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"I Never Thought I'd Make It Home… But I Did—Thanks to Wesbury."

When the 2024 holiday season arrived, Dr. Richard Schroekenstein never imagined the journey ahead.

What started as a minor discomfort in his foot quickly became something far more serious. After initial concerns of cellulitis, Richard was later diagnosed with Charcot foot, a condition that weakens the bones due to nerve damage. Despite the diagnosis, he tried to carry on with his usual winter plans. But as the pain worsened and a skin ulcer over the ankle developed, those plans, and his independence, began to slip away.

When he returned to Pennsylvania from his other residence in Palm Springs, California, Richard's condition declined rapidly. Simple daily routines became overwhelming, and he knew he couldn't safely live alone. With guidance from his physician, Dr. David Williams, Wesbury's Medical Director, Richard made the decision to come to Cribbs Residential Center for support.

That decision may have saved his life.

Within days, Wesbury's nursing team recognized the severity of his condition. With a worsening ulcer and fever, Richard was sent to the hospital where he became septic. After treatment in Erie, he returned to Wesbury's Grace Rehabilitation and Health Center, where a difficult reality set in: amputation was necessary.

"As a doctor, I understood the decision," Richard shared. "But emotionally, I needed time."

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Thank You for Your Support!

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Wesbury President/CEO

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Wesbury Foundation V.P. of Stewardship & Development

Dear Friends,

Each year offers a moment to pause and recognize the people who make our work possible. This past year, your generosity and steadfast support have once again made a meaningful difference. We are truly grateful to have such caring and committed individuals standing alongside us.

We offer our heartfelt thanks to everyone who has contributed their time, talents, and resources to Wesbury and The Wesbury Foundation. Your support sustains our Benevolent Care Fund, an essential lifeline that provides financial assistance to residents who have exhausted their personal resources. Because of you, those who call Wesbury "home" continue to experience the care, respect, and dignity they deserve. This commitment lies at the heart of everything we do.

As you review the 2025 Contributors Report, we hope you take pride in the impact we have made together. It is both inspiring and humbling to witness how many share in our mission of compassion and service.

On behalf of our residents, their families, the Board of Directors, and our dedicated staff, we extend our deepest thanks. Your generosity leaves a lasting mark on the lives of those we are privileged to serve.

With much gratitude,

Brian S Nageotte

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With the support of close friends and his care team, Richard made the courageous choice to move forward.

On August 1, 2025, he underwent surgery.

What followed was an uphill climb but he didn't climb it alone.

After beginning rehabilitation in Erie, Richard chose to return to Wesbury, where the Symbria Rehab Team worked closely with him and Tammy McElhinny, his prosthetist and owner of Meadville's Me Again Boutique, to help him regain mobility and confidence with his new prosthetic limb. Step by step, he progressed—eventually returning to his apartment at Cribbs and continuing therapy with one goal in mind: getting home.

And he did….

