For The Love of Children

Landis Homes draws hundreds of volunteers offering their hands in service to the residents. Yet those who reach out to others not only come into Landis Homes, they also live there.

Bob Bosley, a 15-year resident and quadriplegic, is an example of an individual who is giving of himself to others outside the Landis Homes community. The main focus of his generous heart is children. For 14 years before coming to Landis Homes, Bob dedicated himself to teaching a classroom of fifth graders in Lancaster city. His interest in children has continued and is still evident in his involvements.

Every Wednesday morning, Bob travels to Summit Valley School in New Holland where he helps in a fifth grade classroom. His interaction with the children includes assisting in math and creative writing as well as talking with the students about disabilities and offering his caring, listening ear. He enjoys watching the children progress throughout the year. Bob has been volunteering his time there for seven years.

The love for children which Bob displays is not only limited to the classroom. Over the past several months two young boys, ages four and six, have been spending each Thursday at Landis Homes. Bob began babysitting Spencer and Trent when their father, a long-time friend, requested Bob's services while the parents were at work. However, these

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New Direct Dial Numbers for Landis Homes Retirement Community

- Admissions: 581-3935
- Adult Day Care: 581-3939
- Finance/Human Resources/Volunteers: 581-3936
- Health Care: 581-3938

The main number for Landis Homes continues to be 569-3271.

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Chicken Barbecue and Fellowship Day

September 10, 1994

Meals Available

Eat in

Take-out

Ox cart rides

Auction of swans

11:30-6:00 p.m.

East Pavilion

West Entrance

12:00 noon - 5:00 p.m.

3:30 p.m.

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Bob during one of his weekly times with Spencer and Trent.

Thursdays are not average babysitting days. Creative activities fill each minute for Bob and his boys. The day together includes playing games inside and outside, listening to stories, learning Bible verses, watching videos, painting, running races in the hallway, and visiting the turkey pen. An Easter egg hunt was one of the special events that Spencer and Trent enjoyed at Landis Homes. Lunch proves to be a fun time as well, served at a private card table right outside of Bob’s room.

Bob has many heart-warming experiences with the two boys and has many stories of their adventures together. He is enjoying even more fun this summer since Trent and Spencer’s two school-aged brothers joined the fun.

—Cynthia Wert Volunteer
Visions, Dreams and Foresight

Over 30 years ago, there were certain individuals who had the gift of foresight to look ahead and develop a retirement community that we know today as Landis Homes. While examining old blueprints and land plans, I have been fascinated by the creativity of those early planning efforts. Many of those ideas and concepts were eventually put into bricks and mortar which still serve us well. Today, we are blessed to have the facilities to provide for a growing retirement community of nearly 500 persons. With Harvest View, the number of residents will be closer to 700.

We are thankful for that vision and foresight. The Old Testament prophet, Joel, spoke of the visions of youth and the dreams of our elders. While Joel was not necessarily referring to retirement communities, there has been a lot of “visioning and dreaming” going on here at Landis Homes during the last three decades.

When I think of vision, I think of the ability to imagine, even a hint of the supernatural. When I think of a dream, I think of an aspiration or a utopia of “the way it ought to be.” As we look to the future we should continue to seek out the visions, dreams and aspirations of both youth and elders as well as everyone in between.

None of us knows what tough challenges and accomplishments lie ahead of us, but I am excited because I have the faith to believe that God will provide the wisdom and foresight needed to lead us into the next 30 years. If any of you have a vision or dream for Landis Homes, please share it. Had it not been for the visions and dreams of the past, we would not enjoy the gift of this community today.

—Ed Longenecker
Administrator

New Features at Chicken Barbecue

Luke & Bo will be waiting for you at the annual chicken barbecue September 10th. These friendly oxen are eager to take you for a ride in their cart, especially the children. Rides will be available from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The time for the barbecue is 11:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Whole meals are $5.00 or $3.00 for a half chicken. Take-outs will be available at West Landis Homes entrance and eat-in meals at the East Pavilion. Tickets will become available in early August from the East or West front desks at Landis Homes, or can be purchased on Barbecue day.

After your ride with Luke & Bo, have an ice cream cone from the Sundae Best Ice Cream cart near the East Pavilion. Crafts and gifts will be on sale in the East Activities Center throughout the day. T-shirts for the 30th Anniversary will be on sale. You can do your Christmas shopping early! Come one, come all for food, fun, and fellowship sponsored by the Auxiliary.

In Loving Memory

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Art Classes a Masterpiece

For six weeks this Spring, Goshen College art student Jonathan Glick offered a Basic Drawing Course at Landis Homes. Each week 8-10 students gathered for instruction in "loosening up" of arms and hands, developing individual styles, and recognizing drawing as a new way to communicate. Jonathan began the classes by taking different positions and having students draw him. The most unusual position was Jonathan standing on his head on a chair. He encouraged students to draw what they actually saw, rather than ideas in their head.

