



CLINTON RESIDENT STILL MAKING FURNITURE

*M*oving to one of the Presbyterian Communities of South Carolina gives residents the ability to spend their time and energy doing the things that they want to do. A wonderful example of this is Tom Bryson, a resident of The Clinton Presbyterian Community.

Tom began making furniture as a young man, and this developed into a life-long passion that he still pursues at the age of 88. Over the years, Tom has honed and developed his craft, and the results can be seen all over the cottage he shares with his wife, Lucia. In their home, one finds a drop leaf dining room table, a silver chest, chests of drawers, a queen-sized four-poster bed, a desk, side tables, benches, and much more, all made by Tom. Not only does he enjoy building furniture, he has taken just as much pleasure teaching wood working to others.



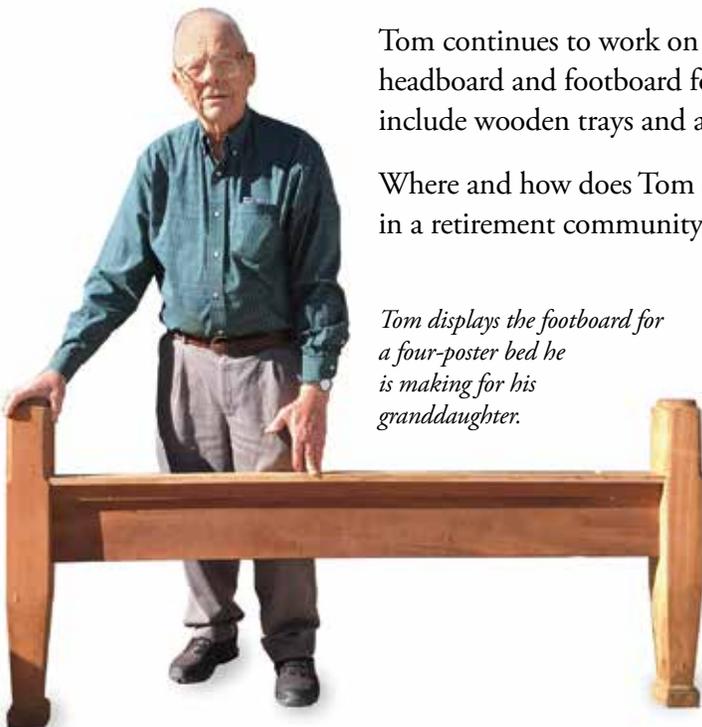
Tom Bryson works a board in the shop on his farm.

Tom continues to work on new projects, both large and small. In his carport are the headboard and footboard for a bed he is making for his granddaughter. Smaller projects include wooden trays and a coatrack made from Brazilian purpleheart.

Where and how does Tom continue his woodworking and furniture building while living in a retirement community? Some of it begins on his family farm in nearby Mountville, and

some of it ends in his carport. The farm is the source of wood for most of Tom's projects. He selectively harvests hardwoods, has the rough lumber cut at a sawmill, and then brings it back to the farm to dry in a kiln he built himself. He has a workshop on the farm where he can do any and all of the work he needs to do. Whether walking with Tom through the woods or watching him sort through lumber on the farm, one cannot miss his deep appreciation for the beauty of trees and the wood they yield.

Tom displays the footboard for a four-poster bed he is making for his granddaughter.



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STRONG LEADERSHIP FOR A SECURE ORGANIZATION AND THRIVING MINISTRY

Not-for-profit organizations rely on strong boards, made up of volunteers who are dedicated and provide expertise needed to guide their missions. Presbyterian Communities of South Carolina is indeed blessed to have 14 outstanding leaders on its Board of Trustees who provide guidance and leadership for this ministry. The Trustees ensure the mission is preserved and set the strategic plan necessary to ensure the viability of the organization for the future.

PCSC has been in a growth mode over the last six years, culminating in the opening of the new 88-bed replacement health center at The Village at Summerville in 2018. As the Planning Committee of the board began the biennial review and update process for the Planning Directives (which are used to guide PCSC's work), Trustees began considering what is next for PCSC. They wanted to be certain they knew as much as possible about the senior living field prior to updating the Planning Directives.

At the August 2018 Board meeting, the CEO of a large Presbyterian senior living provider presented a program on what their organization was doing to prepare for the future. Then, in October 2018, four PCSC Trustees traveled to Philadelphia to attend the national conference of LeadingAge, the association of not-for-profit senior living services.

