts for their loved ones in special places at Wesbury that they can visit any time and feel their loved ones' presence. In addition to any sized dollar donation, a few of our memorial/honoree gift opportunities include:

- Benches placed in a commemorative location on Wesbury's campus.
- A brick on our Circle of Friends Patio adorned with your loved one's name along with yours.
- Trees, shrubs, and other on-campus plantings.
- Wesbury's Annual Christmas Luminary Display.
- Recognition on our Tree of Life located in the lobby of Grace Rehabilitation and Health Center.

To make a monetary tribute gift in honor or in memory of a loved one, please return the enclosed remittance envelope. You can let us know where you would like notification of your gift to be sent. For more information on other tribute gifts, please call The Wesbury Foundation at 814-332-9264.

Thank You Sponsors

Annual Charity Golf Scramble

Resident & Family Picnic

Summer Concert Series

Thank you FOR YOUR SUPPORT

The sponsors listed below partnered with Wesbury for all 2023 fundraising events. We would like to take this opportunity to thank them all for their very generous support of Wesbury!

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Looking for Cash on Summer Break?

Do you or someone you know have extra time off during the summer months and is looking for seasonal work to make some extra money? For students on break, working at Wesbury can provide valuable experience and insights for their future career paths. It is also rewarding to work in a multi-generational setting that can provide infinite potential for personal growth and development.

If you enjoy working outside, on your own, or with your hands to solve problems, Wesbury's Grounds or Maintenance departments could be a good fit. If you like interacting with residents our Dietary or Environmental Services departments could be right up your alley. If you are looking to jumpstart a career in healthcare, you can start as a Personal Care Aide or Certified Nurse Aide.

At Wesbury, we strive to create a work-life balance with hours that allow you to make some extra cash and gain experience while enjoying your summer. We employ compassionate, dedicated individuals to be part of our team. For staff at Wesbury, it's more than just a job; they make a difference in the lives of others every day. Because of our array of healthcare-related service areas, we offer options with growth opportunities for entry-level and experienced skilled workers in a variety of work environments.

If you or someone you know has the heart to serve others call or text Michelle Potts-Sciallo, Human Resources Specialist/Recruiter, at 814-795-2808, by email at msciallo@wesbury.com, or visit us at *www.wesbury.com* and click Join Our Team.

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to appointments. If potential residents cannot pay privately, financial aid is available through the Pennsylvania CHC Waiver services for those who qualify.

Wesbury is honored for being recognized locally as Best Home Health Care and Best Nursing/Personal Care Home by The Meadville Tribune's 2023 Reader's Choice. Wesbury is also thrilled to be acknowledged as a top nursing home in Pennsylvania by Newsweek magazine. In the recently released, "Best Nursing Homes 2024 Report," Wesbury's Grace Rehabilitation and Health Center is listed as the #11 nursing home statewide. There was only one other local provider recognized, and Wesbury ranked higher according to the report. The report is intended as a tool for consumers to support their considerations in their healthcare options. These accolades assure that when individuals and their families choose Wesbury, they are literally choosing from among the best healthcare providers in the nation- right here in Meadville.

Resident Group Gives Locally, Regionally, and Globally

Seated left to right: Barb Shick, Florence Crowl, Audrey Thompson, and Carol Beers. Standing left to right: Sharon Stollings, Carol Davis, and Phyllis Easley.

For many years, Wesbury had a United Methodist Women's group that supported a variety of missions and programs within the Western PA Conference of the United Methodist Church (WPAUMC). Somewhere in the mid-2000s, that group dissolved. Wanting to bring back some of that fellowship and service to others, Wesbury's United Women in Faith formed in early 2018 and this group continues to meet at the Thoburn Village Clubhouse every second Tuesday of the month.

Per their Mission Statement, "United Women in Faith seeks to connect and nurture women through Christian spiritual formation, leadership development, creative fellowship, and inspire, influence, and impact local and global communities." And that is exactly how they roll. Primarily made up of Thoburn Villagers, United Women in Faith is non-denominational, non-exclusionary, and accepts anyone willing to share their time with them. There are no member dues, yet over the years their members have provided generous funds to a variety of global, regional, and local organizations with their offerings. These include: Nyadire Connection, a school for deaf children in Africa; the Methodist Conference's Ruth Smith Center, a personal care home for adults with intellectual and/or physical impairments; St. James Haven, a food pantry in Meadville; Erie United Methodist Alliance (EUMA), who works to end homelessness; as well as The Wesbury Foundation, that fundraises for benevolent care, campus beautification, facility enhancements, spiritual life, and scholarships; Wesbury's Order of Good Shepards, a program bringing together employees who understand their work to be an extension of their faith; and Santa's Helper's, which helps Wesbury staff who might be in need during the holiday season.

During their meetings, they have a devotion and some type of program, field trip, or activity. They have invited different speakers from a variety of mission groups like Zimbabwe Misson or Sierra Leone. They take field trips to visit and tour the local Women's shelter or food bank as well as take hands-on mission trips to places like The Methodist Conference's Mission Barn in New Castle which is the distribution center for UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief). UMCOR provides "mission kits" to areas struck by disaster. The United Women in Faith worked at the mission barn to verify the kits being sent out were complete before being shipped to sites around the world. The mission trips are so popular that some of our Wesbury men join them to help at the Mission Barn.

"We love the hands-on stuff!" says Sharon Stollings of United Women in Faith. For their activities, they have made Linus Blankets for Meadville Medical Center patients who are children. They put together memory boxes for families of Wesbury residents at Grace to bring home the belongings of loved ones who have passed, and they hand-made the white and gold ornaments fashioned in the forms of centuries-old religious symbols known as "crismons" that decorate the Christmas Tree in McCracken Chapel at Cribbs.

