A winter art reception is planned for January 29. The show will feature 15 artists who use mixed mediums of expression, who also happen to be clients of Friendship Community. The show is part of The heART of Friendship, a new art program of Friendship Community providing value through artistic expression. It is a program which according to its purpose statement “empowers adults with developmental or intellectual disabilities to pursue the creation of folk and ‘outsider’ art as a way of developing skills, achieving self-expression, finding a meaningful role in society and moving toward economic independence.”

Several of the artists will have works for show and sale at the January event including Nancy Shreiner who also happens to be the daughter of Landis Homes resident Anne E. Landis. Nancy lives at the Friendship Community home located on Oregon Road, which is right next door to the Landis Homes campus. Nancy moved to the household in the mid-1990’s about the same time her mother moved into Harvest View apartments at Landis Homes.

The opening reception will be held from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 29, 2008 in the Harvest View lobby and galleries. The works will continue to be on display through April 2008. A snow date is set for February 5, 2008.
My family and I were blessed this past December when we attended the excellent production of Fiddler on the Roof at the Fulton Theatre in Lancaster. Perhaps those of you who attended or who know the story, were reminded as I was, of the value of traditions, the certainty of change and the importance of convictions.

Landis Homes is a community of rich and varied traditions. I see it as a community of people (residents and staff) motivated by the tradition of serving others with a Christ-like love as exemplified by Jesus. Just as in “Fiddler,” we are experiencing changes. We have changes in the Board of Directors, the organizational leadership and toward a culture of person-centered service. As individuals some are experiencing change in their health or change brought about by the loss of a loved one. We also see the change of welcoming new members into the family, whether the biological family or the campus family of residents and staff. We all experience change regularly.

In the midst of change, I believe it is helpful to step back and reaffirm our convictions and beliefs. As I enter my second year of service as president, I reflect back over many conversations with residents, staff, board members, volunteers, prospective residents, church leaders, and business partners. Out of those conversations I reaffirmed the following convictions that I sense many in the community share and value.

- The community desires to bring honor and glory to God through seeking God’s will through prayer and to carry out its mission of serving aging adults and their families by honoring and enriching their lives with Christ-like love.
- Conversation, active listening, and active communication all nurture the life and health of our community.
- We value our strong ties with local congregations, including those of our sponsoring churches in Lancaster Mennonite and Atlantic Coast Conferences.
- Our Guiding Values of compassion, creativity, joy, integrity, stewardship, teamwork and excellence are very helpful in leading our individual and organizational decision-making.
- As a community-minded, non-profit organization, we recognize the importance of communicating the ways we benefit the Lancaster community—through providing benevolent care to residents who have exhausted their resources and through contributing in various ways to the broader community beyond our campus.
- We eagerly anticipate the future, which, over the next several years, includes plans to expand residential living accommodations by adding cottages and a new environmentally-sensitive construction concept we are describing as hybrid homes.

It is a privilege to live and work in a community that seeks to serve one another while bringing honor and glory to God. Thank you for choosing to be a part of this community!

Larry Zook, President
Ministry Director & Author

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The parents group at the Children’s Learning Center at Landis Homes and TCW Computer Systems joined forces to participate in a worldwide program to provide computer access to a child in a less developed country.

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Sale of Home & the Tithe
John Buckwalter, Gift Planning Services

Persons who are looking back on the sale of a personal residence and some personal property, or persons anticipating this experience, may feel a variety of emotions. The house was a shelter from the elements, but most importantly, it was or is the place that was called home for many years. A resident couple, moving to Landis Homes, had a sale as described above. They made a personal commitment to tithe the net from this sale and purchase a Landis Homes Charitable Gift Annuity. The tithie amount was $16,000.

Their joint ages at the time of their gift qualified them for a two-life fixed payment rate of 6.5%. As long as both or one of them is living, the annuity will pay out annually 6.5% of $16,000 or $1040. They are receiving this payment in equal quarterly installments of $260. About 62% of their annual payment is received tax free until they outline their life expectancy in 2021. After this date they will need to report the entire annual payment as ordinary income. Each January they will receive a form 1099-R for income tax reporting purposes.

About 38% of the amount used to purchase the gift annuity ($6,080) was qualified as a charitable deduction in the year of the gift. For cash gifts, a deduction can be taken each year for up to 50% of adjusted gross income with any excess deduction carried forward for up to five successive years.