This is the first time PCSC has had four Trustees attend LeadingAge. The conference provides educational sessions on all aspects of senior living, and the networking among trustees from around the country and their management teams offers opportunities for sharing.

In addition to quarterly Board meetings each year and additional committee meetings, these Trustees took

Planning is bringing the future into the present so that you can do something about it now.

Alan Lakein, Author



time to attend this conference for one reason – to lead PCSC to a strong future. As we celebrated 60 years of service in 2018, it is exciting to have such informed leaders making decisions for today and planning for the future!

A Board Planning Retreat is scheduled for late February, and the entire Board will be considering our short- and long-term projects and programming. They will address significant issues in senior living.

It is with sincere gratitude that we recognize the expertise and commitment of the Board of Trustees of Presbyterian Communities. Their leadership makes PCSC a better and stronger ministry, for today and tomorrow.

Katharine R. Ligon

Kathy Ligon,
President and CEO



THE JOY OF BEING A FAITH-BASED MINISTRY

Perhaps the greatest blessing of working at a ministry like Presbyterian Communities is that everyone understands the centrality of Christian faith to our mission. Our mission recognizes that PCSC is really *God's mission* of caring for our residents and those who love them.

Certainly, as an organization that serves seniors of all faiths and employs staff of all faiths, the beliefs of those with different convictions are respected. The mission of PCSC is not to proselytize, but to bless and enrich the lives of those we serve. No one is asked to hide their faith or pressured to publicly express their faith. Nevertheless, everyone understands that this organization is grounded upon faith in the God revealed in Jesus Christ.

Part of this is expressed by our strong, ongoing ties with the Presbyterian churches that support us. Part of this is expressed by our practice of having a chaplain employed at every community. These chaplains not only minister to the residents, they also minister to their families and to our staff. But the implications of being a faith-based ministry go deeper.

Prayer is understood to be a standard part of our work at PCSC. Staff meetings open with prayer. We hold services for groundbreaking, asking God to bless new building endeavors and to guard those working on these projects. Significant gifts and improvements to our campuses are dedicated to the glory of God with thanksgiving. And so many approach their work here, whether as employees or as volunteers, with the knowledge that they are instruments of God's blessing. Many of our donors support PCSC with a similar understanding, seeing what we do as an extension of God's commandment to honor father and mother.

In my role at PCSC, it is truly a privilege to witness the compassionate spirit of those who work here, and a privilege to witness the faith-filled generosity of so many donors. Because we are a compassionate Christian ministry, I ask not only for your financial support, I also ask for your prayers. Give thanks for PCSC. Pray for those who live with us. Pray for our staff. And pray that God will continue to bless and strengthen this very special ministry. Thank you!



Franklin Fant, Director of Foundation Services and Church Relations



ONLINE GIVING MADE EASIER

For several years, PCSC has offered online giving for those who would like to use their debit or credit card to donate via our website. With interest in this form of giving increasing, we have recently updated and revised our online giving page. It is now simpler and easier than ever to support our seniors and their communities. Just go to **prescommunities.org/make-a-gift** and click "Make a Gift Now."



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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 South Carolina (PCSC). You can make your charitable gifts to PCSC payable to the PCSC Foundation. Your gifts are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.

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Tom also makes good use of his cottage carport. He often brings wood there to work on smaller projects or to do finish work on larger pieces. His pickup truck allows him to carry items back and forth from the farm, as needed.

Tom continues to dream about future projects. In particular, he is contemplating a unique chair that cantilevers the seat from only two legs, based on a design by famous woodworker George Nakashima. If you can't quite envision that chair, ask Tom. He is already thinking through how he will work the wood to make it.



Above: In his cottage, Tom holds a tray he recently created. Also pictured are a silver chest (to the left) and a drop leaf dining room table (foreground) that he made.

Left: Rough cut cherry harvested from Tom's farm cures in the kiln he built.

GET CONNECTED!

According to one study by the Pew Research Center, 41 percent of seniors use Facebook, and 10 percent use Instagram. Some estimates show that by 2020, as many as 50 million seniors will adopt a social media platform. Whether you are on Facebook and Instagram to connect with friends and family or to learn about interesting topics, be sure to "like" PCSC and our communities:

-  **Presbyterian Communities of SC**
-  **The Columbia Presbyterian Community**
- The Clinton Presbyterian Community**
- The Florence Presbyterian Community**
- The Foothills Retirement Community**
- Laurel Crest Retirement Community**
- The Village at Summerville**



Staff of the Florence Community greet guests at the recent grand reopening of their newly remodeled lobby.

