One year ago the cover of the Fall 2016 Horizons featured the groundbreaking for the new Learning & Wellness Center. This year we are celebrating passing the mid-way milestone in making this new center and apartments a reality. We have been blessed this past year with good weather, safe construction and abundant generosity that has surpassed our expectations.

In early August, residents were joined by business partners and team members for a “Topping Out” celebration. It marked the last roof truss being put into place. Anyone was welcome in the weeks before the celebration to sign their name or write a blessing or gratitude on the truss itself. As hundreds watched, the truss carrying the well wishes of many was ceremonially put in place.

“With cold weather coming soon, we are thankful to have the roofs, walls and windows in place,” said Director of Construction Services Chris Kennel.

During the past few months, in addition to the completion of the windows, walls and roofs, the exterior siding and stonework projects have begun and are well underway. Interior walls are framed and installation of mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems is proceeding. Drywall installation is beginning.

Looking ahead to November, earth removal will take place to the create the new indoor swimming pool and spa.

Connections: A Campaign for the Learning & Wellness Center has reached its minimum goal of $3.2 million. Campaign Chairpersons, Connie Stauffer and Elvin Kraybill, recently expressed gratitude for the many generous donors and announced a “New Challenge” to cover even more of the $11 million total project costs. For more read the interview on page 2.

“Going beyond the original goal will save Landis Homes future financing costs and will provide an opportunity for even more individuals to be part of this exciting time in our history,” said Stauffer.
Generous Giving Through the Years
Interview with Beth Trout, Vice President of Advancement

Beth Trout

Sharing financial resources has been integral to Landis Homes since our beginning. As you look at our history, what are some of the ways this has been demonstrated?

Landis Homes would not be what it is today without our history of generous donors. The $100,000 of seed money given by Graybill Landis in 1961 followed by the partial donation of the farm from his relatives, Clayton, and Ellen Landis, literally enabled Landis Homes to be built. The Landis Homes Auxiliary was formed in 1973 and was responsible for partially funding many projects throughout the years, including the prayer garden, a bus and the gazebo at Leaman Woods. The Caring Fund was established in 1994 to provide benevolent care to residents who, through no fault of their own, have exhausted their personal financial resources. The current need for benevolent care is over $3 million annually. Two previous capital campaigns are also part of our history – $1.2 million was raised in 1997-98 for the Heritage Memory Support Center and $2.1 million in 2002 for the person-centered healthcare neighborhoods. The initiatives funded by both these campaigns were innovative for their day and continue to keep Landis Homes strong and vital in the marketplace.

How is philanthropy being expressed in the current capital campaign? Have there been any surprises?

The response to Connections: A Campaign for the Learning & Wellness Center has been filled with surprises! Because it had been many years since Landis Homes conducted a campaign, we started the process with a feasibility study to determine how much of the $11 million needed for the Learning & Wellness Center could come from the campaign. An initial goal of $2.6 million was established, but prior to groundbreaking, $2.4 million had already been committed by 83 very generous lead donors. The Steering Committee voted to raise the minimum goal to $3.2. We are thrilled to share that this milestone was reached in September! Although we celebrate and give thanks for those who have contributed, we are continuing with the campaign so all who choose to can be part of this exciting effort. Gifts of all sizes are important and we know that for every dollar ($1) we raise now we save Landis Homes a dollar and a half ($1.50) in long term financing. Every gift makes a difference.

Are other parts of Landis Communities benefitting from people’s generosity?

Absolutely! The ExtraOrdinary Give, Lancaster County’s one-day online giving event, will take place November 17, 2017. Landis Communities, along with Pathways Institute for Lifelong Learning® and Welsh Mountain Home, are all participating this year. Our Adult Day Services program is the beneficiary of the annual golf tournament held the first Friday in June. Landis Communities, Landis Homes, Welsh Mountain Home, Adult Day Services and Pathways Institute are all eligible to receive charitable donations.

How is philanthropy changing as generations shift?

Each generation approaches giving in a slightly different way. Beyond the church, our parents may have given to several organizations that reflected their values, had a mission they supported or a connection with someone they knew. Today’s 50-year-old may have a more focused approach, supporting approximately five organizations where they volunteer or feel connected to the vision. They generally have more interest in how the organization is run and want to be told about the impact of their gift. Millennials tend to be about causes and passion. They give of their time and resources to support groups where they feel they can make a difference. The number of non-profits in this country continues to rise at a time when we are starting to see a great transfer of wealth. To stay relevant we must communicate openly with a message that draws people in, connects with their passions and encourages their participation in achieving our mission.