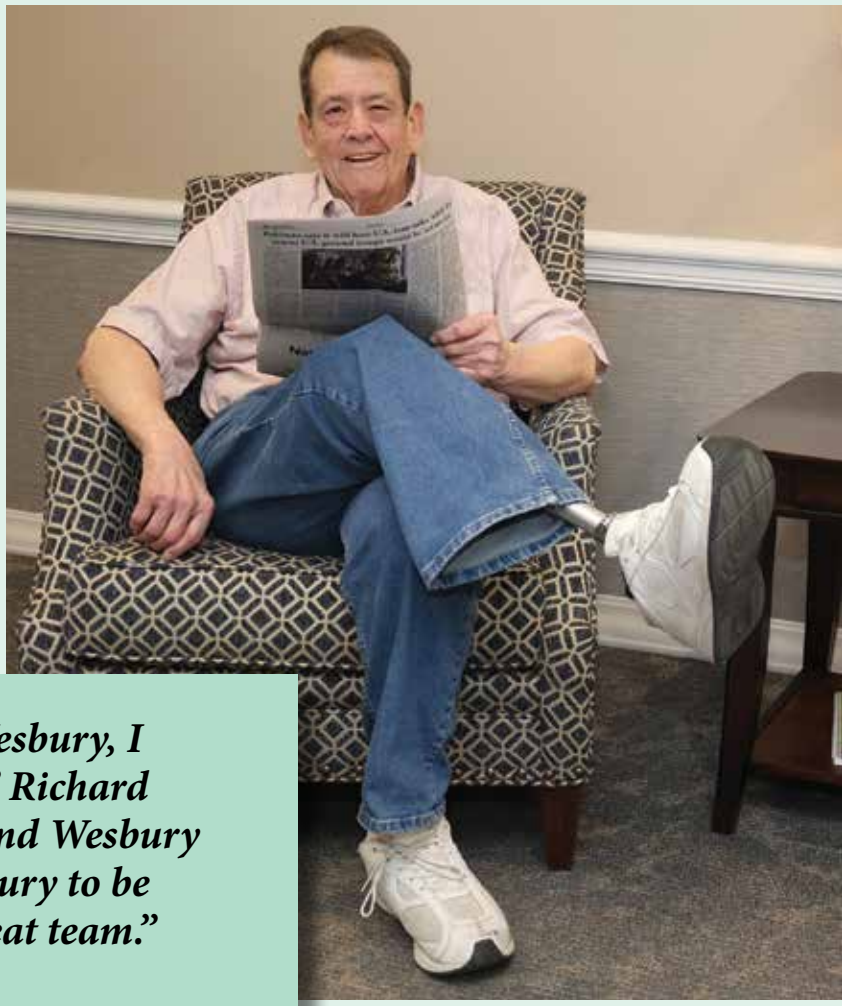
According Symbria Rehab physical therapist, Angie Eckberg, "Richard is a real success story, we are so happy for him."

Stories like Richard's are a testament to resilience, trust, and the power of compassionate care.

At Wesbury, moments like these happen because of a dedicated team, innovative rehabilitation, and a community that surrounds each resident with support when they need it most. If you or a loved one are facing a health challenge, or if you simply want to learn more about the care and services available, we invite you to connect with us. Discover how Wesbury can be there for you every step of the way. To find out more visit *www.wesbury.com* or phone 814-332-9000.

Top photo: Richard with Symbria Rehab staff during one of his therapy sessions at Grace Rehabilitation and Health Center.

Bottom photo: Richard enjoying the newspaper in the lobby of Cribbs Residential Center.



"If I'm being honest, when I went to Wesbury, I didn't know if I would make it home," Richard said. "It was a challenging journey, and Wesbury was there for me when I needed Wesbury to be there. They are great people and a great team."

Wesbury Welcomes Forefront Culinary and Nutrition Services

Wesbury is excited to announce a new partnership with Forefront Culinary and Nutrition Services as our Dietary Management Provider across the entire Wesbury community.

Forefront is a nationally recognized culinary and support services company dedicated to serving the unique needs of healthcare and senior living communities. Their approach blends culinary excellence with clinical expertise, bringing together restaurant-quality dining, innovative retail food service, and registered dietitians who are fully integrated into each resident's interdisciplinary care team.

With an impressive track record, Forefront's senior leadership team brings a combined 316 years of experience in support services. They have supported more than 675 hospitals and senior living communities across all 50 states and have managed over 20,000 associates nationwide. That depth of experience translates into a thoughtful, resident-centered dining program tailored to enhance daily life at Wesbury. At the heart of Forefront's philosophy is a "Food First" approach recognizing that nutrition plays a vital role in overall health, well-being, and quality of life. By focusing on personalized nutrition and high-quality ingredients, Forefront aims to create dining experiences that are not only nourishing, but truly enjoyable.

"This partnership represents an exciting step forward for dining across the Wesbury campus. Residents, families, staff, and visitors can look forward to expanded menu options, elevated presentation, and greater flexibility in how and where meals are enjoyed." *-Brian Nageotte, Wesbury President/CEO*

Together, Wesbury and Forefront are committed to creating a dining experience that supports health, fosters community, and brings a sense of enjoyment to every meal.

Why Choose a Nursing Career in Long-Term Care: A Wesbury Perspective

For more than a century, Wesbury has been a place where compassion, dignity, and purpose come together for both our residents and our team. Our nursing staff play a vital role in that mission every day.

In long-term care, nursing is about more than clinical care. It's about relationships. Nurses and caregivers become trusted, familiar faces in residents' lives, learning their routines, listening to their stories, and noticing the small changes that matter most.

