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NEW HEALTHCARE CENTER OPENS AT THE VILLAGE AT SUMMERVILLE

Sixty years after first opening, The Village at Summerville reached another milestone when its new, 88-bed Health and Rehabilitation Center opened the week of May 13 in a whirlwind of activity. That Monday, PCSC received a license from South Carolina's Department of Health and Environmental Control to operate the center. That Wednesday, residents, trustees and staff gathered in the center for a worship service dedicating the facility to the glory of God and service of neighbor.

Then on Thursday, May 17, residents living in the old healthcare center were transported to the new center and settled in their beautiful, new living quarters. The move process had been planned in advance down to the last detail, ensuring that things would go smoothly. The process worked so well, in fact, that all residents were moved in just three hours.

The smiles on the faces of staff, residents and families told the real story. As Medical Director Dr. David Castellone pointed out at the dedication service, seniors receiving health care at The Village now have a beautiful, first-rate facility that is the perfect complement to the first-rate care they have been receiving from the staff all along.

Right: Dot Burroughs was the first Village resident to move into the new healthcare center when it opened in May.



Three residents of the new healthcare center enjoy their first meal in their dining hall on move-in day.



Left: The new Health and Rehabilitation Center features a number of bright and cheerful sitting areas where residents and visitors can socialize. Right: The Magnolia Dining Room.



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A TRULY MOVING EXPERIENCE

Witnessing compassionate Christian ministry up close and personal is a blessing that I have been given, over and over, during my years of service at PCSC. I never take it for granted, although it is what is expected for all who serve its mission.

On the morning of May 17, 2018, an excited team of PCSC employees were gathered at the new Health and Rehabilitation Center at The Village at Summerville. As we received our instructions for the day at a scheduled meeting, led by Yolanda White, the Health Care Administrator, I looked around to see employees from almost every position of service, therapists, Executive Directors from every PCSC campus and many from the Management Services Office in Columbia.

Beginning around 9 a.m., approximately 80 residents, both long-term care residents and rehabilitation patients, were relocated from the old to the new building in a little less than three hours! It was truly one of the best-planned events of such magnitude that I have ever experienced, with assistance from staff, residents and outside friends and families.

The first bus arrived under the portico of the new building, with several residents on board.

These residents had been carefully assisted onto the bus at the old building, and made their way across the campus. As they exited the bus, I had the tremendous privilege to greet each resident.

All around me, however, were the people who mean the most to the residents, day by day. My gift was having the opportunity to observe the reaction on each resident's face as he or she was spoken to and/or touched by one of "their" staff members – someone they knew and loved. Broad smiles and excitement were on the faces of those getting ready to enter their new home. Residents who seemed cognitively unaware immediately opened their eyes and smiled at the sound or sight of the Certified Nursing Assistant, the housekeeper, the life enrichment assistant, the social worker, or whomever addressed them. This is a memory that will always be with me and is one of the highlights of my career. Although I see the interaction between staff and residents regularly at our Communities, to watch it time after time, with each and every resident, provided one of the most inspiring mornings I have had the honor to witness.

Upon entering the building, each resident was met with clapping and cheering to welcome them to their

new home, along with live music and a personal escort to their room. By the end of the day, the beautiful new building had become "home," and it was business as usual! For only with people to serve and a mission to fulfill did this building become a meaningful part of the PCSC ministry!

I write this with deep gratitude and appreciation to our staff for their compassionate Christian service, to residents who select this ministry to be their home, to families who entrust PCSC with their loved ones, and to the PCSC Trustees and Directors for their guidance and support. All of you continually help strengthen the mission of PCSC.

But the PCSC staff are the people who are on our campuses, each and every day, three shifts daily, enriching the quality of life for those this ministry serves. Given this visual reminder on May 17 of the love and respect our staff has for those they serve, especially in the Health and Rehabilitation Center, it is my privilege to carry the picture and the feeling of this compassion and love forever.



Kathy Ligon, President and CEO



PCSC FOUNDATION

The PCSC Foundation is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt, non-profit organization that receives and manages charitable gifts given to support the mission and ministry of Presbyterian Communities of SC (PCSC) at its five historic campuses (Clinton, Columbia, Florence, Foothills and Summerville). You can make your charitable gifts to PCSC payable to the PCSC Foundation. Your gifts are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.

SHOW & TELL

A few weeks ago I spent a couple of days on the couch recuperating from some minor surgery. As I watched a movie on TV, there happened to be two recurring commercials seeking donations. One was for a children's hospital, which showed several precious-looking, but clearly sick children. The other showed cute, but forlorn-looking stray animals.

Those were certainly effective ways to highlight those causes, but I couldn't help notice the contrast in how we communicate PCSC's need for charitable support.



