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How a Moment Changed Everything

Jane and her daughter Carol spending time together both indoors and outdoors at Cribbs Residential Center

For 70 years, Jane Hutchison lived in and maintained a 14-room house on the edge of the Edinboro Business District on Meadville Street. A bustling area with students walking to and from classes, as well as steady traffic flowing through the center of town. Jane had lived there alone for nearly a decade since her husband passed away.

When you think of someone about to turn 100, Jane is not who you'd typically picture. She is fit and energetic. At home, she spent her time cleaning, tending to her yard and gardens, and exercising. She enjoyed long walks in town or at the mall. She hadn't seriously considered a different kind of life. In fact, when her daughter, Carol, asked about her future plans, Jane would simply say she intended to stay in her home.

That changed last summer as Jane was crossing Meadville Street to donate food to the church across from her house. She looked both ways before stepping off the curb, but as she glanced down for a moment, a distracted driver struck her, flipping Jane over the windshield and top of the car. Fortunately, the Edinboro Fire Department was just a few feet away. She was rushed to UPMC Hamot in Erie, where doctors treated her for broken bones and internal bleeding. She was going to be okay—very lucky, indeed. After a week in the hospital, Jane transferred to LECOM Senior Living for three months of rehabilitation.

Carol, a retired teacher with a primary residence in Buffalo, also has a cottage on Edinboro Lake. She was able to stay in Edinboro full-time during her mother's rehabilitation. As Jane regained her strength through physical therapy, she began walking around the hallways, although always with someone nearby and a wheelchair just in case.

Initially, Jane intended to return home. However, as she recovered, Jane realized she wanted to relax, have fun and reconnect with friends, rather than the concerns of chores, cleaning, and maintaining her 14-room house. That's when she thought of Wesbury.

Jane had long been connected to Wesbury. As a member of the Edinboro Methodist Church, she volunteered at the Chicken BBQ and visited dear friends who had moved to Cribbs Residential Center. According to

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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

Dear Friends,

As we reflect on the past year, we are filled with gratitude for the generosity and steadfast support we've received. Your continued commitment has made a meaningful difference, and we are truly fortunate to have such compassionate and dedicated donors by our side.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who has shared their time, talents, and resources with Wesbury and The Wesbury Foundation. Your contributions directly support our Benevolent Care Fund, a lifeline that provides vital financial assistance to residents who have outlived their personal resources. Because of you, our residents—those who call Wesbury "home"—continue to receive the care and dignity they deserve. This is at the very heart of our mission.

As you review the 2024 Contributors Report, we hope you feel inspired by the collective difference we've made. It is both humbling and uplifting to see how many share our vision of compassion and care.

On behalf of our residents, their families, the Board of Directors, and our dedicated staff—thank you. Your generosity makes a profound and lasting difference in the lives of those we are honored to serve.

With much gratitude,

Brian S. Nageotte

Rhonda K. Thomas

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Carol, the transition was smooth—once Jane made up her mind, there was no turning back. Cribbs would be her new home, and she moved in last fall.

"Our family is very happy that Mother chose to move to Cribbs," says Carol. "My brother Mark and I helped her pick an apartment that was just right, and Mark's wife, Cathy, brought in framed photos and monthly welcome signs to hang on the door. Our mom is proud to show her new home to friends and relatives who visit. The staff is very professional and makes it clear that our mom is a valued part of the community. They are attentive to her needs while giving her a sense of independence. We plan our visits around her activities to avoid walking in and finding her gone. We never worry about where she might be—we know she's enjoying herself. We're thankful that Wesbury provides a home she loves, where we never have to worry about her safety. I enjoy spending time there, too. I've been amazed by how quickly people learned who I was and greeted me so warmly."

Now that Carol has been living in Edinboro full-time for nearly a year, having her mother at Wesbury gives her peace of mind to return to Buffalo or travel when needed. She says that even if she's away for a few days, she knows her mom will be just fine—and always just a phone call away.

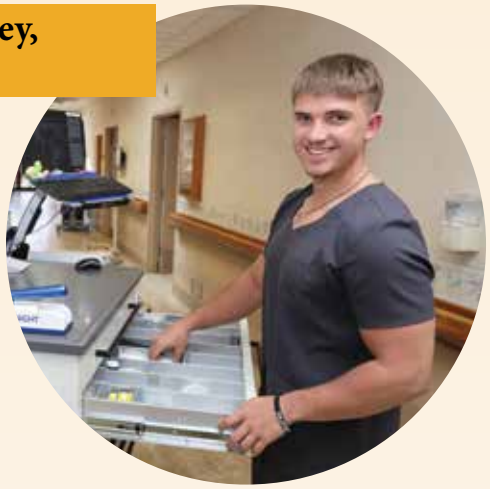
Jane says, "When I moved to Cribbs, I didn't just find a place to live—I found a place to thrive. I got to choose my own apartment, bring my favorite furniture, and surround myself with wonderful friends, both new and old. My children are close by, which makes visits easy, and there's so much to enjoy here—the Nature Trail and walking paths, exercise machines, and even a cozy library with large-print books. I can't wait to spend summer afternoons reading on the porch or gardening in the raised beds out back! Cribbs isn't just where I live now—it's my home. I wouldn't want to be anywhere else."