These everyday moments are what make the work so meaningful. They're also what make long-term care such a rewarding place to build a nursing career.

If you're considering a future in healthcare or wondering what makes nursing at Wesbury special—hear directly from some of our nursing team.

Jackie DeRemer, LPN

I love my job. I knew from a young age that I wanted to be a nurse and at 22, I decided to take that step and enroll in a Licensed Practical Nursing program. I've been part of the Wesbury family since 2022. At one point, I left because I thought the grass might be greener somewhere else. But after just four months, I realized how wrong I was. When I came back, Wesbury welcomed me with open arms and gave me the comfort and stability I needed during a really tough time in my life.

Coming back to Wesbury felt like coming home. It's one of my safe places.

What truly makes Wesbury special is the support… support from leadership, from my coworkers, and from the residents and their families. The connections I've built here mean everything to me. I feel incredibly blessed to be part of these relationships.

We work as a team here. No matter which neighborhood I'm on, I know I'm never alone. There's always someone ready to help, to listen, or to step in and we even manage to have fun along the way. Those moments turn into memories I'll always carry with me.

Of course, there are hard days. But it's the good days that make it all worth it. They make me a better person, a better nurse, and they add so much value to my life and my relationships. People say the grass is greener on the other side but I've learned the grass grows where you stay and water it.

Jeanette Osborne, CNA

I became a CNA more than 25 years ago. After losing my husband, I was raising three young children on my own. A few years later, my mom was diagnosed with Alzheimer's, and I found myself caring for her, too. That's when I realized something—I had patience, compassion, and a heart for caring for others.

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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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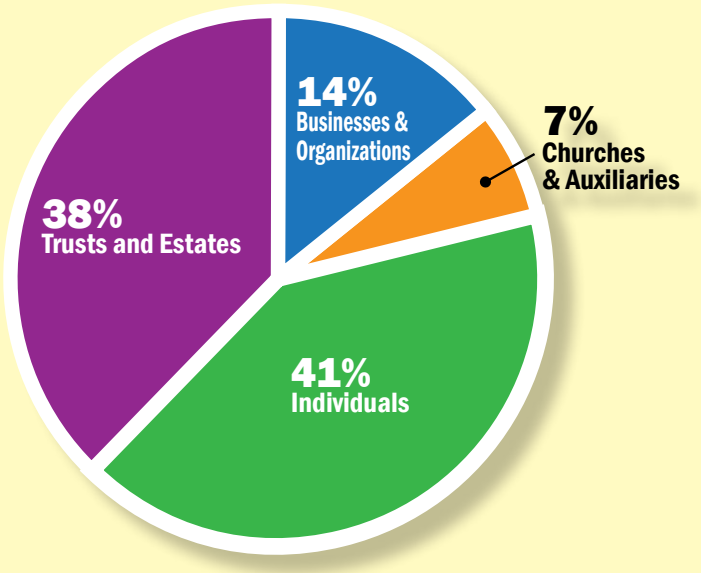

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The Wesbury Foundation promises to use your gift carefully and wisely, never to ask for money that is not needed, and to abide by all generally accepted accounting practices.

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.

A Heart for Wesbury

For more than 40 years, Bessie Kohler built a career in banking, beginning as a bookkeeper at Crawford County Trust and continuing through its many transitions over the years ultimately retiring from Citizens Bank. But retirement didn't slow Bessie down. Instead, it opened the door to something new: giving back.

Bessie's connection to Wesbury began through a conversation with Lois Rockwell, manager of the Sunset Auxiliary Gift Shop, who mentioned a need for weekend volunteers. Bessie offered to step in and work on Sunday afternoons. That was 20 years ago, and she continues to generously share her time and energy with the Wesbury community.

Over the years, Bessie became a familiar and friendly face in the Gift Shop, while also building strong connections with fellow members of the Sunset Auxiliary. Fifteen years ago, she took on a leadership role as Assistant Treasurer, faithfully supporting the Auxiliary's mission and participating in countless events and endeavors that support the Wesbury community.