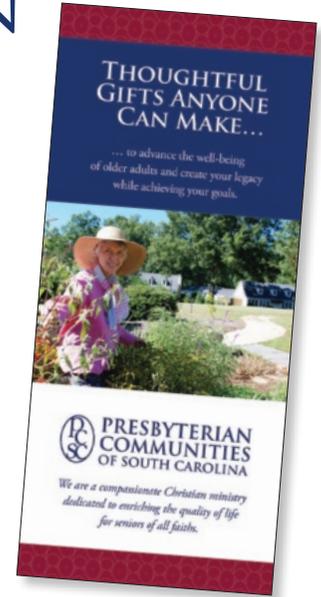
Franklin Fant, Director of Foundation Services and Church Relations

It simply would not do to publicize the pictures and stories of those residents who have outlived their life's savings due to illness or exceptionally long life. No one would be comfortable with that loss of privacy. It would defeat what we are trying to accomplish when we provide financial assistance.

What we *can show* you in this issue of *Community Connections* are pictures of happy residents enjoying their senior years to the fullest. What we *can tell* you are all the happenings that make life at our communities so enjoyable. You certainly may see some pictures here and there of a resident who can no longer pay the full cost of his or her room and board. But you won't be able to tell who they are from the pictures!

POISED BETWEEN THE PAST AND THE FUTURE

The first half of 2018 has been a remarkable time of looking both to PCSC's past and its future. We've held formal celebrations of our 60th Anniversary (see pages 8-9), giving thanks for what God has done through this ministry. We've opened a new, state-of-the-art healthcare center at The Village at Summerville, positioning PCSC to continue blessing older adults for years to come.



Our 2nd *Sixty Planned Giving Initiative* is likewise poised between looking to the blessings of the past and those of the future. A planned gift (made as part of one's estate planning) tends to be one's most impactful gift. Planned gifts have been crucial over the years to sustaining and growing PCSC's vitality. They continue to be crucial to securing the future.

There are many types of planned gifts you can use to meet your charitable and personal goals. Some types pay you income for life, some can reduce your taxes, and some (like your will) allow you to change your mind. There are also many ways to specify how your gift is used. Will you consider making the future well-being of seniors a part of your legacy?

Please let me know how I can help you consider your options and fulfill your desire to bless older adults. Thank you!

WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT LEAVING YOUR LEGACY? YOU CAN:



Request information about estate planning and *The 2nd Sixty Initiative* by checking the box on the envelope in this magazine.



Contact Franklin Fant in our Foundation office at (803) 772-5885 or at Franklin.Fant@PresComm.org.



Visit www.PresCommunities.org/planned-giving

HEALTHCARE AT THE VILLAGE: THEN AND NOW

In January of 1958, The Village at Summerville (then known as the Presbyterian Home of South Carolina) first opened its doors to 20 residents. This opening was the culmination of a decade of prayer, planning and visioning done by the Presbyterian churches of South Carolina, who wanted a place its older members could go live when living at home alone was no longer appealing. It was intended to be an alternative to the traditional “nursing home.” It was to be a place one went because one *wanted to*, not because one *had to*.

New residents entering “the Home” consequently had to be able to walk and get around without the assistance of a walker or wheelchair. Within a few short years of opening, however, it became apparent that the Home needed an infirmary. A new wing was thus completed in 1963 to add a healthcare center, as well as additional residences to the campus. That same year, the Home grew to serve 70 residents. The need for additional healthcare beds continued to increase rather quickly, so 22 beds were added in the late 1960s, followed by 38 more in the late 1970s.

In 2012, 47 acres of land adjacent to The Village became available for purchase. The property had been intended for residential development by its owner, but had been repossessed by lenders following the economic downturn that began in 2008.

Believing this was a tremendous opportunity for PCSC to enhance its ministry, the Board of Trustees negotiated a favorable price and acquired the land.

As the best use of this new property was being contemplated, it became apparent that there was an urgent need to replace The Village’s aging healthcare facilities. Having been in service for many decades, these facilities were becoming worn out. Good stewardship dictated that building a new healthcare center would be more cost-efficient in the long run than renovating the existing one. This would also better meet the physical and emotional needs of those served, as well as their families.

Work to clear and prepare the entirety of the purchased land for future development was begun in 2015. By the fall of 2016, construction had begun on the new building, which would contain 88 skilled care beds to serve permanent residents, as well as non-residents seeking short-term rehabilitation.

This Health and Rehabilitation Center represents a fitting milestone for the 60th Anniversary of the opening of the first Presbyterian Home. PCSC rejoices and gives thanks to God for this state-of-the-art facility and for the blessings it will provide to those served at The Village for many years to come.



The Village at Summerville hosted an Open House at its new Health and Rehabilitation Center for families of residents and church supporters on April 29. Below are some photos from the event.



Residents Ray and Emma Dougherty (with Village Chaplain Achim Daffin, left) enjoy their first look at the new healthcare center. Ray and Emma graciously provided the musical accompaniment for the service of dedication in May.



Visitors enjoy socializing in the main entrance area, while a guitarist provides music in the background.



Creative Arts Coordinator Joanne MacAfee and resident Eleanor Bosco demonstrate arts and crafts for visitors.



Resident Bev Long shows the work-in-progress of her painting of her cat.



