

# Statement of **Mission**

The ministry of Landis 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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Continuing the **T** radition Of Serving **T**ogether





Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord Ephesians 6:7

# From the Board Chairperson and the President

ver 40 years ago seeds were planted in the fertile soil of Landis Valley. The seeds sprouted and grew. Thanks to many individuals who faithfully watered and tended the planting it has prospered in many ways. We are especially grateful to God for the blessings he has provided us.

We regularly hear from residents, families, and others who bear testimony to the fruit born at Landis Homes. A family member wrote saying, "When our parents moved to Landis Homes we were pleased with their decision, but we had no idea how fulfilling residing there would become to them".

A student intern wrote, "I am constantly amazed at the people working here and the sense of community and teamwork that exists. Landis Homes is a special place."

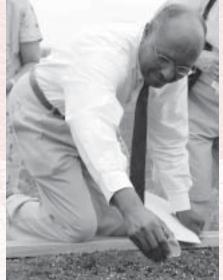
These are encouraging words as so many invest their efforts in the ongoing life and activity of our community. As we celebrated our 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary several changes took place on the campus.

- 1) Opening of Manheim and Oregon Houses for healthcare. We are so grateful for the guieter and more homelike environment.
- 2) Opening of new Rehab and Fitness Center and a new laundry as well as renovations to Ephrata House healthcare.
- 3) Opening of the completely renovated Dogwood Commons, which was transformed into a consolidated office as well as an employee and visitor dining area.

In a year of significant investment in building upgrades we are happy to report financial strength. These are times of decreasing public funding and rising benevolent care. Many persons responded with generous support to the "Building to Serve" campaign, as well as to the Endowment and Caring Funds.

In addition to these monetary contributions, we are also thankful for the numerous volunteers who daily supplement the efforts of staff. With the many hours of contributions by volunteers it is much more possible to provide quality services to the persons we serve.

Our 40th year was also a year of reexamination. We initiated our re-accreditation by the Continuing Care Accreditation Commission. We hope to achieve this



Mamo Dula planting seeds following the Dedication service for the new healthcare in July 2003.

#### On the front cover

President Ed Longenecker joins George Leaman, the first administrator and a current resident, with the anniversary bell. They are the only administrators in Landis Homes' 40-year history.



criterion for good business practice and delivery of quality service by the spring of 2005.

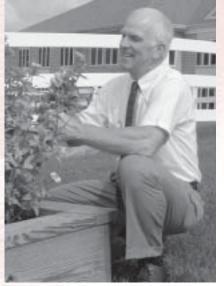
We are very grateful for the strength and competence of both our board and staff. We ask for your continued prayers on behalf of the ministry of Landis Homes. With God's help and with the faithful planting and watering by many, growth will continue.

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Mamo Dula, Chairperson of the Board

Edward M.

Ed Longenecker, President



Ed Longenecker harvests a zinnia, which was planted

## Assets

2004 2003

Cash	
Endowment Fund 628,078	546,297
Heritage Gift Fund 14,195	20,061
Caring Fund 143,529	77,204
Adult Day Services Financial Aid Fund 41,065	41,994
Fund Drive	1,779,078
Accounts Receivable	1,189,674
Other Receivables 112,273	83,425
Prepaid Expenses and other current assets 300,858	221,871
Property and Equipment (Net) 35,668,212	33,303,912
Captive Capitalized Cost 117,512	
Deferred Financing Costs (Net) 546,086	570,668
Total Assets \$48,090,769	\$50 704 788

A Time to Reap

**Auxiliary Sees Promise Fulfilled** 





# **Balance Sheet**

### For Periods Ending June 30, 2004 and 2003

#### Liabilities&NetAssets 2004 200

## Liabilities

Current Liabilities	7
Construction Payable 1,411,318	3
Long-Term Debt 22,775,679 25,060,565	5
Refundable Advance Fees	2
Deferred Revenue from Advance Fees 10,366,555 10,678,94	1
Annuities Payable 41,93	3
Total Liabilities	5

## Net Assets

Unrestricted	. 10,130,479 8,941,785
Temporarily Restricted	489,113 1,816,458
Permanently Restricted	443,759 400,799
Total Net Assets	. 11,063,351 11,159,042
Total Liabilities & Net Assets	\$48,090,769 . \$50,704,788

In 2001, as soon as the new healthcare Building to Serve campaign got underway, the team-oriented Landis Homes auxiliary signed on to raise \$35,000 over a threeyear period. With the accumulated proceeds from several annual Fellowship Days, the group saw their pledge realized in 2003.