While Bessie has recently stepped back from her active role on the Auxiliary Board and was honored with emeritus status, her commitment to volunteering remains strong. She continues to lend a helping hand whenever needed in the Gift Shop and can be found every Tuesday afternoon volunteering at the Clubhouse at Thoburn Village.

"I really love seeing all the people," Bessie shares. "Whether at the Gift Shop or just around Wesbury, it's nice to visit with residents, their families, and staff. I like being involved and staying connected."

Bessie plans to continue volunteering for as long as she is able, noting, "Wesbury is a great place, and the volunteers work together as a team. There are so many ways to get involved in areas that match your interests."

Bessie, thank you for your dedication, your kindness, and the countless ways you've made a difference over the past 20 years. You are a great example of what it means to serve others.

Top photo: Bessie (seated lower left) volunteering at the Sunset Auxiliary rummage and used book sale.

Bottom photo: Bessie (front row left) during her time on the Sunset Auxiliary Board.

If Bessie's story inspires you, consider joining our volunteer team. Whether you have a few hours a week or just want to lend a hand occasionally, there's a place for you at Wesbury. For more information, contact Stacey Hoey, Wesbury Volunteer Services Coordinator, at 814-332-9280.

In Memoriam: Donald and Virginia "Ginny" Burchfield

Wesbury respectfully honors the lives and enduring legacy of Donald Burchfield and Virginia "Ginny" Burchfield, whose unwavering support and dedication have left a profound and lasting impact on our community. Ginny passed away in August 2025, and Don in March 2026. Together, they exemplified a lifetime of service, generosity, and commitment to the mission of Wesbury.

Don provided distinguished leadership through his many years of service to the organization, including his tenure as Chairman of the Board of Directors. His insight, foresight, and steadfast guidance were instrumental in advancing numerous significant initiatives across the Wesbury campus. Among these were the renovations to Cribbs Residential Center, the development of the Memory Support Center, the construction of Barco Chapel and the Wesbury Medical Arts Building, the comprehensive renovation of Grace Health Center, and the acquisition and enhancement of Vernon Square. His contributions have helped shape Wesbury in ways that will benefit residents and families for generations.

Ginny's service reflected a deep personal commitment to philanthropy and community. She generously gave her time and talent through volunteer efforts supporting numerous Foundation events and initiatives. Notably, she served as Chair of the Annual Fund Campaign, which exceeded expectations by raising nearly $212,000 in support of the Benevolent Care Fund—ensuring that residents who have outlived their financial resources continue to receive compassionate, high-quality care.

Together, Don and Ginny demonstrated extraordinary generosity through decades of philanthropic support. Their commitment is reflected in their longstanding involvement with The Wesbury Foundation, with giving records dating back to 1992. They were honored as members of the Hyatt M. Cribbs Society, the Hiram Fuller Society, and as Lifetime Giving Society members.

Their connection to Wesbury spans generations. From early family involvement in the development of independent living on campus to Don's role in establishing the Wesbury Nature Trail, their participation in "Travel with Wesbury" and volunteering to work Wesbury events.

Wesbury extends its deepest gratitude for their remarkable legacy. Their vision, leadership, and compassion will continue to inspire and sustain the mission of Wesbury for years to come.

A Simple Way to Make a Lasting Difference

If Wesbury has meant something to you, you're not alone. So many of our supporters feel a deep connection to this community and the care it provides. One of the most meaningful ways to continue that support is by including Wesbury in your will or trust.

It's a simple step—but one that creates a lasting impact.

Many people are surprised to learn just how easy it is to make a planned gift. In some cases, it's as straightforward as adding a sentence to your will. And because these gifts are made in the future, you can update your plans at any time.

A legacy gift doesn't have to be large to make a difference. In fact, gifts of all sizes help ensure that Wesbury can continue to serve residents with compassion and excellence for generations to come. There are a few different ways you can choose to give. Some people leave a specific dollar amount or asset. Others choose to give a percentage of their estate, or name Wesbury as a beneficiary under certain circumstances. Just as important, you can decide how your gift is used. Whether that's supporting the areas of greatest need, contributing to the Endowment Fund, or honoring a loved one in a meaningful way, it's up to you.

Every legacy gift represents a story: of generosity, of care, and of a belief in Wesbury's mission.

If you've ever thought about leaving a gift like this, we'd be happy to talk with you. We can also provide helpful information for you and your attorney as you consider your plans.