The new HUR Smart Balance device in the physical therapy room includes games to test one's balance. This was a favorite of the children (and some adults!) visiting the Open House.



Above: One of the secondary entrances shows the "lowcountry feel" the healthcare center was designed to have. Below: There are a number of lovely sitting areas where residents and visitors can relax.



Tony Fountain (Chief Operating Officer), Franklin Fant (Director of Foundation Services and Church Relations), and Ellen Imperial (Director of Clinical Services) greet visitors.

PCSC AND PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERY CELEBRATE LEGACY OF FAITH

For the last several years Presbyterian Communities has sponsored Providence Presbytery's annual Legacy celebrations of older adult church members. These events, held each Spring at Bethelwoods Camp and Conference Center, recognize the unique and invaluable contributions of seniors to the lives of their individual churches.

This year's theme was "Celebrating Lives Built on the Solid Rock." Individual seniors, as well as groups, were recognized for how they had blessed others by modeling a life built on the firm foundation of Jesus Christ.

After an opening prayer by Franklin Fant, PCSC's Director of Church Relations, particular individuals and groups were honored for their contributions to their church families. Selected speakers also gave personal witness to how their lives had been shaped by the faith of others. A barbecue luncheon was served following the program. A special feature of this year's event were the tables that were set up by various churches to honor the lives and contributions of these special church members.

PCSC is committed to supporting the real contributions that seniors can, and should, make to the lives of others. Nowhere is this more important than in the life of faith. PCSC is grateful for its partnership with the churches of Providence Presbytery and the opportunity to highlight the important role older adults play in the lives of their brothers and sisters in Christ.



The Allison Creek Presbyterian Church honored the legacy of faith of three members, as well their families. Pictured (L-R) are Allison Creek Pastor Sam McGregor, Sam Covington, Tommy Cook, and Mamie Jackson (representing her husband, honoree Foster Jackson).



Participating churches set up "memento" tables, using photos, narratives and other visual items to express the unique gifts and character of those seniors honored for their legacy of faith. Pictured here is the display set up by the Bethesda Presbyterian Church (York) to honor Ina Oates.

MOTHER'S DAY CARD FEATURES WORK OF FLORENCE RESIDENT

The lovely oil painting on the cover of the 2018 Mother's Day card is the work of Mrs. Mary Butler. She is a resident at The Florence Presbyterian Community and a member of the Darlington Presbyterian Church.

Mrs. Butler is an inspiring example of what someone can do and learn in retirement. After raising a family and retiring from social work with the Department of Social Services, she helped found "The Lord Cares." This local network of Darlington congregations provides food and assistance to those needing help. She only stepped away last summer, after volunteering there as a manager for 29 years.

Mrs. Butler's experience as a painter also began later in life. In 2010, she enrolled in an oil painting class at a local gallery "to keep my mind busy," she says. She has since produced a remarkable number of beautiful oil paintings like the one we enjoy on this year's Mother's Day card.

MOTHER'S DAY OFFERING

Since well before the first Presbyterian Home opened in Summerville 60 years ago, South Carolina Presbyterian churches have been collecting the Mother's Day Offering to support the ministry of PCSC to older adults.

The Offering is used solely to provide charitable care for residents whose life savings no longer cover the full cost of their room and board. In a typical year, about 6-7% of PCSC's residents receive some level of financial assistance, at a cost that can run to \$1.5 million or more.

The Mother's Day Offering is a very real and tangible way that our churches and many individual donors, as well, keep the 5th Commandment to "Honor your father and mother." If you have not made a contribution to this year's Mother's Day Offering, would you please consider doing so? An envelope is included in this issue of *Community Connections*, or you may give online at www.prescommunities.org/make-a-gift.



Mary Butler, a resident of The Florence Presbyterian Community, generously shared her lovely painting of white tulips for the 2018 Mother's Day card, which was used to promote the Mother's Day Offering.

NEW APARTMENT WING COMPLETED AT THE VILLAGE

PCSC completed construction of a new wing of 18 independent living apartments at The Village at Summerville earlier this year. Excited new residents began moving into their new homes in March.

This is the first three-story building PCSC has built. It includes a grab-and-go café, where any resident can enjoy lighter fare such as soup, salad and sandwiches. It has already been used to hold a special viewing of the recent royal wedding. Residents attended in their finest attire and enjoyed high tea as they watched Prince Harry marry Meghan Markle.



Above: Village residents watch the royal wedding while enjoying high tea. Left: The café in the new apartment wing adds another dining option for residents.

PCSC COMMUNITIES HOST 60TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS



During February and March, Presbyterian Communities of South Carolina hosted 60th Anniversary celebrations on the campuses of its five historic communities (Clinton, Columbia, Florence, Foothills, and The Village). These were wonderful opportunities for residents, special supporters and former employees to re-connect and give thanks for the many blessings bestowed through this special ministry.