Are you or a loved one looking for a lifestyle change that makes life easier and safer—without compromising independence and choice? By choosing Wesbury's Cribbs Residential Center, you can be like Jane and her family: enjoying peace of mind and a vibrant new chapter. Call Melissa today at 814-332-9009 to schedule a tour.

Why I'm Proud to Be at Wesbury: Staff Share Their Stories

At Wesbury, our dedicated staff members are more than just employees—they are passionate individuals who care deeply about the work they do and the people they serve. In this section, we're excited to share personal stories from our team about why they chose Wesbury, the paths they've taken in their careers, and what makes this community so special to them. From career transformations to inspiring growth, their words showcase the heart of Wesbury and the supportive environment that allows everyone to thrive.

Brandon Corey, LPN

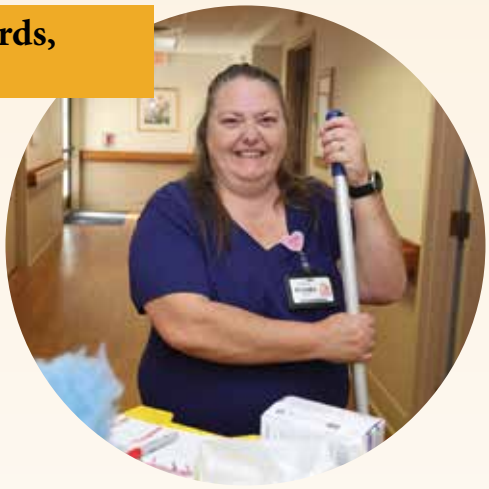


"I want to help people. That's what drives me. After high school, I went to college to go into physical therapy, but college wasn't for me. My mom saw Wesbury was looking for certified aides, so I came in and started working as a Personal Care Aide. After a couple of months, I took the Certified Nurse Aide class and began working as a CNA at Wesbury. Over the next few months, my co-workers inspired me to further my career and look into becoming a Licensed Practical Nurse. After becoming an LPN, I had a lot of choices, and I did work in other facilities and environments as a agency nurse, but ultimately, none of them compared to working at Wesbury. My co-workers still inspire me and Wesbury has helped pay for my education. Becoming a registered nurse is my future and Wesbury will help me get to my career goals."

Jean Webster, CNA

"In my previous career after graduating from high school, I was a hairdresser, I owned my own salon and spent my days making others feel and look good. I used to go to area nursing facilities to cut hair for the residents. That was really my first exposure to a care environment. After I ended my career as a hairdresser, I worked for a while at my husband's auto repair garage, but I really wanted to be out there helping others, and everything changed when my daughter became a Certified Nurse Aide at Wesbury. Inspired by my daughter, I made a bold decision. I took the CNA course and traded my scissors for scrubs—and never looked back. I enjoy being a CNA at Wesbury because my job is not just making residents look good. I am helping them to feel good. It is all about the care. If I can make a career change like this, anyone can…the work is rewarding and really needed."

Brenda Edwards, Housekeeper



"For nearly 30 years, I worked in Housekeeping at Wesbury.… And I liked my job. Every job sometimes gets to you, and I thought I needed a change, so I looked at other places and found another job. But, as time went on, I realized something—I missed the Wesbury community…the residents, and my former co-workers. So, I came back to Wesbury, and honestly, it's the best decision I've made. If you're looking for a place where your hard work is appreciated and you can really make a difference, Wesbury is that place."

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Wesbury Is in Need of Inspiring Volunteers

At Wesbury, we believe in the power of our community and the difference that dedicated volunteers can make in the lives of our residents. We are reaching out to passionate individuals who want to lend a hand and bring joy to those who call Wesbury home. If you or someone you know is interested, there are numerous rewarding opportunities to give as much of your time and talents as you wish when it works best for you to get involved and make a lasting impact.

CLASSIFIEDS

BINGO ASSISTANCE

Help residents enjoy their favorite game of Bingo! Volunteers will assist residents with playing, and ensure they have a great time during the game.

SMALL GAME/CARD PLAYERS

Join in on some fun! Volunteers can play cards or small games with residents, offering valuable social interaction and entertainment.

FRIENDLY VISITORS

Sometimes, all it takes is a friendly face. As a friendly visitor, you'll spend time chatting, taking walks, reading, or simply enjoying the outdoors with residents. Your companionship makes a big difference in their day-to-day lives.