To learn more, please contact Rhonda K. Thomas VP, Stewardship and Development at 814-332-9264 or via email at rthomas@wesbury.com.

Three Days to Make an Impact

Supporting our area non-profits, like Wesbury, has never been easier. Crawford Gives 2026 returns Wednesday, August 19th through midnight Friday, August 21st, bringing our community together to support the organizations that help make Crawford County stronger.

When you support Wesbury during this three-day online giving event, your gift helps provide care for residents through our Benevolent Care Fund. This fund assists individuals who have outlived their financial resources, allowing us to continue a promise we have honored for more than 100 years. No residents are asked to leave because of financial hardship.

Even better, eligible donations receive a portion of a prorated match pool, helping your generosity go further.

Please mark your calendar and consider supporting Wesbury during Crawford Gives 2026.

To learn more or make a gift during the event, visit *www.crawfordgives.org.*

Travel with Wesbury: Celebrate America's 250th Anniversary with "Christmas in Boston" December 6-10, 2026

As America approaches its 250th anniversary, there's no better place to celebrate than Boston where the story of our nation began. Wesbury's "Christmas in Boston" holiday getaway invites you to experience the spirit of the season alongside the history that shaped a country.

Step into the past as you stroll along the iconic Freedom Trail. Your guide will share spirited tales of Boston's colonial past and the bold citizens who helped shape a nation—bringing to life the story behind America's 250th anniversary. Visit the historic Paul Revere House, the city's oldest residence, where you'll learn how Paul Revere lived, worked, and prepared for his legendary midnight ride.

Along the way, enjoy festive stocking stuffer surprises at select stops. Visit the beautifully decorated Trinity Church, a cherished National Historic Landmark, then take time to explore and shop at Faneuil Hall and Quincy Market, alive with holiday spirit.

A powerful highlight of this anniversary celebration comes with a visit to the Boston Tea Party Ships & Museum. Here, you'll experience history as you join Samuel Adams in a lively reenactment of the historic town meeting. Step aboard full-scale replica ships and take part in one of the most iconic acts of defiance in American history—tossing tea into the harbor. View one of the rare surviving tea chests and immerse yourself in the origins of the American Revolution through the acclaimed film *"Let It Begin Here."*

The celebration continues with an unforgettable evening at Symphony Hall featuring the world-famous Boston Pops. Delight in holiday classics, a festive sing-along, and a visit from Santa. You'll also visit the stunning Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, adorned for the holidays, and enjoy a cheerful meal at Cheers, where "everybody knows your name".

As you journey home, history continues to unfold with a stop at the Mansion on James in Syracuse, offering a deeper understanding of America's past through its connection to the Underground Railroad—another powerful chapter in the nation's story.

Throughout the trip, enjoy comfortable accommodations, festive meals, and the camaraderie of traveling together while supporting Wesbury's mission.

To learn more or reserve your spot, call 814-332-9014 or email travel@wesbury.com.

The Impact and Ease of a Recurring Gift!

In today's busy world, it's hard to keep up with all of Life's "to do's". Do you wish to be more philanthropic but find you simply don't have time to sit down and write checks? We now offer an easy solution! At Wesbury, every act of generosity makes a difference but there's one way to give that creates lasting impact all year long - recurring giving.

By setting up a recurring gift, you provide reliable, ongoing support that helps sustain compassionate care, meaningful programs, and a vibrant community our residents depend on each day. Whether given monthly, quarterly, or annually, these gifts offer consistency that allows us to plan and respond to needs with confidence and care.

The best part is, recurring giving is simple and flexible. Once your gift is set up, it becomes a natural part of your routine without the effort! It's a way to make a difference without needing to revisit the decision each time. Many donors find that even a modest monthly contribution grows into a significant annual impact, providing critical support to those we serve.

Getting started is easy. Either complete the enclosed remittance envelope, select recurring gift and drop it in the mail or simply visit *www.wesbury.com*, click "Donate" in the top right-hand corner, and select the monthly recurring gift option. Either way, you remain in control and can adjust, pause, or update your gift at any time by a simple online update or a phone call.