Shown in the photo are, left to right, Anna Mae Kauffman, Naomi Martin and Janet Horst, who were involved in the fundraising campaign. Kaufman was the Treasurer during the time period, Martin is the current President and Janet Horst was the President in 2001 when the project began. They are holding a plaque that reads "A Gift From The Landis Homes Auxiliary 2001 -2003," which was installed in the new dining room when it opened in December 2003.

Director of Development John Buckwalter said, "All the persons who participated in the last three annual chicken barbecue events associated with Fellowship Day made this generous gift possible."

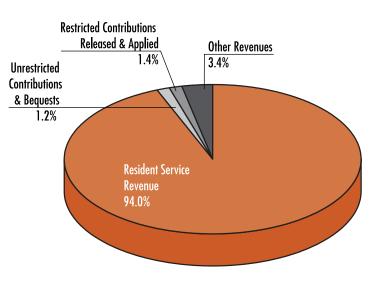
# Statement of Revenues & Expenses

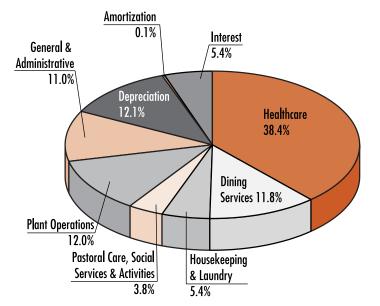
For Periods Ending June 30, 2004 and June 30, 2003

Revenues	2004	2003
Resident Service Revenue	17,064,388	15,934,122
Unrestricted Contributions and Bequests	217,500	76,268
Restricted Contributions Released and Applied	248,046	153,948
Other Revenues	620,480	673,574
Total Unrestricted Revenues . \$	18,150,414 \$1	6,837,912

Expenses	2004	2003
Healthcare	7,050,236	6,507,029
Dining Services	. 2,167,447	1,959,995
Housekeeping and Laundry	. 988,044	886,875
Pastoral Care, Social Services and Activities	691,658	641,825
Plant Operations	. 2,198,378	1,928,701
General and Administrative	2,018,859	1,998,169
Depreciation	. 2,224,535	2,136,877
Amortization	24,582	14,712
Interest	986,788	863,897
Total Expenses \$18	350,527	\$16,938,080

	2004	2003
Operating Income/(Loss)	(\$200,113)	(\$100,168)
Change in Net Unrealized Gains and Losses on Investments Other than Trading Securities	(\$95,058)	. \$228,243
Net Assets Released from Restrictions Used For Purchase of Property and Equipment Increase in Unrestricted Net Assets		





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We are deeply thankful to God for all the sharing and caring from individuals, churches, businesses, organizations and estates listed below who have given so generously in support of the Landis Homes Resident Assistance Program, Adult Day Services, Heritage Gift Fund and the New Healthcare Building. In trying to include each individual or group there is a risk that we would omit someone. We apologize for any misspellings or omissions corrections or additions.

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Several hundred persons including residents, their

under an outdoor tent for a service of thanks and

readings and meditations around that theme.

Martin, Minister of Stewardship of the Lancaster

at the service.

home

families, Landis Homes board members and staff gathered

dedication for the new center in July 2003. The theme of

the service was "Planting the Seeds," and included songs,

"Only God can make this planting grow," said James R.

Mennonite Conference, at the conclusion of his meditation

Pictured are Anna Bally, seated right, who moved into the

In her remarks at the service, Landis Homes Administrator

for Healthcare Ethel Caldwell said, "With God's help and

the support of many people, we have moved away from a

nursing home concept to a loving resident-centered

Following the service, persons were invited to actually

plant seeds in two raised beds outside the center.

new center as she plants seeds with her daughters

Barbara McPherson and Doris Martin.

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# A Time to Build Up

**Train Pulls into Oregon House** 

Thanks to the work of many volunteers a set of trains came to the new healthcare center, which opened in the fall of 2003. Luke Bomberger, an apartment resident, who has made model train building one of his favorite hobbies in retirement, managed the project working with many volunteers.

The youngest volunteer Luke recruited was Dan Lehman, a student at Lancaster Mennonite High. Dan and Luke, pictured, have been paired as a mentoring team for several years through their congregation Community Mennonite Church of Lancaster. They spent a number of evening and weekend hours to make the N-gauge train display possible.

"I hope it will be of interest to everyone, young and old, train buffs or not," said Luke.