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES ASSISTANCE (AUGUST)

Help transport residents to outdoor concerts where they can enjoy live music during the summer. It's a wonderful way to bring joy to residents while they enjoy some fresh air.

SPECIAL EVENT VOLUNTEERS

Assist with a wide range of events, including Resident/Family Picnics, Concerts, Outings (Field Trips), Festivals, and Celebration Parties. Your help ensures these events are successful and enjoyable for all involved.

GIFT SHOPPE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
See page 10 for details!

Interested in any of these opportunities? Call Stacey at 814-332-9280

A Look at 2024's Volunteer Contributions:

In 2024, Wesbury was fortunate to have 102 active volunteers, who collectively contributed a remarkable 6,832.97 volunteer hours. That translates to an approximate value of $220,536.00.

These volunteers played a pivotal role in enriching the lives of our residents. Some highlights of 2024 volunteer contributions included two schools bringing Life Skills students weekly during the school year to assist with dietary tasks (setting tables) and laundry duties (folding towels). Volunteers with intellectual disabilities contributed by delivering mail, shredding paper, and hosting a weekly game morning, creating opportunities for engagement and community spirit.

A giant thank you to all of our volunteers! We are excited to build on the success of last year and your contributions help continue providing meaningful experiences for residents at Wesbury.

If you're interested in volunteering at Wesbury, whether it's for a few hours a week or for special events, we would love to hear from you. There's no experience necessary, just a willingness to bring kindness, a positive attitude, and a desire to make a difference. **For more information or to sign up, please reach out to our Volunteer Coordinator, Stacey Hoey by email at shoey@wesbury.com or call 814-332-9280.**

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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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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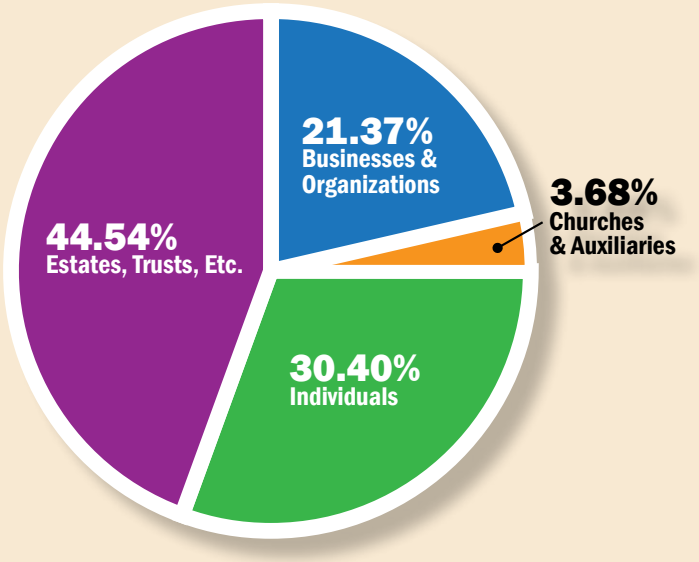
2024 Financials

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.

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Rebound: A Journey From Stroke to Strength

Marlene Jenkins is a fitness and self-care guru with a local presence that stretches far beyond our hometown. While she's known for teaching fitness classes in the area, her reach extends much further. Marlene frequently travels for fitness conferences and sessions, and her YouTube program, Movement with Mar, is a global resource for seniors looking to stay active. The program features easy-to-follow exercises that anyone can do from the comfort of their own home.

One morning, her regular fitness class met, but Marlene didn't show. It was unlike her to miss a class without notifying anyone, so the class members quickly became concerned. They called for a wellness check. When first responders arrived, they found Marlene on the floor—she had suffered a stroke. Thankfully, she was quickly transported to a hospital in Erie, where she received treatment and care. Afterward, she was moved to a rehabilitation center to address mobility issues and the weakness in her right arm.

While Marlene was grateful for the care she received in Erie, she longed to be closer to home. She requested to be transferred to Wesbury's Grace Rehabilitation Center for a short-term stay.

"I was really impressed with the staff at Grace," Marlene says. "The nursing team was professional, friendly, and accommodating—not just to me, but also to my visitors, and especially to the other residents who needed more care than I did."

It wasn't just the nursing staff that made an impact. Marlene is also grateful to the therapists who worked with her every day, helping her regain her independence. "The physical therapy team was amazing. Even when someone had to step away to help another resident, a new team member would jump in without missing a beat."

Less than two months after her stroke, Marlene is back home. Though she continues therapy at home, she's also returned to her fitness routine and is once again enjoying her active lifestyle. She even joined a Wesbury Fundraising trip to Spain along the Duro River, marking a new chapter of travel and socializing.