During each event, CEO Kathy Ligon shared some reflections on PCSC's history. She recalled the

efforts of Presbyterian churches to give and volunteer generously to build and open the first Presbyterian Home in Summerville (now known as The Village). For example, gently-used furniture was donated to help furnish a number of the apartments, as some of the earliest residents were retired school teachers who were leaving furnished apartments and had no furniture to bring with them. She also shared the remarkable story of how a campaign to collect green stamps enabled The Village to purchase its first bus many years ago!

Franklin Fant, Director of Foundation Services and Church Relations, also used the celebration events to announce PCSC's 2nd *Sixty Planned Giving Initiative*. He recalled the important difference planned gifts have made in building and strengthening PCSC's ministry over the last 60 years. Stating that this was the best way for many folks to help carry the ministry forward into its second 60 years, he encouraged those present to consider leaving a gift to PCSC through their will, a charitable gift annuity or retirement account.



Residents Alice and Bruce Ford at Foothill's celebration.



Jason Basile, Executive Director at The Columbia Community, enjoys a laugh with Righton McCallum.



Florence resident Daphen Edge and CEO Kathy Ligon greet one another.



Franklin Fant (Director of Foundation Services and Church Relations) and resident Olive Timberlake celebrate at the Florence Community.



Robbie Young and PCSC's Chief Operating Officer Tony Fountain at the Clinton festivities.



Catherine Swetenburg, Jay Nexsen (Trustee), and Dick Swetenburg (former Chair of the Trustees and former Interim President) enjoy the celebration at the Clinton Community.



The celebrations were successful through the hard work of staff at each campus. Here, Carolyn Parker, Robert Orr and Melody Adams catch their breath before the start of festivities at the Florence Community.



Above center: Dancing is enjoyed often when the Foothills Community has a party, and the 60th Anniversary celebration was no exception.



Columbia residents Frances Kuhne, Mary and Mace Coleman and Charlotte White.



The Columbia dining room is set up for the 60th Anniversary celebration.



Sweet treats make a beautiful display at the Foothills Community.



Village resident Billie Erwin at a table she set up to share the history of The Village.



Above: CEO Kathy Ligon and former employee Penny Arnold enjoy catching up at the Florence Community.

Left: A harpist provides music at The Village.



Family and former employees reconnect at the 60th Anniversary celebration at The Village. Left to right: Anne Frampton Smith and Whit Smith, Rhonda Brown, Ron Crossley, Lynn Davis, and Allen and Janet Tapp.



Residents Olin Craig and Towers Rice at Foothills.



Former PCSC President John Kelbaugh (with wife Ebba to his left) shares a story with Mary and Luke Fant at the Columbia Community.



Dot Smith, Marcia Addison, and Mary Frances Creighton celebrate at Clinton.

FOOTHILLS RESIDENT DONATES LATE MODEL AUTOMOBILE

Harry Fritts, a resident of The Foothills Retirement Community for almost 13 years, recently made a very generous gift of his 2017 Ford Escape Titanium to the community. The community was in serious need of an additional vehicle to transport residents on errands and appointments. It's not surprising, then, that Harry says, "They have been running the wheels off it!" He said he has been particularly gratified by how often the car is used and how much the other residents have been enjoying it. Thanks, Harry!



Harry Fritts with the 2017 Ford Escape Titanium he donated.

COLUMBIA COMMUNITY HOSTS ERSKINE CLARK

In May, The Columbia Presbyterian Community offered a special educational opportunity to local churches, pastors and its own residents by hosting two lectures by The Rev. Dr. Erskine Clark, Professor Emeritus of American Religious History at Columbia Theological Seminary. He is an internationally known speaker and is the author of *The Dwelling Place: A Plantation Epic* (2005) and *By the Rivers of Water* (2013), which have both received numerous literary awards.



Brad Smith (L), Senior Pastor of Eastminster Church in Columbia, visits with guest lecturer The Rev. Dr. Erskine Clark.

In the morning, Dr. Clarke spoke to church members and residents on religious developments in colonial South Carolina, highlighting the roles various denominations played in the state and their geographic regions of influence. Particular attention was given to Presbyterians and Congregationalists, but he also noted the place of Anglicans, Baptists, Lutherans, Jews and Roman Catholics in the state.

At noon, a luncheon was hosted for pastors. Afterwards, Dr. Clarke gave a lecture for the pastors entitled, "Religion, Slavery and Antebellum Churches in South Carolina." This presentation explored the rise of African-American Christianity in South Carolina, the paternalistic efforts of white Christians, and continuing struggles over racism and race in South Carolina's religious life.

THE VILLAGE RECEIVES AWARD

The Summerville Mayor's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities has awarded its 2018 *Employer of the Year Award* to the Dining Services Department at The Village at Summerville. This honor is given in recognition of excellence in the employment of persons with disabilities. The notification letter stated that the efforts of the Dining Services Department in this arena have proven to be worthwhile and worthy of recognition.

Former Dining Services Director Steve Scranton received the award on behalf of The Village at a luncheon at the Summerville Country Club. Scholarships were also awarded at the event to area high school students with disabilities.