After the demise of the last surviving spouse, these folks have directed the residue in the gift annuity to be transferred to the Landis Homes Endowment Fund. This creates a lasting legacy of care and concern for the needs of others less fortunate. The Caring Fund or other Landis Homes funds can also be designated as a final beneficiary.

Persons are welcome to contact the Landis Homes Office of Gift Planning Services at 717-509-5490 for more information or to request a no-obligation gift annuity proposal. Single life annuity rates can also be quoted.

Gift Shop & General Store Sales Help Others

In 2007, the contributions to the Caring Fund from the gift shop and general store sales increased from $16,500 to $20,000. Sale items include, handcrafts, greeting cards, groceries, and more.

“We want to continue to provide a great shopping experience,” said Bonnie Hemperly, Volunteer Manager of Dogwood Gift Shop and the General Store, “which benefits the residents and the Caring Fund.”

Building to Serve

Campaign Completed

Began: Fall 2001
Original Goal: $1.5 million
Stretch Goal: $2 million

Final total reached Fall 2007: $2.17 million

We wish to again thank all the persons who worked faithfully as campaign team members and our many generous friends who shared their resources to help Landis Homes carry on its mission to serve aging adults and their families by honoring and enriching their lives in a community of Christ-like love.

– Gift Planning Services

Horizons

Staff Service Awards 2007
by Sandy Smoker
Director of Human Relations

“Live, Learn and Pass It On” was the theme for the annual employee banquet held at Yoder’s Restaurant in December. We enjoyed a delicious meal and time of fellowship followed by a recognition of the many persons who help enhance the quality of life at Landis Homes through their faithful service. Listed below are the staff persons who were given special recognition this year and their years of service. We are blessed to have dedicated, compassionate employees who are committed to joyfully serving others.

30 Years
Mary Ellen Musser .........................Healthcare

25 Years
Mabel Jean Baum ................................Healthcare
Ethel Caldwell ..............................Healthcare
Fannie Shelly ..................................Administration

20 Years
Sue Beiler ......................................Housekeeping
Los Buchen.................................Admissions/Community Relations
Janice Hess ....................................Activities
Edith Horst .................................Dining Services
Nenita Laguardia .........................Dining Services
Ruth Ann Zeiset .........................Healthcare

15 Years
Sharon Bowman .................................Healthcare
Anna Mary Crills .......................Dining Services
Edith Graybill ..............................Finance
Verna Hoover .................................Dining Services
Elaine Miller .................................Health Services Administration
Alessa Yoder .................................Dining Services
Darlene Wentzel ..........................Housekeeping

10 Years
Dianne Bitting .................................Healthcare
Dawn Bollinger ..........................Landis at Home
Michelle Glick .............................Housekeeping

10 Years (Continued)
Faith Hoover .................................Landis at Home
Erla Horst .................................Dining Services
Jack Magill .................................Maintenence
Melanie Martin ...............................Healthcare
Jewel Mast ......................................Eden West
Anna Over .....................................Dining Services
Barbara Weaver ..............................Housekeeping

5 Years
Kim Anspar ..................................Social Services
Chrsyty Carpenter ............................Eden West
Allyn English .................................Hair Salon
Steph Hoffman .............................Health Services Administration
Mindy Hoover ..................................Eden West
Deborah Hosung ..............................Assisted Living
Susan Paul ......................................Assisted Living
Valerie Peters .................................Heritage Healthcare
Amy Potts .................................Healthcare
Cindi Reiser .................................Landis at Home
Beth Rohrer .....................................Residential Living
Sharon Rutt .................................Dining Services
Rosemary Siegrist ..........................Heritage Assisted Living
Karen Smader ...............................Housekeeping
Kay Weber .....................................Healthcare
Loretta Witmer ..............................Health Services Administration
Jeff Yanginger ..............................Maintenance
Carl Zimmerman ..............................Maintenance
Jere Zimmerman ..............................Dining Services

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Eva Bering, Vice President of Operations, has been elected as chairperson for the Pennsylvania State Board of Examiners of Nursing Home Administrators, effective 12/5/07 for a one-year term. Eva has been on the board for the last 6 years and served as Vice Chair for the last two years. This is a 15 member board representing for-profit, county and non-for-profit facilities across the Commonwealth along with three public members, a member from the Department of Health, Director of the Bureau of Consumer Protection in the Attorney General’s office and the Commissioner of Professional and Occupational Affairs.