THANKING FORMER BOARD MEMBERS AND WELCOMING NEW ONES

One of the most important assets for any organization to possess is an engaged board whose members generously share their time, energy and wisdom to sustain and advance its mission. Presbyterian Communities of South Carolina is blessed to be just such an organization. In fact, PCSC has two such boards, its Board of Trustees (which governs PCSC) and the Board of Directors of PCSC Foundation (which is appointed by the PCSC Board of Trustees).

At the turn of each year, PCSC regretfully says farewell to one or more of these Trustees and Directors whose terms have expired. It is therefore timely for this issue of *Community Connections* to recognize and thank those individuals who have contributed so much to the leadership of this ministry.

PCSC is deeply grateful to former Trustees Dr. Allen F. McCutchen and the Rev. Dr. W. Michael Shelton for their service of two consecutive three-year terms. The heartfelt thanks of PCSC are also extended to Mr. G. B. (Bud) Nalley, Jr., who has completed 11 years of continuous service on the PCSC Foundation Board of Directors, including serving as an initial Director when the Foundation was established in 2008. Bud is also a PCSC Trustee Emeritus whose contributions of leadership and vision to PCSC over the years are almost too many to count.

The turn of each year is also the time when we welcome new board members to this special ministry. Joining the Board of Trustees for the first time as members of the Class of 2021 are Dr. Priscilla W. Holtzclaw of the Westminster Presbyterian Church in Charleston and Mr. John S. Long of the First Presbyterian Church in Cheraw.

Mrs. Martha C. Casto of the Eastminster Presbyterian Church in Columbia joins the PCSC Foundation Board of Directors for the first time. Mr. Mark B. Clary of the First Presbyterian Church of Greenville has also graciously agreed to serve on the Foundation's Board, adding this to his ongoing work as a PCSC Trustee.

PCSC is grateful for the willingness of these individuals to invest in its work and looks forward to their leadership in the years ahead.

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A MOTHER'S REQUEST CREATES A NEW TRADITION FOR CLINTON RESIDENTS

It has become a tradition for residents from The Clinton Presbyterian Community to take an annual trip to the Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina to enjoy a play at the Flat Rock Playhouse.

Several years ago, when their usual luncheon venue suddenly became unavailable, then-resident Mrs. Frances Powell volunteered her son Allen Powell and his magnificent staff at the beautiful National Technical Honor Society, where Allen is the Executive Director.

And with that, a new tradition had begun. For at least the last eight years residents have enjoyed a luncheon hosted by Allen. Mrs. Powell passed away in 2015, but being the elegant and ever-hospitable southern belle that she was, she left specific instructions with Allen to carry on the tradition in years to come.

During this year's luncheon, Allen shared these thoughts from his blog: "Frances Haynes Powell passed away a few weeks after her 100th birthday. That's 35,600+ days on earth, fully alive and excited, living every day to the max ... a remarkable little lady so full of love and joy! I am so very fortunate that she was my Mom! Her last days were spent at The Clinton Presbyterian Community, where she made scores of friends, enjoyed her art, traveling, frequent visits with

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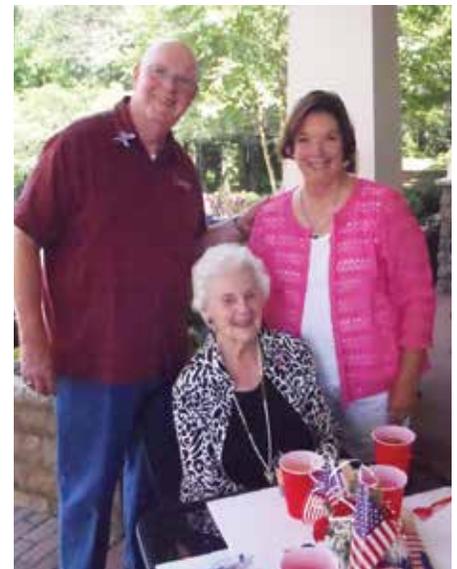


Clinton residents Pat Hill, Ann Hall, Joyce Templeton and Anne Pitts enjoy a luncheon hosted by Allen Powell before heading to the Flat Rock Playhouse.

her family, and living every day to the fullest, in joy."