Steve Scranton (R), former Dining Services Director at The Village, with two young dining services workers.

VILLAGE RESIDENT FUNDS THERAPY EQUIPMENT PURCHASES WITH IRA

Clif Green, a resident at The Village at Summerville since 2012, has funded the purchase of four pieces of physical therapy equipment for the new Health and Rehabilitation Center at The Village.

His gift enabled PCSC to purchase these special items above and beyond what had already been budgeted for the new center. Thus, he directly elevated the level of care The Village can provide to residents in rehabilitation therapy.

The equipment items purchased included an HUR iBalance Premium, which tests and trains balance with a series of game-like exercises. This was a favorite of children and adults at the healthcare center Open House (see the picture on page 5). Another item was a CyberCycle exercise machine. This takes stationary cycling to another level, as it includes a video screen, giving the cyclist a virtual landscape to ride through. Cyclists can even race others online or race against a “ghost rider” that represents their previous best effort.

Also purchased was a Biodex Mobility Assist, which is a lift and walker all-in-one that therapy patients can use to help them get up and walk. Finally, a Total Gym GTS was purchased. This strength training platform allows users to perform a multitude of exercises and is a piece of equipment that would be at home in any fitness enthusiast’s personal gym.

Clif chose to make his gift using a qualified charitable distribution from his IRA. For IRA owners over 70½ years old, this is a very advantageous way to achieve their charitable goals. Rather than taking the withdrawal themselves and incurring income tax, they can direct their financial institution to send a gift directly to their charity and avoid the tax altogether. As Clif shared, “This is a great way to make a gift, and I highly recommend it to others.”

Call Franklin Fant at PCSC’s Foundation Services office (803-772-5885) to learn more and obtain the information your financial institution needs to transfer your qualified charitable distribution.



Left: Village resident Clif Green beside a CyberCycle exercise machine in the therapy room of the new healthcare center. This and other therapy equipment were purchased thanks to his generosity. Right: Another view of the therapy room at The Village’s new healthcare center.

PCSC OLYMPICS ADDS A NEW COMMUNITY

For several years, residents from Presbyterian Communities of South Carolina's five campuses have gathered at the Columbia campus for the PCSC Olympics. This is a day many residents look forward to as a time to enjoy friendly competition in several events, as well as good fellowship.

This year was especially notable because the newest and sixth campus in the PCSC family, Laurel Crest Retirement Community

in West Columbia, participated in the games for the first time. The residents from Laurel Crest made their mark, as they took home the first-ever "Spirit Award." The full "thrill of victory," however, was experienced by The Foothills Retirement Community, which took home the overall trophy for highest score across all events. Congratulations to the individual medalists below!



Tom Swirles of the Foothills Retirement Community displays the trophy his community won for highest medal count.

EVENT	PLACE	MEN	WOMEN
SPELLING	Gold	Robert Floriani - Foothills	Ginny McLean - Foothills
	Silver	John Vousden - Columbia	Jane McGregor - Columbia
	Bronze	Tom Turnipseed - Laurel Crest	Karen Roof - Summerville
WALKING	Gold	Wes Koch - Foothills	Joan Erdman - Foothills
	Silver	Ray Doughty - Summerville	Grace Will - Summerville
	Bronze	Don Smith - Columbia	Charlotte White - Columbia
PUTT-PUTT	Gold	Charlie Peacock - Summerville	Pat Hollifield - Summerville
	Silver	Bill Pace - Clinton	Diana Malcolm - Foothills
	Bronze	Mace Coleman - Columbia	Carolyn Lowe - Columbia
WII BOWLING	Gold	Bob Glisson - Summerville	Carolyn Harvill - Foothills
	Silver	Herb Croxton - Columbia	Darleen Strange - Columbia
	Bronze	Curtis David - Foothills	Gerry Smoak - Laurel Crest
BOCCE BALL	Gold	Peter Hobbie - Clinton	Nell Oliver - Florence
	Silver	Steve Lefevre - Foothills	Eleanor Boscoe - Summerville
	Bronze	Ron Jacobs - Columbia	Norma Schwinn - Columbia



Columbia resident Nan Foster leads the opening assembly in the singing of the national anthem.



Florence resident Maymie Lou Spearman prepares to sink a putt.



Residents Daphen Edge, Maymie Lou Spearman, and Chaplain Snow Donmeyer show off their Florence spirit.



The PCSC Olympics featured a surprise hula-hoop contest between the executive directors of each community. Here, Paul Pridmore (ED at the Clinton Community) shows the swivel in his hips.



Bill Pace (left) and Peter Hobbie display their medals.



The women's speedwalking contestants pose before the start of the race.



Laurel Crest residents pose before leaving to compete in the PCSC Olympics.



Village residents Werner Will, Karen Roof, and Grace Will visit after the traditional hamburger and hotdog cookout.



Above: Many residents were glad to simply sit and observe the games on a beautiful day. Right: Brothers Bill (left) and John Ford relax together.