Montie Lewis

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Continuing the Tradition

## A Time to Plant New Healthcare Center Dedicated



# Volunteers Volunteers who Contributed 25 hours or more in 2003

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#### Blanche M. Sensenio Luke Shank Ruth Shank Lena Shaub Mildred Shellenberger Shelley Shellenberger



Anna Oberholtzer Della Oberholtzer John J. Oberholtzer Rebecca Oberholtzer Wilmer Oberholtzer LoisParke Grace L. Peifer Matthew Peifer Betty Pellman James Provost Jamie Provost Alta Ranck Robert Ranck Anna Mary Reed IdaBelle Reist Lois Jean Rohrer Alta Roland William Roland **Evelyn Russell** Lydia Rutt John Sauder Marguerite Sauder Dorothy Scott Menno Sell **Dorothy Sensenich** 

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# Volunteers Volunteers who Contributed 25 hours or more in 2003

Dorothy Arment Ralph Arment **Edith Bailey Ruth Balmer** John Bare Nettie Bare Elma Barge Esther Becker Evelyn Becker Rebecca Beiler Miriam Bell Carolyn Beyer Roberta Blank **GraceBoll** John Boll **Bertie Book** Robert Boslev Ethel Brendle John Breneman Martha Breneman Mary Jane Breneman Ruth Breneman Judy Bright Aaron Brubaker Ida Brubaker Laura Brubaker Luke Brubaker Paul G. Brubaker

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# A Time to Laugh

Volunteer wins Outstanding Senior Award



Ruth G. Weaver was named Outstanding Senior of the Year in Lancaster County, an award that recognizes exceptional public service by the monthly magazine Senior News. Ruth received the award from Lancaster Senior Expo Coordinator Donna Anderson and WGAL TV's Janelle Stelson, at the opening ceremony of Lancaster Senior Expo in November 2003.

Shirley Grubb

**Richard Grube** 

Ethel Gustafson

George Gustafson

**Darline Hammer** 

**Dorothy Hammon** 

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Mahlon Hess

Mary W. Hess

Ruth volunteers weekly with Landis Homes residents who reside in assisted living and healthcare as they do service projects. They cut patches that are made into quilts for overseas relief. They cut strings and sort materials for school and health kits that are sent overseas. When finished, Ruth delivers these items to Mennonite Central Committee's Material Resources Center (MRC), where they are sent to children and families in refugee camps, in war-torn areas and wherever people are in need of emergency assistance.

Ruth is also a Friendly Visitor at Landis Homes and volunteers one evening a week in the Heritage. She has been a Red Cross volunteer for 25 years at Lancaster General Hospital. She serves as the Mennonite Homes Auxiliary key person for her home congregation, James Street Mennonite Church. She has been active for many years in the Witmer Fire Company Auxiliary and its annual ox roasts.



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# A Time to be Born

### **Big Move-In Day Arrives**

On one day in September 2003, fifty residents were moved into the eagerly anticipated new healthcare center. With lots of pre-planning and help from family members, extra staffing, volunteers, professional movers and a lot of flexibility, all residents were escorted to their new rooms in Manheim and Oregon Houses.

Each resident was moved individually with attention to gathering up all their possessions, moving to their own room and unpacking on the spot. Pictured is resident Francis Harvey, seated right, being welcomed to his room by maintenance staff person, Noah Hurst.

The new center accommodates 26 residents in each house that also includes a dining area, living room, activity room, family room, children's nook as well as three staffing areas. The corridors are wide and have natural lighting from many vantage points.

The daughter of a long-standing resident, who helped her father move from the former 33-year old center said, "It's a miracle. This is just beautiful."

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# A Time to Gather Up

### **Dogwood Commons Becomes a Reality**

Dogwood Commons opened to serve staff and residents in the spring of 2004. What were once three hallways of hospital-style rooms has been transformed into a central core for many community areas and offices.

Dogwood Café, with a food bar, booths, tables and large glass windows looking out on flower-filled courtyards is the centerpiece of the new area. Being used by both employees, visitors and residents, it is open around the clock for dining service Pictured, are employees Rhelda Conrad and Joanne Hostetter.

A new enlarged gift shop, a new centrally located hair salon and a computer-learning center, where both residents and employees can take advantage of computer training, also opened as part of the Dogwood Commons renovations. The offices of the management team, human resources, finance, information technology, healthcare, as well as some dining and social services are now to be found in one central location.

"This is the best recycling I have experienced in my 27 years here," said President Ed Longenecker. "This is the last phase of the Building to Serve capital campaign which began in 2002 and raised over \$2 million of the total cost of the new healthcare center and this renovated area now known as Dogwood Commons.

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