The board’s purpose is to develop standards of professional practice for nursing home administrative practice; develop standards to qualify for individual licensure; develop examination techniques including questions for state licensure exams; investigate and take appropriate action with respect to any complaint; and to issue licenses for nursing home administrators.

Eva is also a board member for the following organizations: CenPANPHA; PANPHA; Nightingale Foundation of PA; Long term care Advisory committee for Quality Insights of PA. She also sits on the Finance committee at New Covenant Christian School, Lebanon.

New Director of Gift Planning Services Begins

David Helmus has recently begun serving as the new Director of Gift Planning Services. In this new role he will plan and implement all aspects of fund development and planned giving as well as promote the Landis Homes vision and mission among constituents to develop a strong support base, connecting donors and potential donors to the ministry of serving seniors. Dave will be replacing former director John Buckwalter who is retiring after serving in this role for the past five years.

Dave, following three years of experience as Director of Development at Pleasant View, brings many gifts to his new position. His prior employment included working as director of development at York Christian School and at Locust Grove Mennonite School as principal.

Dave’s education includes receiving a Bachelor’s degree from Hope College, Holland, Michigan and a Master’s degree in educational administration from Villanova University. Dave began this new position in mid-January. He and his wife Linda are members of Akron Mennonite Church, and are the parents of a daughter who is in graduate school. Dave enjoys reading, golfing and Middle East studies. Dave is also the son-in-law of Harvest View resident Susan Nolt.

“I am looking forward to providing gift planning services in a faith-based community where caring for the welfare of others is primary,” says Dave. “I also look forward to a team-based development effort.”

Wii Brings Action to Campus

The Nintendo Wii, pronounced “we”, video game has come to Landis Homes. The wireless controllers allow participants of all ages and backgrounds to be actively involved with body movements in order to play the games. The Wii is as much a tool for physical activity and gaming as it is a catalyst for a fun social event that includes bowling, baseball, tennis, and plenty of laughter.

Hank Kadel bowls using the Wii control.

Green Building Has Many Benefits

Linford Good, VP of Planning & Marketing

The three-year renovation of Aspen, Birch and Cedar residences is in the final year of construction. When possible, green building methods and materials that conserve natural resources, increase energy efficiency and improve indoor air quality have been used. Listed below are some green building benefits.

- Reusing an existing building is one of the most straightforward ways to conserve resources. Many high quality materials found in older structures, such as brick exterior and plaster interiors, can be left in place. The reuse of older buildings diverts demolition waste from landfills.

- Overhanging over windows are important components of passive solar heating and natural cooling. The existing buildings have 40 inch overhangs that keep the heat of the sun from entering during the summer, but allow winter sunlight into the space where it can be absorbed and re-radiated as heat.

- Replacing toilets with low-flush models reduces the amount of water used. New toilets using 1.6 gallons per flush replace toilets that used 3.5 gallons per flush.

- Replacing bathtubs with walk-in showers reduces the amount of water used. Generally, taking a shower uses less water than taking a tub bath.

- Replacing light fixtures saves energy. Compact fluorescent lighting consumes up to one-fourth of the electricity used by incandescent bulbs to produce an equivalent amount of light. Light emitting diode (LED) lighting consumes one-tenth of the electric used by an incandescent bulb.

- Insulation compatible air-tight recessed lighting fixtures are sealed, eliminating the “chimney effect” in which the heat of the bulb draws the room’s conditioned air up through the fixture’s holes and exhausts it into the attic. Sealed fixtures allow insulation to be blown on top to keep the heat in the room.

- Cellulose insulation spread over ceiling joists decreases heat loss through the ceiling. Cellulose insulation is fire-resistant, made with recycled materials and has no added formaldehyde. It reduces air leakage and energy use.

- Double-paned windows with low-E glass and low-conductivity frames improve energy efficiency. Low-E coatings on glass help prevent heat from escaping through the glass in winter and block heat from entering during the summer.

- Attic ventilation system exhausts excess heat and moisture from attic spaces. Eave and soffit venting and continuous ridge venting reduces problems associated with excess attic moisture.

- Recycled-content carpet saves resources and diverts waste from landfills. Recycled carpet is often more resilient and colorfast than carpet made from virgin fibers.

- Low VOC paint and adhesives reduce emissions, improving indoor air quality and reducing the formation of smog. Most paint releases volatile organic compounds (VOCs), an indoor air pollutant. Low VOC products reduce off gassing of toxic compounds.