The students experienced drawing basic proportions of facial features, the principles of perspective and memory drawing. In this last exercise, students were to draw a place or person from their pasts. Out of this came wonderful stories of old swimming holes, afternoons spent reading in a tree and horseback adventures.

Jonathan said the stories were great, but seeing the finished drawings was even better. The biggest highlight for him were the thankful smiles on the faces of his students when they presented their finished products.

The students were equally delighted with Jonathan. One said, "He was a real good teacher, always finding some way to congratulate us. And he glorified the Lord in all his works."

The Beginning of a Support Group

This article was condensed for use in Horizons.

In 1980 Kitty Snyder and her husband, Paul, had just received some shocking news. The US Naval doctors were not sure of the diagnosis but they believed Paul had a serious disorder, maybe Parkinson's disease! At this point Kitty didn't know much about Parkinson's but it didn't take her long to start finding out about "tremors at rest," rigidity, bradykinesia (slow moving), smaller and smaller handwriting, softer and softer voice and that it was a progressively debilitating disease with no cure. Kitty needed to talk to someone who could help her and Paul deal with this monster.

In her searching she heard about support groups. This sounded interesting but her inquiries soon revealed there were none in Lancaster nor any nearby towns. Kitty talked to one of her friends at the Community Hospital who encouraged her to start a support group in Lancaster. But before they could plan their first meeting, her friend moved out of state. Kitty is a fighter and doesn't give up easily. She alone gave leadership to the newly formed Parkinson's Support Group. It is obvious now that Kitty and her leaders "learned well by doing."

Community Hospital continued to provide a meeting room, but it had limitations. To function well the group knew they needed audio-visual facilities, a kitchen for refreshments and tables to permit socializing and exchanging information. In 1991 when the opportunity came to hold meetings at Landis Homes, the group felt encouraged to try it, though they were not sure how many members they might lose. Currently, the support group continues to do well and good reports are coming in from many talented researchers and their staffs.

In retrospect, it is clear that a few dedicated and compassionate persons can make a difference when it comes to starting and growing a support group. For more information, contact Ruth Johnson at Landis Homes, 569-3271.

C. Price Smith
Chairperson of Parkinson's Support Group

Welcome New Residents

INDEPENDENT LIVING/RESIDENTIAL/ PERSONAL CARE

Anna Zimmerman
Barbara Sensenig
Joseph & Etta Weaver
Luke & Anna Shank
Mary W. Martin
Martha H. Landis
Willard & Ruth Myer
Edna S. Martin

NURSING CARE

Mary S. Mershon
Ruth H. Eby
A Family Affair

Landis Homes has always been a place where members of the same families have lived and worked. Residents and staff alike often refer to the "family atmosphere" or the Landis Homes Family.

Currently, four sisters from the same family work at Landis Homes. Ethel Caldwell and Sue Brechbill are part of the nursing department, Elsie Leininger works in the laundry department and Helen Heurich works in the Adult Day Care Program.

It all started 30 years ago when Landis Homes began. In 1964 Helen began working in the kitchen where she continued for five years. Sue and Elsie arrived in 1965 as nursing assistants. Sue later became an LPN and continued in the nursing department. Elsie also worked as a nursing assistant and in the housekeeping department. Ethel first arrived as summer kitchen help in 1966. She returned in 1972 in the nursing department where she is the Assistant Director today.

The sisters are the daughters of Martin Bucher and his late wife, Ursula. Ursula worked as an LPN from 1967-1982. Both she and Martin have been faithful volunteers for many years.

This summer Martin moved into a residential room in Unit J, from where he continues to volunteer and contribute to life on campus. When asked about having four children who work at Landis Homes, Martin replied, "I have three more besides!"

Sibling Statistics

Out of 480 residents, Landis Homes has a large number of sibling groups. A count was taken and it was found there are 30 pairs of siblings, nine groups of three siblings, and one group of four siblings. When new residents from Harvest View arrive, those numbers are sure to increase. Landis Homes has a family atmosphere in many ways.

Cheers for Laundry Department

The laundry department, under the direction of Ella Burkholder, does a consistent job of keeping campus linens and personal laundry clean. Here are a few statistics:

The laundry has two 50 lb. and one 35 lb. washers, and two 75 lb. and two 50 lb. dryers. With three full-time and seven part-time staff, they clean approximately 7,000 pounds of laundry each week. That includes 3-4 hours of ironing every day.