When asked if she would return to Wesbury for any future rehabilitation needs, Marlene answered with a resounding "Yes!" She adds, "Now that I've been through the process, I know exactly what to expect. The nursing and therapy staff made all the difference in my recovery, and it's comforting to know that Wesbury is here if I ever need them again."

Marlene's journey is a testament to resilience and the power of the right support system. With the care and guidance of exceptional nursing and therapy teams, she made a remarkable recovery and returned to living life on her own terms.

If you're facing an upcoming procedure or need to preplan for a short-term rehabilitation stay, contact Wesbury's Admissions Coordinator Macquel Flowers at 814-332-9233. Our compassionate team is ready to guide you through the process and provide the support you need for a smooth recovery. Reach out now to begin your journey toward healing at Wesbury.

Celebrate the Holidays in Shipshewana: A Christmas Tour Through Amish Country

This December, step into a storybook holiday with Wesbury's four-day Christmas tour to **Shipshewana, Indiana**—a serene and spirit-filled destination **in the heart of Amish Country**. Far from the hustle of the season, Shipshewana offers a refreshing return to tradition, community, and the simple joys that make Christmas truly magical.

The journey includes enriching stops like the historic **Libbey House Mansion** in Toledo, a beautifully preserved 19th-century home of glassmaking pioneer Edward Drummond Libbey, and a dazzling finale at the **Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens**, where over a million twinkling lights wrap the grounds in enchantment.

Guests stay at the welcoming **Blue Gate Garden Inn**, a premier hotel offering warm hospitality and hearty breakfasts. Each evening is filled with festive experiences—from a magical light tour through the Market Grounds, to uplifting live performances at the beloved **Blue Gate Theatre**, including the whimsical ***Christmas Candy Caper*** and the music-filled ***Christmas Jubilee Review***.

A highlight of the trip is a full day **guided tour through the Amish countryside** led by local favorite, Orley Miller. With heartfelt stories and candid insights, Orley opens a window into a world rooted in faith, family, and simplicity. You'll visit Amish-owned businesses, enjoy traditional meals in Amish homes, and hear schoolchildren sing beloved carols in a one-room schoolhouse and receive four hand-selected goodies to take home.

Cultural immersion continues at the **Amish Mennonite Interpretive Cultural Center**, where multimedia exhibits and recreated spaces tell the powerful story of the Amish journey from 16th-century Europe to rural Indiana. The center is not just a museum—it's a tribute to a people who have chosen a path of peace, purpose, and preservation.

From **exploring charming downtown shops to savoring homemade delights** this tour through Shipshewana offers a meaningful way to begin your holidays with an unforgettable blend of history and tradition.

Tour Inclusions

- Deluxe roundtrip motorcoach transportation
- Three nights at Blue Gate Garden Inn
- Daily breakfasts, one boxed lunch, one lunch, three dinners
- Guided Amish countryside tour and cultural experiences
- Admission to Libbey House Mansion, Stan Hywet Hall, and more
- Two live holiday performances
- Light tour, shopping time, and four local treats
- Professional Tour Manager and Wesbury guides throughout

Pricing (Per Person)

Double: $1,298 | Triple: $1,198
Quad: $1,138 | Single: $1,658

Deposit: $250 due at booking
Final Payment Due: October 1, 2025
Ask about cancellation options when booking.

For information or to book your trip, contact Brittany at 814-332-9712 or via email at travel@wesbury.com

A Heartfelt Thank You to Judy

The original Sunset Auxiliary Gift Shoppe at Grace Rehabilitation and Health Center opened decades ago in a small space near the chapel, offering a limited selection of items for sale. In 2008, following the retirement of Lois Rockwell, Judy Stewart took on the full-time volunteer position of shop manager. She quickly transformed the shop. Then, in 2012, during major renovations at Grace, the Gift Shoppe moved to its current prime location at the crossroads of Grace's neighborhoods, more than doubling in size. Judy was thrilled to have the space to turn her vision into reality—a vibrant gift shop filled with a broad variety of merchandise.

The shop flourished under Judy's leadership and the support of her dedicated team of volunteers until the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, which caused the shop to shut its doors. For two years, the beautiful displays gathered dust and inventory sat in storage. When the shop reopened in the spring of 2022, bringing it back to life was no easy task. Old merchandise was cleared out or quickly sold at a Wesbury rummage sale. Everything needed to be cleaned, new merchandise had to be purchased, and some equipment updates were required for a fresh start. The Foundation team, Sunset Auxiliary members and other volunteers worked tirelessly together to reimagine the shop's future and ensure its success moving forward.

At a recent Appreciation Luncheon, the Sunset Auxiliary honored Judy for nearly 20 years of service and all the work she has put into the Gift Shoppe. Even though Judy has taken a step back, she's still a familiar face around the gift shop—helping out behind the register, stocking the storeroom, or chatting with customers on the sales floor—keeping her passion alive.