Renovations continue in Assisted Living. Aspen is completed (shown above), Cedar is nearly complete and Birch is underway with completion expected by the end of this year.
Tribute to Loved Ones

July 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007

We are sincerely thankful to those listed below who have given a tribute to a loved one either as a Memorial or Honorary gift. We apologize if there are any misspellings or omissions on this list. To contact the office of Gift Planning Services, call (717) 509-5490.

Giants in Memory Of

JANIE BAKER Eva Jane Bering
LUKE BRUBAKER Anonymous
Reuben & Ann Bigelow John R. Brubaker
Martha N. Charles Arthur & Miriam Charles
Martha N. Charles Marilyn Clawham
Donavin & Gayle Gratz Katherine E. Hershey
Donald & Dorothy High Calvin & Janet Hugh
Katherine Huddleston Audrey Johnson
Curtis & Ruth Johnson Herbert & Nancy Kraybill
Paul Joann & Christine Kraybill
Benjamin & Miriam Kraybill Donald & Judith Landis
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Elta S. Ebenezer
Friends of Jean Eberly
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Roslyn & Nancy Pawling
Clarence & Helen Rudd
Rebecca Staker
ETTA GINGRICH Anonymous
Miriam Bell
JACOB GLICK J. Glen & Linda Miller
RICHARD GRUBE Anonymous (2)
Martha N. Charles
John Jacob Oberholtzer
JOE & FLO HAMMEL James & Virginia Baum
IRENE HART Sandra Gray
ELISE HARVEY Anonymous (3)
Miriam P. Bell
Martha N. Charles
Linford & Beth Ann Good
Ella N. Hoover
Larry & Young Kaleigh
John & Nora Leaman
Alonzo Longenecker
Harvey & Dorothy Matlack, Jr.
Mildred McGuigan
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Jeil & June Pratusek
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FRANCIS & ELISE HARVEY Sara Verlenden
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LOIS HERR
Edward Brennan
Martha N. Charles
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Clifford & Jane Hoover
Ellis Landis
DOROTHY HERSHEY
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Anonymous (3)
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Martha N. Charles
Rebecca Herr
J. Eyb & Kathryn Hershey
Benjamin & Martha Hershey
Elizabeth D. Hershey
Katherine Huddleston
Elizabeth M. Leaman
Ruth Mellinger
Robert & Alta Rank
DAVID HESS Ever Ready Sunday School
GEORGE HICKS Anonymous
D. LESTER HOOVER Anonymous (2)
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JOSEPH HUGHES Center for Specialized Surgery
RICHARD IMBER Anonymous
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ELVEN PETERS Anonymous
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Mary Lou Stevenson
OREGON DAIRY
Reuben & Ann Bigelow
CHRIS KENDES DREAM RIDE
Henry & Mildred Brubaker Ezra Z. Burkholder
Christian & Rose Kennedy
carmen Keh
Carl & Deborah Law-Lands Ray & Carol Leaman
Jeff & Jane Pautz
HOWARD & NORA JERL Kevin & Richie Kerger
CHARLES GOOD
John & Nora Lefever
Mildred McGuigan
CHARLES & SUSIE GOOD Anonymous

Thoughtful Bequests

During 2007, Landis Homes gratefully received $209,817 in charitable bequests as a result of thoughtful and careful estate planning by residents who are no longer with us.

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John Eberly Oberholtzer
ERMA OBERHOLTZER Mildred McGuigan
WILMER OBERHOLTZER
Margaret Miller
Margarette S. Sauder
MAE PATCHES
Irvin & Lena Keender
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John & Nora Lefever
MARTHA N. CHARLES
John N. Snader
CONESTOGA HOUSE STAFF
Mary Lou Stevenson
OREGON DAIRY
Reuben & Ann Bigelow
CHRIS KENDES DREAM RIDE
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Jeff & Jane Pautz
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Harriet van der Mark & Rachel Stahl
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Auxiliary Gift

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Thoughtful Bequests

During 2007, Landis Homes gratefully received $299,817 in charitable bequests as a result of thoughtful and careful estate planning by residents who are no longer with us.