Below left: Dining Services staff from various communities assembled in Columbia to have enough hands to pull off a cookout for the large crowd.

Below right: Amy McCormack (Assistant Director of Life Enrichment at Columbia) and her daughter serve Sno-Kones at the games.

Below: Judy Harriman (Administrative Services Manager at the Columbia Community), in her traditional role of torchbearer, announces the opening of the games.



LITTLE HATS, BIG HEARTS

The *Busy Fingers* knitting and crocheting group at The Clinton Presbyterian Community took on a new project this year to support the American Heart Association and The Children's Heart Association.



Busy Fingers member Fran Curtis displays red baby hats knitted to promote heart health during the month of February.

This group, along with many other volunteers around the country, worked steadily to celebrate American Heart Month by knitting and crocheting red hats for babies born during the month of February at participating hospitals.

These handmade symbols of love and support are given out to countless babies to honor them and empower their mothers. Both heart associations also worked to provide resources and inspire moms to help their families live a heart-healthy life, as well as raise awareness about congenital heart defects.

By the end of February, the women from the Clinton Community shared more than 100 baby hats with three different hospitals in the area: Laurens County Memorial Hospital, Newberry County Memorial Hospital, and Self Regional Healthcare in Greenwood. The ladies were grateful for the opportunity to use their gifts and refined skills to help babies in need, give back to the local community, and support women and children affected by heart conditions.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, DR. SEUSS!

Held annually on March 2, Dr. Seuss Day celebrates the birthday of Theodor Seuss Geisel – also known as Dr. Seuss. During the 1990s, the National Education Association advocated for a day to celebrate reading. In 1998, it started *Read Across America* to encourage reading for all ages and decided to hold it on the same day as Dr. Seuss' birthday.

Many schools across America schedule lesson plans around the event, as did M.S. Bailey Child Development Center in Clinton. The students were in for a special treat when Clinton resident Buzzy Randall came for story time dressed as The Cat in the Hat to read several popular Seuss books to the class.



Resident Buzzy Randall and a student from the M.S. Bailey Child Development Center.

The children made their own hats so they would be properly dressed for the readings. Buzzy's wife, Jo, held up pictures while Buzzy read. Together, the dynamic duo enjoyed a few laughs, connected with a slightly younger generation and celebrated the importance of reading at every age!

DISCIPLE NOW YOUTH GROUP

On Saturday, March 17, a group of high school youth known as *Disciple Now* volunteered their time and efforts to help spruce up the landscaping around the Clinton Community. The group, led by Rev. Debby Plumstead Marshall, is made up of students from Rock Presbyterian Church in Greenwood who are learning how to lead worship, pray and practice meaningful community outreach.



Youth from Rock Presbyterian Church in Greenwood work to plant trees at the Clinton Community.

With instruction from resident Tom Bryson, they planted six Dogwood trees, sweet shrubs, and Iris bulbs along the new community driveway. Other residents took pictures, provided professional supervision, and, no doubt, offered comic relief during the laborious tasks.

Their joyful presence and physical aid in preparing for spring is much appreciated and Tom ended with saying, "It was a perfect day."



Left: Marion Simmons and Velma Burnett enjoy the sunshine at the Annual Easter Egg Hunt. Right: Sara Byars (100 years young) finds the Grand Prize Egg.



Above: Martha Simmons, Gin Jacobs, Joan Murdoch, Jo Randall display their happy heart wreaths made for Valentine's Day.

John Patterson presenting Bill Pace with the Mr. Postman Award for nine years of volunteer service in the resident mailroom.



Right: The Reverend Dr. Jeri Parris Perkins and Susan Henderson at the Valentine Tea hosted by First Presbyterian, Clinton.



Left: Resident Hoyt Jenkins takes a break from supervising the landscaping work of youth volunteers from Rock Presbyterian Church.



Above: New residents are honored at the Newcomers Dinner. Below: All That Jazz Performers arrive for the Newcomers Dinner.



HONORING THE MAINTENANCE STAFF

The Columbia Presbyterian Community is grateful for the hard work and support of its maintenance staff. The Community recently celebrated the members of this team, who always kindly and selflessly help others. The residents enjoyed the opportunity to say, "Thank you," but they were not the only grateful ones. The rest of the Columbia staff and residents' families appreciate the maintenance staff just as much! In gratitude, members of the maintenance staff were given special t-shirts saying, "I'm Here Because You Broke Something."



MOONLIGHT SERENADE

On February 20, The Columbia Presbyterian Community celebrated "the love month" with a Moonlight Serenade dinner and dancing event. Music was provided by the Capital City Big Band, along with Dick Goodwin. The dining staff prepared an exquisite meal that included a smoked seafood medley in tomato basil aspic, Beef Wellington with roasted root vegetables and a puree of celeriac, finished with a Madeira sauce. Lava cake was served for dessert.

TOUR OF HISTORIC AIKEN

Residents from The Columbia Community traveled to Aiken, SC, for a guided trolley tour. It was a day of history, as well as fine dining at The Willcox Restaurant. Those traveling made the trip in conjunction with The Laurel Crest Retirement Community, and together they filled the trolley! It was the first of many more joint trips to come.