The Sunset Auxiliary is Seeking Volunteers!

As the Gift Shoppe is entirely run by volunteers, it depends on a dedicated team to keep things running smoothly. Volunteering is not only a great way to give back and meet new people, but also supports a wonderful cause—**all proceeds from the shop benefit the residents of Wesbury.**

If you're interested in donating your time and becoming part of this meaningful effort, please contact Rhonda Thomas for more information at **rthomas@wesbury.com** or by phone at **814-332-9264. Full training is provided—no experience necessary!**

Healing and Hope at Wesbury: A Faith-Based Approach to Senior Care

Founded in 1918 as a ministry of the Methodist Church, Wesbury has a long and proud tradition of caring for seniors through a faith-based lens. For over a century, the spirituality has been nurtured within this community, where residents experience a deep sense of belonging, comfort, and care. This foundation in faith is central to the care provided at Wesbury, making it not just a place to live, but a sanctuary where both physical and spiritual well-being are nurtured.

At Wesbury, the daily life of the Spirit is active and vibrant. Residents come together for weekly chapel services, Bible studies, and to receive the sacraments. Seasonal worship services and choir performances are woven into the rhythms of campus life, making faith an integral part of the experience. Every day begins with a prayer over the intercom, acknowledging God's goodness and grace, offering a peaceful and spiritual start for both residents and staff alike.

While local churches often focus on specific theological beliefs tied to their denominational identity, the chaplain's role in a healthcare setting like Wesbury is distinctly different. Here, residents come from a wide variety of religious backgrounds, belief systems, and life experiences. This diversity can create unique challenges for providing spiritual care.

As Chaplain Sam explains, "When we experience changes in life or face a crisis, it can cause us to ask difficult questions. We may even wrestle with doubt or question our faith. In moments like these, a chaplain's job is not only to provide comfort but also to meet individuals where they are on their spiritual journey, helping them navigate the challenges they face and find peace and meaning."

A chaplain's role in a healthcare setting is one of respect and inclusivity. According to the Association of Professional Chaplains (APC) Common Code of Ethics, professional chaplains are required to demonstrate respect for the cultural and religious values of those they serve, refraining from imposing their own beliefs.

As such, a Board-Certified chaplain undergoes specialized training, including Clinical Pastoral Education, which equips them to offer care in a pluralistic setting and to communicate as a member of the medical team. A professional chaplain is trained to conduct spiritual assessments to understand each resident's spiritual history, hopes, needs, and resources. This personalized approach ensures that care is meaningful and respectful of each person's spiritual life, offering the right kind of support when it's needed most.

Healing at Wesbury goes beyond physical health—it's about emotional, mental, and spiritual well-being. As Chaplain Sam shares, "Healing may or may not be an improvement in one's physical health, but the healing of the soul is the ability to look in all directions of one's life: their relationship with God, their relationship with others, and their relationship with themselves and find peace."

At Wesbury, the commitment to providing holistic care that addresses both the physical and spiritual needs of residents remain steadfast. As part of our mission, Wesbury offers a healing environment where seniors can find peace, purpose, and hope.

Why I'm Proud to Be at Wesbury: Staff Share Their Stories *(continued from page 4)*

Karen Massung, Dietary Staff

"I started at Wesbury after working sixteen years as a cook at another facility. Things weren't moving in the right direction for me there, and I knew I needed a change. When my co-worker left for Wesbury, I reached out to see how things were going, and after hearing her experience, I decided to make the move. At Wesbury, I've found long-term stability and a place where I can truly make a difference. Every day, I strive to make life a little better for the residents I serve. I enjoy working alongside our talented cooks, helping prepare meals that not only nourish but also support healing and strength."

Annette Luce, Dietary Staff

"I spent nearly 20 years working as a cook's helper and second cook at a different care facility, but I started to feel concerned about my future job stability. When my friend and co-worker made the move to become the Dietary Manager at Wesbury's Cribbs Residential Center, I couldn't help but ask how it was going. She encouraged me to apply, and I'm so glad I did. Since joining Wesbury, my future looks different. I love serving the residents—they're kind, with incredible stories to share. I even reconnected with one who is a former neighbor! Making the move to Wesbury was a great decision for me."

Meghan DeRemer, Cribbs Dietary Manager

"Before coming to Wesbury's Cribbs Residential Center, I was the Dietary Manager at a different skilled care facility in the area for 17 years. I was ready for a change, and when my sisters, both LPNs at Wesbury, encouraged me to apply, I decided to give a personal care environment a try. I'm so glad I did. Wesbury has a truly family-friendly environment, and everyone is welcoming and supportive. It's rewarding to lead a talented, loyal, dietary team that provides our residents as well as area seniors within our community, enjoy healthy meals and balanced nutrition. The benefits here are great too, especially the option to participate in a retirement plan, something I didn't have with my previous employer. I'm grateful for the change when I came to Wesbury."