Gifts in Memory Of

JANE BAKER Eva Jane Bering
LUKE BRUBAKER Anonymous
Resuben & Ann Bigelow John R. Brubaker
Martha N. Charles Arthur & Miriam Charles
Martha N. Charles Marilyn Clahsen
Donavin & Gaye Geatz Katherine E. Hershey
Donald & Dorothy High Calvin & Janet High
Katherine Huddle Audrey Johnson
Curtis & Ruth Johnson Herbert & Nancy Kraybill
Paul, Joanna & Christine Kraybill
Benjamin & Miriam Kraybill Donald & Judith Landis
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Myrtle V. Leeman John Jacob Oberholtzer
Robert & Audrey Ritter Jacob & Rachel Stahl
Larry & Dawson Zoell
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Winifred Green
Sarah Lawson
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Lester Buckwalter Trust
Mary A. Elder Estate
Robert Garber Estate
William Harry Estate
Martha E. Landis Estate
Susie E. Martin Estate
Anna L. Miller Estate
Oscar Mohn Trust
Vera N. Nissley Estate

THOUGHTFUL BEQUESTS

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Tribute to Loved Ones

July 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007

We are sincerely thankful to those listed below who have given a tribute to a loved one either as a Memorial or Honorary gift. We apologize if there are misspellings or omissions on this list. To contact the office of Gift Planning Services, call (717) 509-5490.

GEOFFREY BERRY
Joseph B. Berry

FELLOWSHIP DAY CHICKEN BARBECUE

OCTOBER 2007

Landis Homes Auxiliary President George Martin (right) over the keys to the new bus to volunteers on this list. The auxiliary gave the proceeds from the 2007 Fellowship Day Chicken Barbecue towards the cost of the new 2007 Chevrolet Challenger which can carry 6 persons in 11/4-wheel or 14 non-wheelchair passengers.
Eva Bering, Vice President of Operations, has been elected as chairperson for the Pennsylvania State Board of Examiners of Nursing Home Administrators, effective 12/5/07 for a one-year term. Eva has been on the board for the last 6 years and served as Vice Chair for the last two years. This is a 15 member board representing for-profit, county and non-for-profit facilities across the Commonwealth along with three public members, a member from the Department of Health, Director of the Bureau of Consumer Protection in the Attorney General’s office and the Commissioner of Professional and Occupational Affairs.

The board’s purpose is to develop standards of professional practice for nursing home administrative practice; develop standards to qualify for individual licensure; develop examination techniques including questions for state licensure exams; investigate and take appropriate action with respect to any complaint; and to issue licenses for nursing home administrators.

Eva is also a board member for the following organizations: CenPANPHA; PANPHA; Nightingale Foundation of PA; Long term care Advisory committee for Quality Insights of PA. She also sits on the Finance committee at New Covenant Christian School, Lebanon.

David Helmus has recently begun serving as the new Director of Gift Planning Services. In this new role he will plan and implement all aspects of fund development and planned giving as well as promote the Landis Homes vision and mission among constituents to develop a strong support base, connecting donors and potential donors to the ministry of serving seniors. Dave will be replacing former director John Buckwalter who is retiring after serving in this role for the past five years.

Dave, following three years of experience as Director of Development at Pleasant View, brings many gifts to his new position. His prior employment included working as director of development at York Christian School and at Locust Grove Mennonite School as principal.

Dave’s education includes receiving a Bachelor’s degree from Hope College, Holland, Michigan and a Master’s degree in educational administration from Villanova University. Dave began this new position in mid-January. He and his wife Linda are members of Akron Mennonite Church, and are the parents of a daughter who is in graduate school. Dave enjoys reading, golfing and Middle East studies. Dave is also the son-in-law of Harvest View resident Susan Nolt.

“I am looking forward to providing gift planning services in a faith-based community where caring for the welfare of others is primary,” says Dave. “I also look forward to a team-based development effort.”

Linford Good, VP of Planning & Marketing

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Overhangs over windows are important components of passive solar heating and natural cooling. The existing buildings have 40 inch overhangs that keep the heat of the sun from entering during the summer, but allow winter sunlight into the space where it can be absorbed and re-radiated as heat.

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Insulation compatible air-tight recessed lighting fixtures are sealed, eliminating the “chimney effect” in which the heat of the bulb draws the room’s conditioned air up through the fixture’s holes and exhausts it into the attic. Sealed fixtures allow insulation to be blown on top to keep the heat in the room.

Cellulose insulation spread over ceiling joists decreases heat loss through the ceiling. Cellulose insulation is fire-resistant, made with recycled materials and has no added formaldehyde. It reduces air leakage and energy use.