WISH OF A LIFETIME ORGANIZATION DELIVERS ROSES

On Valentine's Day, residents of the Columbia Community were honored when volunteers from USC fraternities and sororities visited and distributed roses. The outreach effort, called #CupidCrew, was organized by Wish of a Lifetime. This organization helps seniors fulfill life-long dreams and wishes in the belief that seniors hold an important place in society and possess inherent wisdom to share. The goal for the 2018 #CupidCrew event was to distribute 15,000 roses to retirement communities across 100 U.S. cities.



#CupidCrew volunteers from USC fraternities and sororities make their rounds at the Columbia Community.



Jane Lee and Lodi McWilliams enjoy receiving roses on Valentine's Day from #CupidCrew volunteers.



Our residents were grateful for the Annual Valentine Brunch hosted by Saxe Gotha Presbyterian Brunch Bunch Circle, shown above with entertainer Hal McIntosh.

Right: Contestants of the Not-So-Newlywed Game include Mace and Mary Coleman, Billy and Beth Chastie, plus Ron and Nancy Jacobs.



Assistant Life Enrichment Director Amy McCormack shares a laugh with residents Lillian Bradley and Violet Westbury, as resident relative Susan LaCons looks on.



Above left: The Columbia Supper Club attendees enjoy a delicious meal together.



Below left: Girl Scouts of South Carolina - Mountains to Midlands Troop 1814 played Bingo and shared Girl Scout cookies with residents.



Volunteers from Cherokee Presbyterian Church host the Annual St. Patrick's Bingo.



Kids both young and young at heart can't wait for the Easter egg hunt to begin. Everyone loved the kids from Providence Presbyterian Daycare.

EASTER HAPPENINGS...

Due to possible inclement weather and a chill in the air, the 2018 Florence Community Resident Easter Egg Hunt was relocated to the campus Chapel. No fear though -- residents were still able to "find" the pastel-colored eggs along pews and atop hymnals. With a little help from Ben Bunny, residents also played an Easter-themed game in which everyone left with prizes, like chocolate rabbits, Cottontails, a stuffed bunny or two, and, of course, candy-filled eggs. Fun was had by all! The Florence Community hopes you had an EGGcellent Easter, too!



Resident Dot Johnson displays the "Easter" pig she won as part of the Easter Egg Hunt at The Florence Community.

Below: Maintenance worker John Howle ducks as resident Dot Johnson throws her snowball.



TOURING HISTORIC CAMDEN

In late March, residents from The Florence Presbyterian Community boarded a bus and headed to Camden for a tour of the historic town. Before starting the tour residents dined at Camden House of Pizza, where they met their tour guide, Davie Beard. During lunch, Davie shared the history of Camden and gave the residents an overview of the tour on which they were about to embark.

After taking a quick photo under one of the many Camden banners, the residents were off. They toured beautiful streets, historic sites, and even took a few dirt roads in the beautiful town. The entire trip was led by Davie from the comfort of the Community's bus.



Florence residents (L-R) Joan Hart, Olive Timberlake, Kate Powers and Luanne Ussery enjoy the sights of historic Camden.

Beautiful homes, history, good food and fellowship made this a tour residents are ready to do again.



Ready for Fat Tuesday, resident Hazel Watson is all decked out.



Thanks to Chef Ben for offering a fun pizza cooking demonstration.



Anna Mae Howell dons a special hat for St. Patrick's Day Bingo.



Before a Community Chinese lunch, Jackie Gunning wrote her name in Chinese-style characters.



Assisted Living Family Night is enjoyed by resident Creola Jackson and her niece Judy Glover.



Resident Mary Clanton poses on Valentines Day with Sylvia Johnson.



Dinner at Assisted Living Family night is enjoyed by Resident Hazel Watson and her son.



Resident Anna Gregg enjoys the scent of a beautiful Valentines Day rose.



WHAT IS LAUREL CREST?

Laurel Crest Retirement Community is the newest member of the PCSC family. Beautifully situated where the Saluda and Broad Rivers converge to form the Congaree River, Laurel Crest was founded in 1994 by First Presbyterian Church of Columbia. In January of this year, PCSC purchased the retirement community to enhance its own ministry of serving older adults, as well as to preserve a special mission begun by First Presbyterian.

Like PCSC's other communities, Laurel Crest is a Life Plan Community, offering a full continuum of senior living services (independent living, assisted living, memory care, and skilled nursing). PCSC has already begun work on a few capital improvements, such as new roofing, updating the air conditioning system, and several remodeling projects. These projects will ensure that as it approaches its 25th anniversary, Laurel Crest will be as beautiful as when it first opened.

Laurel Crest's Executive Director, Jim Deel, says, "We are thrilled to be welcomed into this great senior living organization. I believe that this alignment will better allow Laurel Crest to fulfill its mission and our ability to serve the current residents, and many residents into the future."