When he was asked to host the first luncheon, Allen recalled humorously, "How do you tell a 90-something mother, 'No way?' Well, I was persuaded, and I'm so happy I went along. It's been a joy for me and our team every year! At her 100th birthday celebration, she made me promise to continue the tradition, and in her memory the PCSC luncheon carries on, and I love it!"

PCSC so appreciates Allen and his team for hosting Clinton residents, who look forward to another fun trip next year!



Allen Powell, his wife Polly, and his mother Frances Powell in 2014.

DOING GOOD AND FEELING GOOD...

VOLUNTEERING AT PCSC

Sustaining and advancing the work of Presbyterian Communities of South Carolina takes many forms. The support of volunteers who give generously of their time and energy is one of the most essential parts of this ministry.

PCSC's volunteers are church groups as well as individuals. Some groups and individuals serve in regular, ongoing capacities, while others serve on a more temporary basis as needs require or time allows. One thing is for certain, however. These "hands-on" supporters not only do good, they leave feeling good. PCSC residents appreciate the presence of volunteers very much, and their gratitude felt by those who come to visit and spend time with them.

Visiting and volunteering is something any age can do, and there is a variety of activities sure to fit a group's or individual's abilities and interests. Examples include:

- ✓ Playing games (Wii, board games, or cards)
- ✓ Sharing a travel experience
- ✓ Reading to a resident
- ✓ Teaching a crafts class
- ✓ Sharing a musical or dance performance
- ✓ Offering technology support
- ✓ Hosting or assisting with a party
- ✓ Assisting with dining in the memory support center or healthcare center

You can find out more about volunteer opportunities at the webpage below. You may also have good ideas of your own. For questions about volunteering at one of our communities, contact the appropriate Life Enrichment Director listed at right.



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YOUR CAR GETS A CHECKUP. WHY NOT YOUR WILL?



How often do you take in your car for a checkup? How often do you go to your doctor for a physical? Does your home heating and air system get a periodic inspection? If you believe in the value of regular checkups, add your will to the list.

YOUR WILL MAY NEED UPDATING IF...

Your family situation has changed.

If your will was written 10 or more years ago, think about the changes that have occurred in your life since you signed that document. Perhaps your children are no longer dependents or some relatives are no longer alive. You might be in a second marriage or have new grandchildren. Death, divorce,

marriage, births—they're all part of life, and they all influence what you may want included in your will.

Tax laws have changed.

Tax laws change all the time. In addition, the value of your assets may have increased substantially since the time you wrote your will. If you don't review and update your will, you will lose out on taking full advantage of recent tax law changes and new techniques in estate planning. Your estate planning attorney can help ensure that you do wise planning that meets your objectives and makes the most of your assets.

You've changed your mind.

Perhaps you included a gift in your will to someone you no longer wish to be a beneficiary. Or maybe you'd like to include a gift in your will to a charitable organization whose mission you believe in, such as

Presbyterian Communities. Perhaps the person you asked to be your personal representative is no longer able to do it or you want to pick someone else. Good news! Wills are not written in stone. (In fact, most of them are written electronically these days.) So you can always change your mind. You just need to check in once in a while to make sure your will reflects your current priorities.

You've moved.

If the state you live in is different than the one where your will was written, your will may not be in sync with the laws of your new state of residence.

As you can see, there are many factors that influence what's included in your will. The considerations mentioned here are just scratching at the surface. Your will is a very important document and a reflection of your most important priorities and goals. It's well worth the time to review it every five years or so to make sure it still reflects your values and the legacy you wish to leave.

Considering a check-up for your will? PCSC can help get you started. We have information on wills and basic estate planning for the charitably minded, and we are glad to share this with you. Feel free to contact us. It's easy to request information by marking the inside of the envelope enclosed in this issue. Or contact Franklin Fant, Director of Foundation Services and Church Relations, at (803) 772-5885 or at Franklin.Fant@PresComm.org.

Florence



Florence First Presbyterian Church women provided a fun Christmas party for residents, complete with games and a performance by the Ladies Ensemble.



Jacquelin Gunning admires artwork on exhibition at the Lake City Art Museum.



First graders from King's Academy sing Christmas carols. They gave each resident a handmade card and a hug.



Resident Dot Johnson gets ready for the holidays.



Young students from Master J. Kim's U.S. Taekwondo Education Center visit the Florence healthcare center.



Above: Each month residents experience a special, 5-star dining event courtesy of Dining Services Director Lynn Orr and her staff. Below: Joan and Phil Hart enjoy fine dining.