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Bering Elected to State Board

New Director of Gift Planning Services Begins

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Sale of Home & the Tithe
John Buckwalter, Gift Planning Services

Persons who are looking back on the sale of a personal residence and some personal property, or persons anticipating this experience, may feel a variety of emotions. The house was a shelter from the elements, but most importantly, it was or is the place that was called home for many years.

A resident couple, moving to Landis Homes, had a sale as described above. They made a personal commitment to tithe the net from this sale and purchase a Landis Homes Charitable Gift Annuity. The tithe amount was $16,000.

Their joint ages at the time of their gift qualified them for a two-life fixed payment rate of 6.5%. As long as both or one of them is living, the annuity will pay out annually 6.5% of $16,000 or $1040. They are receiving this payment in equal quarterly installments of $260. About 62% of their annual payment is received tax free until they outlive their life expectancy in 2021. After this date they will need to report the entire annual payment as ordinary income. Each January they will receive a form 1099-R for income tax reporting purposes.

About 38% of the amount used to purchase the gift annuity ($6,080) was qualified as a charitable deduction in the year of the gift. For cash gifts, a deduction can be taken each year for up to 50% of adjusted gross income with any excess deduction carried forward for up to five successive years.

After the demise of the last surviving spouse, these folks have directed the residue in the gift annuity to be transferred to the Landis Homes Endowment Fund. This creates a lasting legacy of care and concern for the needs of others less fortunate. The Caring Fund or other Landis Homes funds can also be designated as a final beneficiary.

Persons are welcome to contact the Landis Homes Office of Gift Planning Services at 717-509-5490 for more information or to request a no-obligation gift annuity proposal.

Single life annuity rates can also be quoted.

Gift Shop & General Store Sales Help Others

In 2007, the General Store Sales increased from $16,500 to $20,000. Sales items include, handcrafts, greeting cards, groceries and more.

“We want to continue to provide a great shopping experience,” said Bonnie Hemperly Volunteer Manager of Dogwood Gift Shop and the General Store, “which benefits the residents and the Caring Fund.”

Building to Serve

Campaign Completed

Begun: Fall 2001
Original Goal: $1.5 million
Stretch Goal: $2 million
Final total reached Fall 2007: $2.17 million

We wish to again thank all the persons who worked faithfully as campaign team members and our many generous friends who shared their resources to help Landis Homes carry on its mission to serve aging adults and their families by honoring and enriching their lives in a community of Christ-like love.

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**New Members Join Board of Directors**

Landis Homes recently announced the appointment of new officers and board members for the coming year. J. Ken Brubaker is the new chair of the board, while joining the board as new members are Greg A. Gilligan and Glen D. Moffett.

Gilligan, of Litzitz, is the Chief Financial Officer for Philadelphia Mixing Solutions, Palmyra, PA since 2003. Previously he held the position of controller for two Lancaster County businesses. He is a graduate of Kutztown University with a BS in Business Administration. He is a volunteer for Schreiber Pediatric Fundraising events and is a volunteer coach for Youth Basketball at the Lititz Recreation Center. He is a member of Mechanicsburg Church of the Brethren where he attends with his wife and son.

Moffett, of Lancaster, is currently working as the Vice President and General Counsel for WellSpan Health, a regional integrated health care delivery system based in York, Pennsylvania. He is a graduate of Bucknell University, and the UCLA School of Law. He is a past President of the Pennsylvania Society of Healthcare Attorneys. He has taught undergraduate and graduate courses in health law and policy at Eastern Mennonite University, St. Josephs University, and Marshall University. Glen and his wife and three children are members of Mountville Mennonite Church.

Dr. Brubaker, who has served for many years on the board, is the Director of the Geriatric Program at Lancaster General Hospital, Geriatric Associates, a specialty practice dedicated to the care of older adults; and Director of Lancaster General Medical Group, Geriatric Division. He also serves as Medical Director for Masonic Village at Elizabethtown, Maple Farm, Conestoga View and Willow Valley Retirement Communities.

Other officers serving with board chair Brubaker will be Robert H. Leaman as the vice-chair, Daryl E. Eshleman as treasurer, Lois M. Good as secretary and Susan E. Godshall as assistant secretary. Additional continuing board members are: John W. Eby, Dottie M. Martin, James R. Martin, Evelyn M. Miller, Rachel Thomas Pellman, Harold S. Stauffer, Gretchen J. Thomas and H. Howard Wittmer.