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New Bus Added to Fleet

A group gathered in July to see the new bus that had just arrived on campus. The purchase was supported by donations from the Landis Homes Auxiliary. The auxiliary began in the early 1970s and gaveled its last meeting in December 2016, after more than 40 years of dedicated service to Landis Homes residents.

On hand to check out the new 22 passenger vehicle were left to right: Director of Campus Services Ron Dell, resident Ray Hoover, resident and bus driver Dan Wenger, former and final Landis Homes Auxiliary President Dottie Harnish, Director of Volunteer Services Moniqua Acosta and resident Norma Leaman, representing her husband Hersh, who coordinates the team of drivers.

Staying Connected

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Ed and Rhoda Longenecker moved into a new cottage on south campus in 2013. They knew the community better than most people since Ed had served for 30 years as the president/CEO of Landis Homes, retiring in 2006. Rhoda, an LPN, also worked part time at the community for most of those years in addition to giving attention to their growing family.

The Longeneckers are the parents of three sons and one daughter, the grandparents of 10 and great-grand-parents of two (with one on the way). They love to have their family visit and explore the 114-acre campus.

Their well-appointed kitchen is perfect, whether it’s just the two of them enjoying a meal or when family and friends are visiting. “I appreciate the work areas and spaciousness my kitchen offers. It is well-lit and open, which I especially like when I am cooking and canning,” says Rhoda. “When Ed is in the kitchen, his favorite thing to bake is oatmeal cookies – using his mother’s recipe.”

As residents they enjoy volunteering – Ed with the campus shuttle and Rhoda with a quilting group. They also serve on various campus committees and are active in their congregation and on local boards. “It is great to be a resident volunteer,” says Ed. “I am energized by serving others and love to brighten someone’s day. It is such a joy.”

Ed and Rhoda are avid bicycle riders and have enjoyed a number of long-distance rides together, including one that took them from coast to coast. With campus and local paths and country roads so close by, they continue to bike as a primary hobby, as well as a means of transportation. “I try to see just how many errands each week I can do on my bicycle rather than using a car,” says Rhoda. “When I do volunteer grocery shopping for the general store, I use the golf cart.” Landis Homes is located within easy biking and walking distance to a grocery store and several farm stands.

“The trails and walking paths are a great way for me to connect on campus, as well as with local shops and markets in the area,” says Rhoda. “I love that this community offers so many ways to experience the beautiful outdoors, including my own vegetable garden.”

New Center Passes Mid-Point, continued from page 1

The current and future residents who have reserved the 22 Crossings apartments in the first phase have selected their options and are anticipating a move into their new homes in the spring of 2018.

In September, Director of Residency Planning, Sarah Short, and her team began taking reservations for the 33 apartments in phase 2A, which are projected to be completed in October of 2018. Of those apartments, 75% are reserved and reservations are continuing on the remaining apartments.

Sarah says, “We continue to take priority deposits for the 24 apartments phase 2B that should be completed in the summer of 2019.”

To find out more about the new Crossings apartments, contact Sarah Short, Director of Residency Planning at sshort@landishomes.org or 717-381-3549.
Alzheimer’s Walk Team Gives to the Community

L to r: Julie Nolt, Hersh Leaman, Twila Sauder, Norma Leaman, Linford Good, Grace Stoltzfus, Anna Grace Martin, Beth Ann Good, Janice Martin, Steph Hoffman and Susan Paul raised $3,290 for Alzheimer’s research this year. Landis Homes has had a team annually since 1999 and has raised a total of $42,945.

Landis Homes Board Adds Two Members

Landis Homes recently announced the appointment of two new members to its board of directors. They are Pam Breneman and Sue Shirk.

Breneman, of Strasburg, is a solo attorney focusing on child dependency, guardianship and custody matters, representing persons found incapacitated by the courts in partnership with Esteemed Care, LLC. Pam has completed mediation training at the Lancaster Mediation Center as well as collaborative law training.

Breneman’s education includes a juris doctorate from Widener University School of Law and a BSE in Social Science from Millersville University. She and her husband Donald are the parents of four and the grandparents of seven. She is a member of Willow Street Mennonite Church.

“I look forward to experiencing the Landis Homes community firsthand and being part of this legacy of heartfelt care.”

Sue Shirk is the new resident board member replacing Anna Grace Martin. Shirk recently retired after serving as Landis Homes Director of Volunteer Services at Landis Homes since 2004. Prior to working here, Sue worked as an administrator for Mennonite Central Committee, Akron, MTS Travel, Ephrata, and Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, VA.