When you choose to give in this way, you're doing more than making a donation, you're providing steady, dependable support that ensures Wesbury can continue enriching lives in a compassionate, faith-based community.

Because lasting care begins with lasting generosity.

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CARS for a Cause! Donate Your Vehicle!

That old car sitting in your driveway could do more than take up space—it could help provide care, comfort, and peace of mind for someone in need. Through a simple act of giving, your unused vehicle can become a powerful way to support the residents of Wesbury.

Wesbury is proud to participate in the CARS (Charitable Adult Rides & Services) Vehicle Donation Program, an easy and meaningful way for supporters to make a difference. Through this program, individuals can donate cars, trucks, motorcycles, and other vehicles, often with free towing and minimal paperwork required.

Once donated, vehicles are sold through CARS, and the proceeds directly support Wesbury's Benevolent Care Fund. This fund ensures that residents who have outlived their financial resources can continue to receive the compassionate, high-quality care they deserve, without interruption.

By choosing to donate a vehicle, supporters are not only simplifying the process of parting with an unused asset, but they are also helping enrich the lives of Wesbury residents. Every donation plays a vital role in sustaining a community rooted in dignity, compassion, and faith, ensuring that care is always available to those who need it most.

To learn more or begin the donation process, please contact the The Wesbury Foundation at 814-332-9264 or rthomas@wesbury.com.

The Evolution of Independence

Richard (Dick) and Nancy Floch built a life they loved on 180 acres near Hartstown, PA. A place filled with hunting, hard work, and independence. While Nancy spent her 34-year career as a Registered Nurse at Greenville Hospital, her heart was always on the farm.

"I'm a country girl," Nancy says. "I loved being outdoors, riding my four-wheeler, and being independent."

That independence began to change as Dick's Parkinson's disease and dementia progressed. After a few close calls, including a fall and a potentially frightening lawn mower accident, Nancy knew it was time to prioritize safety, especially with another Northwest Pennsylvania winter approaching.

Drawing on her experience as a nurse, Nancy was familiar with local care communities and had a strong sense of what quality care looked like. So, when she toured Wesbury's Thoburn Village, she came prepared.

There was a Garden Apartment available for them to move into immediately, with hopes of an internal move to a villa.

"I was so happy there was something available," she says. "We had to downsize from a nine-bedroom house, but we made it work and filled it with things that reminded us of home."

As Dick's needs increased, so did the level of support he required day to day. "I always thought I was strong," she says, "but caring for Dick 24/7 was more than I could manage. Thank goodness Wesbury was here for me." With the help of Wesbury at Home, Nancy was able to continue caring for him until he moved to Grace Rehabilitation and Health Center, where he passed away after a few months.

In the midst of loss, Nancy made two decisions that helped her move forward, she relocated from her apartment to a villa in Thoburn Village and adopted a cat, Mia, from the Erie Humane Society for companionship.

For a time, life felt settled again. But after a successful knee surgery that turned into other unexpected medical complications, Nancy faced another setback that required a stay at Grace for Physical Therapy.

"I really thought about giving up," she admits. "But I didn't and I have Bill from Physical Therapy at Grace to thank. He encouraged me, pushed me, and helped me get my strength back."

That strength carried her to her next move to Cribbs Residential Center.

Though she's experienced nearly every level of care Wesbury offers, Nancy sees it not as a series of moves but as a system of support that met her exactly where she was, each step of the way. Her biggest concern about the transition? Whether Mia could come too.

"She could and that meant everything to me."

Today, Nancy is settling into life at Cribbs with optimism. After everything she's been through, she's ready to live stress free while staying connected to the life she loves.

In many ways, she says, this move has given her independence back. She still drives, plans visits with friends in Hartstown, and is getting to know her neighbors.

"It feels like the right place for me," she says.

Nancy's journey is a powerful reminder that independence doesn't have to be lost, it can evolve with the right support, guidance, and community by your side. If you or someone you love is facing similar decisions, take the first step toward peace of mind and a plan that meets you where you are. Call Melissa at 814-332-9009 or visit www.wesbury.com to learn how your story can continue, just like Nancy's, with strength, comfort, and renewed independence.

Wesbury Volunteers Knock It Out of the Park!