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**Children’s Learning Center & Local Company Give Computer**

The parents group at the Children’s Learning Center at Landis Homes and TCW Computer Systems joined forces to participate in a worldwide program to provide computer access to a child in a less developed country.

The program One Laptop Per Child had laptop computers designed that will work just about anywhere and offered to give one away for every computer a business or individual donates. The computers, known as XO’s, are small and appear toy-like being made of bright green plastic including a small child-sized keyboard. They were also designed to withstand almost any world environment. As a result, the XO laptop is extremely durable, very functional, energy-efficient and responsive.

The parents group and TCW each donated $200 to cover the cost of one computer for the center at Landis Homes and for another to be given to a poor child somewhere in the world.

Larry Zook, president of Landis Homes, called the program “a neat opportunity to benefit children around the world and provide them with access to educational information. It’s also a great opportunity for the children at our learning center to not only receive a new learning tool, but to also help other children.”
My family and I were blessed this past December when we attended the excellent production of Fiddler on the Roof at the Fulton Theatre in Lancaster. Perhaps those of you who attended or who know the story, were reminded as I was, of the value of traditions, the certainty of change and the importance of convictions.

Landis Homes is a community of rich and varied traditions. I see it as a community of people (residents and staff) motivated by the tradition of serving others with a Christ-like love as exemplified by Jesus.

Just as “Fiddler,” we are experiencing changes. We have changes in the Board of Directors, the organizational leadership and toward a culture of person-centered service. As individuals some are experiencing change in their health or change brought about by the loss of a loved one. We also see the change of welcoming new members into the family, whether the biological family or the campus family of residents and staff. We all experience change regularly.

In the midst of change, I believe it is helpful to step back and reaffirm our convictions and beliefs. As I enter my second year of service as president, I reflect back over many conversations with residents, staff, board members, volunteers, prospective residents, church leaders, and business partners. Out of those conversations I reaffirmed the following convictions that I sense many in the community share and value.

- The community desires to bring honor and glory to God through seeking God’s will through prayer and to carry out its mission of serving aging adults and their families by honoring and enriching their lives with Christ-like love.
- Conversation, active listening, and active communication all nurture the life and health of our community.
- We value our strong ties with local congregations, including those of our sponsoring churches in Lancaster Mennonite and Atlantic Coast Conferences.
- Our Guiding Values of compassion, creativity, joy, integrity, stewardship, teamwork and excellence are very helpful in leading our individual and organizational decision-making.
- As a community-minded, non-profit organization, we recognize the importance of communicating the ways we benefit the Lancaster community—through providing benevolent care to residents who have exhausted their resources and through contributing in various ways to the broader community beyond our campus.
- We eagerly anticipate the future, which, over the next several years, includes plans to expand residential living accommodations by adding cottages and a new environmentally-sensitive construction concept we are describing beyond our campus.

In the Board of Directors, the President, the Vice President of Operations, the Vice President of Human Resources, the Assistant Secretary, the Secretary, the Treasurer, the Vice Chair, the Chair, and the Board of Directors, the President, the Vice President of Planning & Marketing, the Director of Admissions and the Director of Community Relations Director, are very motivated by the tradition of serving others with a Christ-like love.

Homes is to serve aging adults and their families by honoring and enriching their lives in a community of Christ-like love.

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The full text of this article can be found at our website following the link from “News & Events” to “Message from the President.”
A winter art reception is planned for January 29. The show will feature 15 artists who use mixed mediums of expression, who also happen to be clients of Friendship Community. The show is part of The heART of Friendship, a new art program of Friendship Community providing value through artistic expression. It is a program which according to its purpose statement "empowers adults with developmental or intellectual disabilities to pursue the creation of folk and ‘outsider’ art as a way of developing skills, achieving self-expression, finding a meaningful role in society and moving toward economic independence."

Several of the artists will have works for show and sale at the January event including Nancy Shreiner who also happens to be the daughter of Landis Homes resident Anne E. Landis. Nancy lives at the Friendship Community home located on Oregon Road, which is right next door to the Landis Homes campus. Nancy moved to the household in the mid-1990’s about the same time her mother moved into Harvest View apartments at Landis Homes.

The opening reception will be held from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 29, 2008 in the Harvest View lobby and galleries. The works will continue to be on display through April 2008. A snow date is set for February 5, 2008.