Shirk has a Bachelor of Science degree from Eastern Mennonite University and she graduated with a Master of Social Work degree from Marywood University in Scranton.

Shirk serves as a board member of Schürch Family Association of North America and is the co-founder and former board member of the Nazareth Project, Inc., supporting the Nazareth Hospital in Israel. She is a member of East Chestnut Street Mennonite Church.

“I bring my work experiences to the board and anticipate serving together with others in maintaining Landis Homes as a flourishing community.”

The new board members will be joining other members including board Chair Daniel Mast, Treasurer David Hernley as well as other continuing board members Joseph Caputo, Sandra Harnish and Rachel Hess.
Reader’s Choice Awards

Landis Homes was selected as a favorite or runner-up by Lancaster newspaper readers in three categories in the LNP Readers’ Choice Awards for 2017. Annually local readers select their favorite local businesses and service providers in many categories, including dining, apparel, leisure, finance, education, medical groups and home improvement.

Voters who participated in the Readers’ Choice Awards again chose Landis Homes Personal Care as the favorite and Landis at Home was chosen the favorite Home Health Care. Landis Homes was chosen as the runner up favorite Senior Living Community in the area.

In addition, Steeple View Lofts, which is also part of Landis Communities, was selected as the favorite Apartment Community.

Another on campus recognition went to Judy Errigo, from the campus branch of People’s Bank, who was named the Friendliest Teller.

Congratulations to all of the favorites!

Doing Good

Landis Homes resident, Don Campbell, believes that John Wesley’s advice is still valuable today. Retired from Lampeter-Strasburg School District after serving 30 years as Business Manager, Don volunteers in many capacities, the most recent being Chair of the Building Committee at his church. Don says:

“Another way I try to ‘do all I can’ is giving through qualified charitable deductions from an IRA. These are often referred to as charitable IRA rollovers. There are some guidelines to follow but it is very simple. Not only do I receive from saving taxes but the benefits to the charity are immeasurable. These gifts can happen anytime during the year but for year end giving, it is helpful to have your request to your IRA administrator by December 1st. I tell my friends that this is such an easy way to give to church, Landis Homes and other charities.”

Considerations: Donors must be 70½ years or older and gifts will satisfy all or part of the required minimum distribution, up to $100,000 annually, from traditional individual retirement accounts. The value of these gifts is not counted as part of your adjusted gross income (AGI) so you do not pay federal income taxes. In order to be tax-free, gifts from an IRA need to be transferred directly from the IRA plan to Landis Homes or the check written to Landis Homes. Consult with your financial advisors to determine if the IRA charitable rollover will work for you. Contact Alonna Gautsche Sprunger, Director of Advancement (717) 509-5490, or asprunger@landishomes.org for more information on how you can support Landis Homes.
With a strong mission statement and guiding values as a foundation, in the past fiscal year Landis Homes offered a variety of services and supportive connections beyond the 114-acre campus to the local community.

**Community Outreach & Partnerships**
Landis Homes offers its own programs as well as participating in partnerships benefiting individuals and groups in the larger community.

- In the annual giving project, Landis Homes team members donated $1,060 in monetary donations and 687 pounds of edible items to the Lancaster County Council of Churches Food Bank.
- Since 1995, Landis Homes holds quarterly art exhibits where local artists meet residents and others from the County who attend the opening receptions. Some artists take the opportunity to teach classes or give lectures on campus during the time their work is being shown.
- The 26th Annual Golf Tournament in June 2017 supported the Adult Day Services program with $55,500 which provides financial scholarships to many eligible clients. The program is jointly sponsored with the Lancaster County Office of Aging.
- Landis Homes sponsored several community organizations and events including Landis Valley Farm Museum, Hands on House, Lancaster Senior Games, Lancaster Literacy Council, Landis Woods Art Show, Lancaster Conservancy Water Week, Mennonite Children’s Choir, No Longer Alone Ministries, Friendship Community, Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society and others.

**Consumer & Caregiver Education** - Learning opportunities available to the larger community included the Pathways Institute for Lifelong Learning® classes, a speaker’s resource listing, supportive placements for healthcare students, as well as seminars on medical and other issues.