April is National Volunteer Month, and we stepped up to the plate to celebrate our amazing volunteers with a baseball-themed luncheon! With a lineup full of dedication, heart, and team spirit, we honored the all-stars who give so generously of their time logging thousands of hours and, for many, returning year after year. Their commitment is nothing short of a grand slam for our residents and staff alike.

From rookies to seasoned veterans, each volunteer plays a vital role on our team, proving that when we all pitch in, amazing things happen. Thank you for always being ready to swing into action, cover all the bases, and make a lasting impact.

We couldn't do it without our volunteers; they are truly the MVPs of our community!

Want to be an all-star player? Swing for the fences and be part of Wesbury's volunteers! Call Stacey Hoey, Volunteer Coordinator, at 814-332-9280.

A Ministry of Presence: Pastoral Care Volunteers Making a Difference

Through compassion, listening, and a shared sense of humanity, Wesbury's Pastoral Care Volunteers provide reassurance and companionship when they're needed most. Through a growing spiritual care visitation program, these dedicated volunteers offer residents a quiet yet meaningful source of support, encouragement, and human connection. After completing specialized training for service in a clinical setting, they are equipped to support individuals of all faiths and backgrounds with sensitivity and respect.

Their training emphasized the importance of understanding their own beliefs while holding space for others, including those with differing spiritual perspectives. It also prepared them to provide thoughtful care to residents living with dementia and those experiencing grief and loss.

Today, these volunteers visit more than 40 residents each month, offering spiritual support through active listening, sacraments, vigil watches, and meaningful resources—ensuring each individual feels seen, heard, and supported.

If you have any interest in learning more about this program or volunteering, you can reach Chaplain Sam Marchetta at 814-332-9246.

Thank You Sponsors

Annual Charity Golf Scramble

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Summer Concert Series

THANK YOU FOR YOUR Support

The sponsors listed below partnered with Wesbury for all 2025 fundraising events. We would like to take this opportunity to thank them all for their very generous support of Wesbury!

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Wesbury At Home Gift Certificates Are Now Available!

Do you struggle with gift ideas for your loved ones? Consider the gift of comfort, independence, and peace of mind with Wesbury at Home Gift Certificates. Perfect for a loved one or friend who could use a little extra support at home, these certificates are available in any dollar amount and can be used toward a wide range of in-home services. Do you know someone that would love a meal delivered, is nervous about their safety when they are alone, or simply struggles to keep up around the house? These certificates can be applied toward a wide range of services, including meal delivery, our 24-hour emergency alert program, and in-home caregiving support for daily tasks such as bathing, dressing, light housekeeping, and medication reminders.

Whether someone is experiencing caregiver burnout, recovering from an illness, or simply needs a helping hand to remain safely at home, Wesbury at Home provides compassionate, trusted care right where it matters most. It's more than a gift; it's reassurance, dignity, and support delivered straight to their door.

To purchase Wesbury at Home Gift Certificates for someone in your life, phone 814-332-9186.

NexTrex Challenge a Wesbury Community Success!

Thanks to the dedication and leadership of Thoburn Village resident Robin Smith, and the support of Wesbury residents and staff, Wesbury surpassed its NexTrex Recycling Challenge goal, collecting and recycling more than 1,300 pounds of plastic bags.

Robin played a key role in organizing, collecting, and weighing the materials throughout the initiative. She extends her sincere thanks to the Grounds, Purchasing, and Dietary Departments for their support in helping make this effort a success.

As a result of the community's hard work, Wesbury has received a Trex bench made from recycled materials. The bench is now installed outside the Medical Arts Building along Wesley Way, where residents, staff, and visitors can enjoy it for years to come.

"This truly shows what we can accomplish when everyone works together," Robin shared enthusiastically. "I'm so grateful for the support from across campus, it made all the difference."

Robin (seated) is joined by members of the Wesbury grounds, dietary, and purchasing teams that helped make this NexTrex Challenge a success.

Robin is continuing the collection effort, as NexTrex offers ongoing monthly drawings for additional benches to communities that keep recycling plastic bags.

Why Choose a Nursing Career in Long-Term Care: A Wesbury Perspective *(continued from page 5)*

When I saw the Certified Nurse's Aide class offered at Wesbury, I took a leap of faith to become a Certified Nurse Aide. 25 years later, I am still at Wesbury and I love my job. I love the conversations, the smiles, the laughter, the hugs…all of it.