They had a real challenge this spring when their dumbwaiter was out of service for three weeks. During that time almost nine tons of clean linens were carried upstairs by washbaskets and armloads.
A Sampling of Siblings at Landis Homes

Charles Lefever, Ruth Lefever, and Mylin Lefever

Ida Hummel, Ruth Hummel, and Mabel King

Ruth Sauder, Martha Hershey, Elma Wenger

Martha Eby, Dan Leaman, and Anna Miller

Ella Mae Wenger, Elias Esbenschade, and Martha Landis

Four cygnets born at the pond this summer.
New Department Heads Named

Landis Homes is pleased to announce the recent hiring of two new department heads. Chris Kennel, who has been part of the maintenance department is now serving as Maintenance Supervisor and Eileen McIntyre has been hired as Director of Activities.

Chris was born in Coatesville in Chester County, son of Chris and Gladys Kennel. He has six sisters and five brothers, with Chris making an even dozen. Chris graduated from Lancaster Mennonite High School and attended two years at Eastern Mennonite College.

He has worked for Associate Builders and Contractors for Journeyman Carpenters and with Paul Risk Associates as project supervisor.

He has served voluntary service terms in Atlanta, Georgia and in Aflex, Kentucky. He lives near Strasburg with his wife Rose, daughter of J. Lester & Lois Brubaker, and children Eric, 13 and Carmen, 9.

Eileen McIntyre comes to Landis Homes from her previous position at Brethren Village. She was born in Hartford, Connecticut, the daughter of Bernadette and Jerry McIntyre. She has 3 brothers, two older and one younger. She spent most of her childhood years in Columbia, Maryland where her parents still live today.

Eileen attended Elizabethtown College which first brought her to Pennsylvania. She studied Music and Music Therapy.

When she is not working she enjoys music in many forms, including playing the guitar. One of her most enjoyable roles is as aunt to her niece, Riley and nephew, Conner.

Eileen says she enjoys being part of the Landis Homes community and for everyone to stop by and say “hello.”

Golf Tournament A Success

The Third Annual Landis Homes Benefit Golf Tournament was held on June 17th at the Foxchase Golf Club. The 147 golfers included Landis Homes staff and friends, Adult Day Care family and friends as well as Landis Homes business associates. It was a privilege to have County Commissioner Terry Kauffman play in the tournament for a second year.

The event raised $12,000 for the Adult Day Care Center. The funds will be applied to the program’s Financial Aid Fund and to operating costs. The ADC staff and participants are very grateful to the committee, sponsors, golfers and others who helped make the tournament a success. They believe their Adult Day Care is the right choice for many older dependent adults and their families and that it provides a much needed service to the community.

—Evanna Hess
Adult Day Care Director
Harvest View on Schedule

With a multitude of sunny days this spring and summer Harvest View has made major leaps of development in just a few short months. The entire building has been under roof since late June.

The 125 apartments have walls, doors, windows, bathroom fixtures and cabinets. Also the walls and roof are in place for the new west dining room and multi-purpose building. The main entrance canopy is under construction and the parking lot has been stoned-in.

New residents are scheduled to begin moving in by January 1995. As reservations continue, there are still apartments available.

Turning Taxes into Charity

When most people sell their personal residence and move to a retirement community, they use the sale proceeds to make their move. In most cases, when a person sells their property they can take a once in a lifetime tax exclusion on capital gain for up to $125,000. For example, if the cost basis in a home is $25,000 and it sells for $150,000, there is no income tax obligation on capital gain.

However, if the same home sells for $175,000, the income tax obligation on capital gain can be illustrated as follows:

Sale price $175,000  
Cost basis - 25,000  
Exclusion - 125,000  
Taxable gain $25,000  
Tax rates: 28% Federal + 2.8% State x 30.8%  
Total income tax obligation on capital gain $7,700  

This $7,700 tax obligation can be avoided by making a deed gift of a 14.29% undivided fractional interest in the property to a charitable entity. This transfer must take place prior to signing a sales agreement. The gift would not qualify as a retirement community admission fee. This example describes a situation where a planned gift of real estate makes tax sense while accomplishing one’s charitable gift objectives. For further information contact the Development Office.

—Jim Roth  
Director of Development

Volunteer Opportunities

1. Driver for bus and van.
2. Helper in Kitchen B, 5:15 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.
3. One-on-one male assistant for Adult Day Care participant in swimming pool.
4. Persons to make snack for Coffee Hour.
5. Salesclerks to substitute in East Gift Shop.

If you have skills or interest in any of the above, please contact Arlene Kreider, Volunteer Coordinator, at Landis Homes, 581-3936.

If none of the above opportunities interest you, stop by to talk about your specific interests in volunteer work. There is a place for you!
Calendar of Events

Calendar

September 10 - Chicken Barbecue and Fellowship Day
11:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

September 22 - Adult Day Care Open House
8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in Celebration of
National Adult Day Care Week

October 11-14 - Revival Meetings, 7:00 p.m.
East Bethany Chapel
Chester Kurtz, Speaker

November 8 - Auxiliary Program
Jim and Betty Lentz and Weaver's Quartet
6:30 p.m. - East Bethany
7:30 p.m. - West Bethany