Inspired by our staff's stories? You can start your story at Wesbury today! From career changes to personal growth, our team members come from all walks of life, but they share one thing in common: a passion for making a difference. Whether you're just starting out or ready for a meaningful change, Wesbury offers more than just a job: it's a place to belong, grow, and thrive.

Call us at 814-332-9263 or scan the QR code to take the first step toward a rewarding career at Wesbury.

Your future starts here. Join our team today.

SCAN ME!

Wesbury Is Excited to Announce Laura King as New Vice President of Human Resources

In February, Wesbury proudly welcomed Laura King as our new Vice President of Human Resources. With over a decade of experience in HR and a deep commitment to fostering a positive, inclusive workplace culture, Laura is an outstanding addition to our team.

A Clarion University graduate with a Bachelor's in Elementary Education, Laura began her career in education, dedicating eight years to shaping young minds. Driven by her passion for people, she pivoted into Human Resources, earning a Master's Degree in Human Resource Management from Southern New Hampshire University in 2017. Laura further honed her expertise by achieving her SHRM-CP certification in 2019, solidifying her proficiency in HR management.

Her professional expertise is matched by her commitment to community service. Laura currently serves as the Secretary of the YMCA Board of Directors and volunteers as an Usher at New Beginnings Church of God, demonstrating her dedication to making a meaningful impact beyond the workplace.

At Wesbury, we are thrilled to have someone with Laura's wealth of knowledge and experience join our leadership team. Her passion for people and her strategic vision for HR will undoubtedly enrich our organization and provide invaluable support to our staff as we continue to grow and thrive.

Empowering Resident Independence

We all want to stay active, independent, and in control of our health for as long as possible. That's why Cribbs Residential Center, in partnership with the VNA Alliance, is proud to introduce Wellness Warriors, a six-month mobility initiative designed to help us stay strong, capable, and confident. This exciting new program started in April and focuses on supporting and enhancing the well-being of every resident at Cribbs. Each resident is a member of one of four teams and can earn points for their teams through a variety of things that they do in a day. All summer long our Wellness Warriors will be racking up points that will be on display on our leaderboard—which team will come out on top? Find out in the Fall edition of the Wesbury Window!

Board Member Spotlight: Susan Thomas

At Wesbury, we are deeply grateful for the individuals who volunteer to dedicate their time, energy, and expertise serving on our Board of Directors. Their leadership, vision, and unwavering commitment to our mission are crucial in helping us continue to provide exceptional care and support to our community.

In 2023, we had the honor of welcoming Sue Thomas to Wesbury's Board of Directors. Currently midway through her first three-year term, Sue is already making a significant impact. Board members are eligible to serve for a total of three consecutive terms, amounting to nine years of service to our community, and Sue is well on her way to contributing to the future success of Wesbury.

Sue is retired from a career working in the adult and youth justice system. She worked at Perseus House in Erie, which works with seriously troubled adolescents assisting them in avoiding future contact with the juvenile justice and child welfare systems and helping them work toward successful adulthood. Originally from the Oil City area, Sue is a graduate of Edinboro University of Pennsylvania where she earned her degree in Psychology and Criminal Justice. Growing up around care environments has also provided Sue with a strong understanding of the operational dynamics of senior care communities. During her summer breaks in school, Sue worked as an aide at Grandview in Oil City and her mother was a Licensed Practical Nurse and an Activities Director. Sue is proud to work on the Wesbury board and says, "Overcoming the challenges for Wesbury's success is important. All the services we provide are much-needed assets to the senior population of Crawford County."

We want to extend a heartfelt thank you to Sue, as well as to all our board members. Your invaluable guidance, oversight, and expertise ensure that Wesbury remains the premier senior living and healthcare community in Northwest Pennsylvania. We are incredibly fortunate to have such dedicated individuals helping us fulfill our mission of service to seniors.

Wesbury Board of Directors:
front row left to right: Robert S. Waid (Vice Chairperson), Brian S. Nageotte (President/CEO), Debra A. Spence (Chairperson), Lance A. Johnson (Chairperson/Annesley Board), and Mark Weindorf (Assistant Secretary/Treasurer)
back row left to right: Ron Reyer (Resident Representative), Lyle Mook, Susan Thomas, James Becker, John Swick, and Christopher Zerbe (Secretary/Treasurer)

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Annual Charity Golf Scramble

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Thank you FOR YOUR SUPPORT

The sponsors listed below partnered with Wesbury for all 2024 fundraising events. We would like to take this opportunity to thank them all for their very generous support of Wesbury!