Founding member, Carol Davis says, "We have great fellowship and participation. We are proud of our group, in fact, with our twelve regular members who meet monthly, and those who just come sporadically to help, Wesbury's United Women in Faith is the largest women's group participating with the Conference."

Wesbury's United Women in Faith is always looking for support from outside the Wesbury community. Whether you represent a mission, an organization that would like to present a topic, or an individual looking to help with their causes, you can email Carol Davis at davecaroldavis@gmail.com or Sharon Stollings at sharonfquilter@gmail.com.

Did You Know You Can Reduce Your Tax Burden Through Charitable Giving?

Charitable giving allows us to support a cause while benefiting from tax deductions. Simply writing a check is far from the only way to reduce your tax burden. Consider the following strategic options to achieve your financial goals:

Cash Gifts: Cash donations, when unrestricted, can provide a charity with immediate liquidity, and you may get a tax deduction. If you are at least age 70½ and have an individual retirement account (IRA) you can make charitable gifts directly from your "qualified charitable distribution" (QCD) offsetting your required minimum distribution. This reduces your income tax because the QCD amount is excluded from your adjusted gross income (AGI).

Beneficiary Designations: Designate charities as beneficiaries of assets that pass by contract, such as IRAs, transfer on death accounts and life insurance. Traditional IRA accounts are subject to income tax when paid to your beneficiary. However, charities are tax exempt and do not pay income tax on amounts received from an IRA. If your estate is subject to estate tax, naming a charity as beneficiary will avoid the estate tax on the amount paid to the charity.

Charitable Remainder Trusts: To make a future gift while retaining a stream of income from the assets, consider a charitable remainder trust (CRT). When the trust ends, what is left passes to charity. Because a CRT is a tax-exempt entity, donating appreciated property, rather than selling it and donating cash, may avoid a capital gains tax on the sale of the property. To the extent gain is distributed to the non-charitable beneficiaries, they would pay tax on the gain. Any gain not distributed to the non-charitable beneficiaries, would escape taxation.

Charitable Lead Trust: A charity will receive a steady stream of payments for a specified period and then it either goes to someone else, another charity, the person or their children.

Donor Advised Fund: If you would like to make multiple gifts but don't want complications, consider a donor-advised fund (DAF). DAF contributions are tax deductible; however, assets transferred to the DAF need not be immediately distributed to a public charity. You may recommend charities to receive distributions from the DAF.

Want to Learn More? Attend our free seminar on June 25th at 2PM at the Wesbury Campus Community Center! Or consult with your attorney or financial advisor to see what works best for you.

Join us for Planned Giving and Tax Savings Strategies

with PNC Financial Services Group

Guests will learn:

- **Ways strategic planning and proper use of beneficiary designations can potentially reduce your tax burden.**
- **How the expiration of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 (TCJA) on January 1st, 2026 could impact your tax rates and planned giving strategies.**
- **Best practices for choosing an executor and preparing them to carry out your wishes.**

June 25th at 2 pm - Wesbury Campus Community Center
31 N. Park Ave., Meadville, PA 16335
RSVP by calling 814-332-9009

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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

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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

Is Your Group Seeking an Outing or a Speaker?

Free Lunch and Tours are Back!

Is your Church, civic or social group looking for an outing? Why not come out for a free lunch and campus-wide tour of Wesbury? We will show off our newly enhanced suites at Cribbs Residential Center, tour by bus through Thoburn Village to visit a villa, stop in at Grace Rehabilitation and Health Center for a peak at the Neighborhood Grill and Sunset Auxiliary Gift Shoppe and enjoy a delicious, included lunch! Your group will not only learn about the lifestyle options, costs, and services available to area seniors but also receive information about our upcoming fundraising trips and more. If your group needs a speaker, please consider if we might be a good fit. We can speak on a variety of topics such as: past travel destinations, planning your retirement, or what area services are available to seniors as they age.

For more information or to schedule an engagement call Melissa Porter at 814-332-9238 or email mporter@wesbury.com.

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Upcoming Events

Bridges Memory Loss Support Group
3rd Wednesday of every month at 2:30 p.m. in Wesbury's Cribbs Residential Center Lingo Dining Room. For more information, call 814-332-9238. 2023 Schedule:
June - Food and diet - a hands on session to learn ways to improve nutrition
July - Who am I now and what happens when I can't do this anymore?
August - What to plan for and what happens when they are no longer with me?
September - Public event - Reminisce with local historian
Oct. - Dec. - Follow a book or blog

Veterans Coffee Hour
1st Friday of every month at 9:30 a.m. in Wesbury's Cribbs Residential Center Lingo Dining Room. For more information and to RSVP, call 814-332-9280.

Seniors for Safe Driving
Courses scheduled for June 11th 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. and Sept. 24th 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., and 5:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. All classes are at Wesbury's Campus Community Center. For more information call 800-559-4880.

Planned Giving and Tax Savings Strategies with PNC Financial Services Group
Tuesday, June 25th at 2:00 p.m.
Wesbury's Campus Community Center
RSVP by calling 814-332-9009

Resident & Family Picnic
Sunday, July 21st *(By invitation only)*

Thoburn Village Tour of Homes
Wednesday, August 7th from 1:30 to 4:00 p.m.
RSVP by calling 814-332-9009

Resident Summer Concert Series
Every Monday in August
All concerts are from 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. in the circle parking lot between Grace Rehabilitation & Health Center and Cribbs Residential Center on the Wesbury campus.

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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