- An educational seminar “The Role of a Financial Advisor in Planning Retirement Years,” held in February 2017, was co-sponsored with Everence.
- Memory Loss and Parkinson’s support group meetings held monthly with professional speakers serves many residents, families and persons from the local community.
- Harrisburg Area Community College (HACC) uses Landis Homes as a clinical rotation site for training healthcare students. There is also classroom space and a hosting program for the HACC students.
- Since 2011, the annual Explore Retirement Living Open House in collaboration with 17 other retirement communities educates Lancaster County residents to local retirement options. The group launched a new website this year at ExploreRetirementLiving.org.
Local pastors attended a Clergy Breakfast in April 2017 on the topic, “The Church and Post Career Adults: New Models for Changing Times.”

Support to School and Municipal Services
Support was given to the township, the county and to local schools through property taxes, payments in lieu of taxes on exempt property, memberships and contributions. In the past year a total of $789,756 was distributed as follows:

- Real Estate Taxes $754,356
- Payments in Lieu of Taxes $17,000
- Fire $10,000
- Ambulance $8,400
- Total $789,756

Benevolent Care
Residents received benevolent care support because their savings, insurance or public assistance did not fully cover their charges. In the past year benevolent care of $3,327,248 was provided in the following areas:

- Health Care $2,028,060
- Personal Care $1,263,257
- Residential Living $35,931
- Total $3,327,248

Offerings for Good Causes
A total of $56,026.45 was donated through chapel service contributions from July 2016 – June 2017. Funds were distributed to church missions, international programs and local agencies. Recipients included Eastern Mennonite Missions, Mennonite World Conference, Mennonite Central Committee, Friendship Community, Tabor Community Services, Lancaster Mennonite Conference, Atlantic Coast Conference, Mennonite Disaster Service, Water Street, Bridge of Hope, Lancaster County Council of Churches Food Bank, Mennonite Church USA, Jacob’s Well Senior Ministry, The City School (Philadelphia), Mennonite Mission Network, and Welsh Mountain Home.

Pastoral Services - Chaplains provide spiritual support and guidance to residents, families, team members and volunteers. Pastoral services to the community include special offerings for local charities and multiple prayer groups for worldwide and local ministries. They support residents during times of transition by staying connected to and working together with pastors of resident congregations.

- Hosting bi-monthly meetings of chaplains from across Lancaster County.
- An Annual Service of Remembrance is a time for families of residents and clients of adult day services to come together to remember those who have died in the previous year.
- Through collaboration with Eastern Mennonite Seminary, Landis Homes continues to be a training site for Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) interns. They are guided and supported by the Pastoral Services team.

Volunteering - Volunteers provide services that enhance life beyond what team members are able to offer to residents and clients. Residents volunteered on campus and for many community agencies like the Material Resources Center, Meals on Wheels, Book Savers, Mennonite Disaster Service, ReUzit, Linus Project, Hope International, Habitat for Humanity, Storm Aid, Nazareth Hospital, Bridge of Hope, local food banks and prison ministries.

- The annual Volunteer Banquet held in April 2017, was a time to thank more than 300 persons, some who are residents and some who are from the larger Lancaster community.

At the banquet new Volunteer Services Director Moniqua Acosta offered words of appreciation for Sue Shirk and her 12 ½ years of service as director.
The 45th annual Fellowship Day and Chicken Barbecue took place this year on a picture-perfect day for being outdoors, having fun and supporting a good cause. Hundreds of persons of all ages spent the day on the Landis Homes campus and participated in a wide range of activities.

The live auction drew in hundreds of bidders to purchase quilts, artwork, collector’s items and experiences. The Fill the Gap part of the live auction raised over $43,000 with straight donations for the Caring Fund. The silent auction included gift certificates, household and food items as well as gift baskets created by team members. There were also baked items, fresh produce and ice cream.

A unique part of the auction was the presentation of the Walk of Honor Quilt. It was recently created by residents to honor the lives of future residents at the time of their passing away as their remains are escorted from the campus. It brought a $2000 donation to the Caring Fund with the understanding that the quilt stays on the campus.

Net proceeds to the Caring Fund from Fellowship Day totaled over $132,000. A deep sense of gratitude was experienced for all who gave time, talent, auction items and bidder donations.
The art auction, including this original by Suk Shuglie, did very well.

Resident Lois “Grandma” Landis, 100, was interviewed for the 15th year in a row, by her granddaughter WJTL’s Lisa Landis.

Seven volunteers from Isaac’s Restaurant joined the dining team including Executive Chef/Dining Manager Fernando Garcia, far left, to help the food pavilion run smoothly.

Quilt emcee Grace Miller held her breath as bidding climbed to $2000 for the Walk of Honor quilt which was then donated back to Landis Homes to begin its sacred duty.