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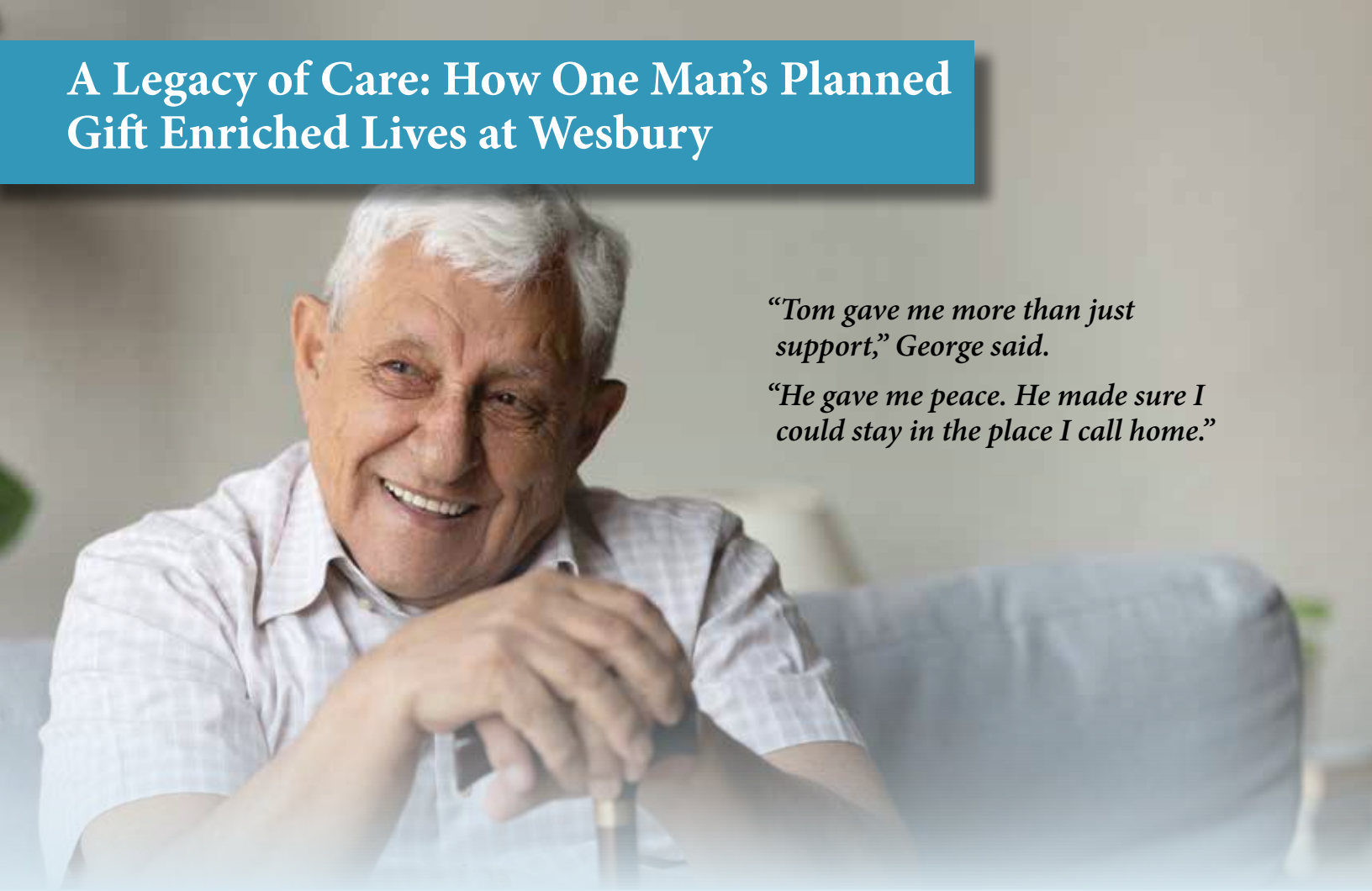
A Legacy of Care: How One Man's Planned Gift Enriched Lives at Wesbury



"Tom gave me more than just support," George said.

"He gave me peace. He made sure I could stay in the place I call home."

When Thomas Reynolds moved into Wesbury at age 78, he wasn't just looking for a place to live—he was searching for connection, purpose, and peace of mind. A retired engineer and widower, Tom quickly became a beloved presence in the community, known for volunteering around campus, creating things in the woodshop, and lending a listening ear.

But beyond his easygoing demeanor was a deep appreciation for the care and compassion Wesbury provided—not just to him, but to many residents who didn't have the same financial resources or family support.

"I've had a good life," Tom would often say. "I want others to have a good ending to theirs."

As he worked with his attorney to update his estate plans, Tom made a quiet but powerful decision: he included Wesbury in his will through a planned gift. His intention was to support the Benevolent Care Fund—a vital resource that ensures residents who outlive their financial resources can continue to receive the care and dignity they deserve.