Residents at Laurel Crest have already enjoyed a number of interactions with other PCSC communities, especially The Columbia Presbyterian Community. They have hosted a tour and luncheon for Columbia Community residents curious to see their new neighbors. They also went on a road trip with Columbia residents to visit Aiken for lunch and a trolley tour. Laurel Crest residents also participated for the first time in this year's PCSC Olympics, impressing the five other PCSC communities by winning the "Spirit Award" for best team spirit.

Says Jim Deel, "Our residents have really enjoyed making new friends and even reuniting some old friendships by participating in trips with the Columbia Community. With Laurel Crest's smaller size, we are excited that collaborating with other PCSC campuses will only further enhance our ability to do more trips together.

"Everyone has been so kind and welcoming. We are honored to be a part of the PCSC family!"





Columbia Presbyterian Community residents came to Laurel Crest for a tour and to learn more about their new neighbors.



Laurel Crest residents and staff pose for a picture at Roatán, Honduras while on a cruise last spring.



Veronica Imel and Blair Pate, ladies from Life Enrichment, really get into character for a Spain-themed presentation.



Resident Happy Henry has been volunteering at Palmetto Health Richland in the heart hospital and trauma ward since 1990.



Life Enrichment Directors Tricia Richardson (from Laurel Crest) and Rebecca Richardson (from The Columbia Community) pose for a picture before the competition kicks off at the PCSC Olympics. No, they are not related!



Left: Residents Tom Turnipseed and Joe Pinner practice with Thomas Antoon and Stevie McCaston from the Maintenance Department as they prepare for their big performance in the first-ever "Talented and Not-so-Talented" Talent Show at Laurel Crest.

Resident Tom Turnipseed enjoys a hug and laughs with Dining Room Supervisor, Rosalinda Adams. It's not a true dining experience at Laurel Crest if Ros hasn't spoken to you and/or given you a hug!



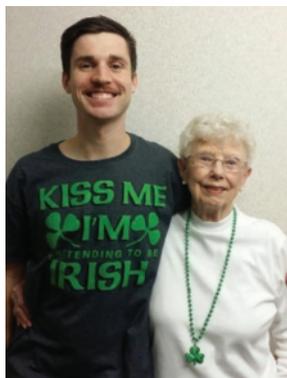
PEDAL & PONDER

Joy Hill, Wellness Director at The Foothills Community, is training for the 250+ mile bike event, Ride to Remember, to support the Alzheimer's Association in July. The Pedal & Ponder exercise class is helping her train by pedaling alongside and being so encouraging! During this session, the class watched a brain-stimulating video from TedTalk on Alzheimer's disease while they pedaled.



LITTLE GESTURES MAKE A BIG IMPACT

Carolyn Harvill's husband, Gil, passed away last year, and he was loved by everyone at The Foothills Retirement Community. He had a funny personality and one of his trademarks was the hilarious shirts he would wear. Carolyn found a very special staff person at the community to wear one of Gil's shirts. Luke Hall is a hard-working staff member who goes above and beyond in serving residents. He proudly wore Gil's



"Kiss me, I'm (pretending to be) Irish" t-shirt and brought a lot of smiles to everyone's faces. He even got a kiss from Carolyn.

The staff just can't win! On the last Monday of every month, Foothills staff members get together to play the residents in Bean Bag Baseball. For three months in a row, the residents have beaten the staff, but fun is had by all, even the staff!

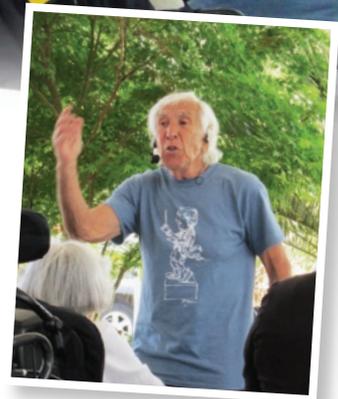


Above left: Joan Erdman, Ireta Yarns, Betty Eskew, Billie Payne, Bruce Malcolm and Diana Malcolm help hide Easter Eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt! Right: Little Maria Hill was so happy to break open and find a shiny piece of candy during the Easter Egg hunt! Ruth Pulliam, Billie Payne, and Mary Lown enjoy watching her find the eggs they hid.





Everyone is getting their workout during CONDUCTORCISE® (above), including residents Bess Lawton, Sara Wildeboer, Mary Ratliffe and Dot Dangerfield (left).



Right: Maestro David Dworkin uses CONDUCTORCISE® to strengthen the heart, improve muscle tone and relieve stress.



Left: Volunteers from the Lowcountry Model A Club visited and offered to take Harriet DaSilva and Billie Erwin for a ride around the community.



Right: Rose Marie Troope blows the horn and waves during her first bike ride.



Resident Judith Hermann learns new painting techniques.



Resident Ruth Ellison and CNA Jody Reigle take in the sun at the Folly Beach pier.



Life Enrichment Coordinator Emma Johannemann leads a sing-a-long group in the main lobby.



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