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New Director of Residential Living Begins

In early October, Rebekah Johnsen began serving as the Director of Residential Living at Landis Homes. In this role she will coordinate, in partnership with other departments, the supply of programs and services to residents living in apartments, cottages, hybrid homes and suites.

Johnsen is a registered nurse and has been employed at Landis Homes since 2014 as a fill-in campus supervisor and as an emergency nurse. Earlier in her career, she served as a substitute school nurse in the Warwick School District and as a nurse at UPMC Pinnacle Lititz.

She received her associate’s degree and her RN at Penn Medicine Lancaster General Health. She later received her bachelor’s degree in nursing at Eastern Mennonite University, Lancaster. She also attended a one year wilderness school in Wisconsin where she received a bible certificate.

Rebekah with her husband, Rob, and their three school-aged children attend LCBC Church, Ephrata. She enjoys teaching Sunday school and being a parent volunteer in the Warwick School District. In addition to spending time with her family, her interests are being outdoors, gardening and pursuing fitness.

Commenting on her new role, Rebekah said, “I have found Landis Homes to be a great place to work. I look forward to connecting with the residents and finding creative ways to make living on campus even better.”

November 2 Reception Features Lititz Artist

An art reception at on November 2 will feature the most recent works of David Allen Brubaker, a native of Indiana, who has been a resident of Lancaster County since 1972. While specializing in pencil and colored pencil drawing since his middle school days, retirement in 2011 has provided him with blocks of time to pursue his love of watercolor.

For inspiration for subject matter, he draws from local landmarks, his travels, and requests from clients. He finds the variety of his painting content both stimulating and challenging. In addition to selling his original pieces, he has many of his works available as matted prints as well as an extensive collection of notecards.

His major employment for over forty years involved interior design and furniture sales with premier companies in the county beginning with Plastino and Owens and finishing his career associated with Interior Home.

He currently lives in Lititz and says, I find this town to be a rich environment for nurturing my creative talents and love for the arts.”

The opening reception, to which the public is welcome, will be held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 2, in the Harvest View lobby and galleries. Live music will be provided by Glenda Gingrich.

The works will continue to be on display through January 2018. For more information, call Landis Homes at 717-381-3550 or visit www.landishomes.org.

David Brubaker with a work he will be exhibiting.
— Calendar —

**November 2**
Art Reception
Watercolors, Pencils
David Brubaker
Harvest View Gallery
6:30-8:30 p.m.

**November 7**
Election Day
Westview Community Room
For all registered voters in the Manheim Township area
8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

**November 12**
Landis Homes Mixed Chorus
West Bethany Chapel
7:00 p.m.

**November 17**
Extra Give Campaign
See details on page 12!

**November 20**
Parkinson’s Support Group
“LSVT Loud & Big: Therapy for Parkinson’s Disease”
Speech Therapist Brenda Gould & Physical Therapist Heidi Seasock Rehabilitation, Lancaster General Health
Westview Community Room
2:00 p.m.
More info at: 717-509-5494

**November 23**
GIVING THANKS

**November 28**
Memory Loss Support Group
“Celebrating the Caregiver: An Evening of Dessert & Conversation”
Warwick Room • 7:00 p.m.
More info at: 717-581-3939

**December 7**
Landis Homes Ladies Chorus
West Bethany Chapel
1:00 p.m.

**December 7**
Christmas Play
Hinkletown Mennonite School
West Bethany Chapel
10:00 a.m.

**December 8**
Christmas Bazaar
Harvest Room & Dogwood Commons
Benefits the Caring Fund
See details below.

**December 15**
Christmas Bazaar
West Community Room
Benefits Adult Day Services
See details below.

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**December 8**
9 am—noon
Harvest Room & Dogwood Commons
Benefits the Caring Fund
Homemade Cookie Extravaganza, Poinsettias, Baked Goods, Ham & Cheese Sandwiches, Decorations etc.
Questions: Call 717-509-5490

**December 15**
8:30 am—2:30 pm
West Community Room
Benefits the Adult Day Services
Sip some Christmas tea, find small gifts, sweet treats and one of a kind novelty items to wrap up your Christmas shopping with ease.
Questions: Call 717-581-3975

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This November 17 go the EXTRA mile for Landis Communities. On that day, several parts of Landis Communities are participating in the Extraordinary Give, Lancaster County’s Largest Day of Giving. For 24-hours only, visit ExtraGive.org, make a donation (minimum $25) and every dollar you donate will be stretched by at least $500,000 in stretch pool and prizes. Landis Communities, Pathways Institute for Lifelong Learning® and Welsh Mountain Home are all participating!