When Tom passed away three years later, his gift came as a surprise to many—but its impact was immediate.

One of the first people helped by the Benevolent Care Fund was George, a 91-year-old veteran who had called Wesbury home for nearly a decade. As his savings dwindled, George worried he might lose the place he had grown to love. Thanks to Tom's generosity, he didn't have to.

Today, Tom's legacy lives on in the quiet moments—meals shared in the dining room, stories exchanged in the garden, and the simple security of knowing that care will always be there, regardless of financial circumstances. His planned gift to the Benevolent Care Fund didn't just help George—it continues to help many others, year after year.

As one staff member put it, "Tom's generosity reflects the very spirit of Wesbury. He didn't just give back—he gave forward. And his kindness continues to bless this community every day."

You can be the reason someone like George finds peace, comfort, and a true sense of home—just like Tom did. If you are inspired by Tom's story, consider creating your own lasting legacy of care. **To learn more about how you can support the Benevolent Care Fund through a planned gift, contact Rhonda Thomas at 814-332-9264 or by email at rthomas@wesbury.com.**

Wesbury Brings Trusted Care to Your Home

If you live in or around Cambridge Springs, Cochranton, Conneaut Lake, Espyville, Guys Mills, Linesville, Meadville, Saegertown, or Titusville, Wesbury at Home has caregivers available in your area. When you wish to stay in your home but need support to make that possible, let Wesbury come to you. If you are a primary caregiver experiencing fatigue or caregiver burnout, consider scheduling in-home care services to give yourself a break. The hours are flexible, and scheduling is personalized to meet the needs of each participant. Even overnight stays can be arranged!

Caregiver duties may include:

- Assist with Activities of Daily Living (ADL) such as bathing, grooming, dressing and assist with medication reminders.
- Assist with managing incontinence.
- Monitor special diets and assist with meal preparation.
- Assist in following a home exercise program.
- Provide companionship by reading, playing games, or doing crafts/projects and activities.
- Assist with grocery lists, shopping and food preparation.
- Assist with laundry and linen changes.
- Provide light housekeeping services.
- Provide respite to family and/or caregivers.
- Caring for pets: feeding, exercising, cleaning litter boxes and bird cages.

Caregiver Rates are as follows (there is a 2-hour minimum):

- $27.00/hr. - 7 days/week - 0-15 miles for the caregiver to travel.
- $30.00/hr. - 7 days/week - 16+ miles for the caregiver to travel.
- Holidays are 1 1/2 times the regular hourly rate.

Wesbury at Home is honored to have been consecutively named Best Home Health Care by The Meadville Tribune's Reader's Choice from 2019 to 2024. Don't choose just anyone to come into your home, choose Wesbury at Home, backed by over 104 years of quality and experience.

Call 814-332-9186 to get your plan in motion and schedule your caregiver!

We Don't Hibernate in the Winter

Whether it was a cozy celebration on campus or a festive outing, Winter 2024-25 kept spirits warm despite the chill. From Mardi Gras merriment, St. Patrick's Day cheer and springing to the Easter holiday, residents and staff embraced the season with warmth, laughter, and plenty of good times!

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

Please send me information about:

- ❑ Independent Living
- ❑ Enhanced Living & Personal Care
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- ❑ Vernon Square Apartments
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Wesbury - 31 Park Ave., Meadville, PA 16335 - Attn: Marketing Dept.

Ready, Set, Give! Support Crawford Gives This August

Looking for a meaningful way to give back to our community? Crawford Gives is your chance to do just that. Now in its eighth year, this 94-hour online giving event empowers Crawford County nonprofits to share their missions, reach new supporters, and inspire generosity for the causes that matter most.

From Tuesday, August 12th through Friday, August 15th, we invite you to be part of something impactful. When you support Wesbury during Crawford Gives, you're helping us uphold a promise we've kept for over 100 years — never asking a resident to leave due to financial hardship.

Your donation directly benefits the Benevolent Care Fund, which provides essential support to residents who have outlived their resources and rely on charitable care.

To learn more about all the organizations participating in Crawford Gives 2025, visit *www.crawfordgives.org*.

Wesbury United Methodist Community
31 Park Ave. · Meadville, PA 16335
814-332-9000 Toll Free 1-877-937-2879
www.wesbury.com

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 814-332-9009.

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, call 814-332-9280.

AARP Smart Driver Courses
Sept. 15 & 16, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. both days
September 17, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
All classes are at Wesbury's Campus Community Center. Reservations are required, call 814-332-9794

Resident & Family Picnic
Sunday, July 20th *(By invitation only)*

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.

Crawford Gives
August 12-15, 2025. Support Wesbury and other local non-profit organizations in Crawford County.

Crawford County Fair
Come out and see us at the Fair! August 16-23, 2025 in Home Show Building #1.

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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