Every Wesbury resident is someone's mom, dad, grandparent, or loved one and I treat them the way I'd want my own family treated. I love making sure residents know they are cared for and valued. And yes, I love the teamwork and support from my coworkers. This job isn't always easy but the good moments far outweigh the hard ones. And I can honestly say… I made the right decision to become a CNA at Wesbury.

Angie Wheeler, CNA

My very first job was working at a local nursing home, helping during evening meals. After high school, I thought my path was education, so I became an elementary school aide. I did that for a few years but deep down, it never felt quite right for me. Taking care of others was always in the back of my mind.

When I saw that Wesbury was accepting applicants for their Certified Nurse Aide program, I took a chance and applied. That was 17 years ago and it turned out to be one of the best decisions I've ever made. What I love most about being a CNA at Wesbury are the relationships. The connections with residents, hearing their life stories, and being able to support them with dignity and compassion—it's incredibly meaningful work.

I love my coworkers. This work isn't easy, but we lift each other up, learn from one another, and truly work as a team. Wesbury supports your growth, encourages you to keep learning, and gives you opportunities to build a career.

At Wesbury, every shift is an opportunity to make a difference, build lasting connections, and grow both professionally and personally. Here, it's more than a job. It's a calling, its community, and a place where what you do truly matters.

Looking For Employment? - We Need You!

If you or someone you know has recently graduated and entered the workforce or are just looking for a change in your career, we invite you to learn more and apply today. In just 18 days, you'll gain hands-on experience, build real connections, and get paid while you learn.

We are currently accepting applications for upcoming classes and happy to talk with certified caregivers from all areas of nursing care, text 814-420-4022, call 814-332-9263 or visit www.wesbury.com to apply.

Staying Active, No Matter the Season

Whether it was a cozy celebration on campus or a festive outing, Fall/Winter 2025-26 kept spirits warm despite the chill. From 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
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Wesbury - 31 Park Ave., Meadville, PA 16335 - Attn: Marketing Dept.

Stay Safe, Stay Confident Behind the Wheel

At Wesbury, we're always looking for ways to support independence, confidence, and well-being, and that includes time on the road. That's why we're pleased to host the AARP Safe Driver Course, offering seniors an opportunity to refresh their driving skills and learn the latest in road safety.

This nationally recognized program is designed specifically for experienced drivers. Developed with input from safety experts across the country, the course reflects the most current rules of the road, defensive driving techniques, and strategies for adjusting to changes in vision, hearing, and reaction time.

Wesbury will offer the 8-hour course in two convenient sessions: Monday and Tuesday, July 13–14, and again on September 14–15, with classes running from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. each day. The course is open to the public, but space is limited to just 25 participants per session, so early registration is encouraged.

Classes are led by AARP-approved instructors who undergo extensive training to ensure participants receive the highest quality instruction. At the conclusion of the second day, participants will receive a certificate of completion. In many cases, this certificate may qualify drivers for a discount on their auto insurance—participants are encouraged to check with their insurance provider for details.

The cost is $20 for AARP members and $25 for non-members, payable by exact cash or check on the first day of class. Pre-registration is required. To reserve your spot, call the Wesbury Clubhouse at 814-332-9794 and leave your name and phone number. You'll also need to provide your driver's license number when registering.

Classes will be held at Wesbury's Cribbs Residential Center Community Room in Meadville.

Wesbury United Methodist Community
31 Park Ave. · Meadville, PA 16335
814-332-9000 Toll Free 1-877-937-2879
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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 814-332-9009.

Veterans Coffee Hour
2nd 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
July 13 & 14, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. both days
Sept. 14 & 15, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. both days
All classes are at Wesbury's Cribbs Community Room. Reservations are required, call 814-332-9794

Resident & Family Picnic
Sunday, July 19th *(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.
In inclement weather, concerts will be held in Barco Chapel.

Crawford Gives
August 19-21, 2026. Support Wesbury and other local non-profit organizations in Crawford County.

Crawford County Fair
Come out and see us at the Fair! August 22-29, 2026 in Home Show Building #1.

Enriching the lives of our residents and clients within a positive and compassionate faith-based community.
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