Florence resident and veteran Frank Stokes is congratulated by his daughter Beverly Stewart at his Quilt of Valor ceremony.

CAROLINA MUSIC MUSEUM

Residents of The Clinton Presbyterian Community spent a day in Greenville at the Carolina Music Museum, which just opened in March 2018. On display was the world-famous Carolina Clavier Collection that is comprised of more than 40 English, European and American pianos and harpsichords dating from 1570 to 1845.

Residents were able to speak with the owners of the piano collection and learned the history of each piano and heard about the amount of work that goes into keeping the instruments in playing condition.

Many museums support the idea that their pieces of art should be seen and not touched, but that is certainly not the case at the Carolina Music Museum. In fact, residents were encouraged to tickle the ivories to satisfy their curiosities. Jo Randall came prepared with sheet music and played a piece composed by Chopin on a piano that Chopin himself might have played!



Clinton resident Jo Randall plays Chopin on a piano from Chopin's era.

TALL TALES AND QUILT TRAILS

Led by Clinton resident and lifelong quilter Shirley Arledge, members of the Clinton Community set off early one morning last fall to expand their creative perspective and deepen their appreciation for the art of quilting. Their destination was Landrum, SC, which has developed the Foothills Quilt Trail. There, colorful quilt blocks attached to buildings are easy to spot while walking or riding through town.

These quilt blocks are painted wooden squares, based upon actual fabric prototypes. The blocks are then mounted on local office buildings and places of business. Each colorful quilt block represents a special meaning that is unique and specific to its sponsor. They also provide charming examples of heritage crafts and city art.

A tour of the trail was given by friend and expert quilter Ellen Henderson. Ellen is a member of the Landrum Quilters, a group that works with those interested in sponsoring blocks, under the auspices of the city administrator. During the tour, she shared the history of the Quilt Trail idea and how it began in Landrum.

Many thanks to Shirley and her friends in the quilting community for their passion for preserving history and their willingness to share it with Clinton residents.



Above: Clinton residents Margie Roberts, Gin Jacobs, and Martha Simmons with the Double Wedding Ring quilt block at a local jeweler in Landrum.

Below: A Tree of Life quilt block marks a doctor's practice in Landrum.





Bobbie and Teds Fields show off their "I Voted" stickers.



Fran Curtis and Helen Hans mooove over for trick-or-treater Brenlie the Cow.



Ted Fields reads to little ones at the M.S. Bailey Child Development Center.



The Busy Fingers group display baby caps and blankets made with love for the little ones at local hospitals.



Above: Newcomers pose with Harpist Kipper Ackerman, while (below right) Marcia Addison and Susan Henderson enjoy the Newcomers dinner.



Above left: Pat Sells receives a gift from Santa's little helper, Mikaylah. Above right: Head Elf Matthew Jones delivers a present to resident Jane Crawford at the annual Santa Supper.



Above left: Residents volunteer to decorate the parlor Christmas tree. Above right: Frances McSween and her daughter, Lucille Harper, play during the Christmas Sing Along.





L to R: Boy Scouts lend a hand in construction of the garden. Nancy Humphries and William Brock. The completed Certified Butterfly Garden.

BOY SCOUT CREATES BUTTERFLY CONSERVATION GARDEN

The Columbia Presbyterian Community has a new butterfly conservation garden, thanks to the Eagle Scout project of Boy Scout William Brock. The idea emerged from William's passion for the environment and his recognition that butterflies are in decline as their wilderness habitats dwindle. His Scoutmaster, Robert Sears, who has led several programs for Columbia Community residents, suggested developing the butterfly garden at the community.

The center courtyard was determined to be the perfect spot due to the abundance of sunlight and plant life. The courtyard also has a lot of foot traffic, ensuring many passersby can enjoy the garden and the butterflies.

During the planning phase, William formed a close connection with resident Nancy Humphries. An avid gardener, Nancy oversees the resident Garden Club and the beautification of the courtyard. She and her small crew of resident helpers make sure the center courtyard is full of

colorful flowers and plants. William worked closely with Nancy in planning the garden and benefitted from her advice.

On September 29, 2018, the courtyard was filled with Boy Scouts and parent volunteers who prepared the ground for planting. They also installed an insect house in the garden to encourage beneficial insects to come. The boys finished in a single day, and the end result was a beautiful Certified Butterfly Conservation Garden.

In gratitude for Nancy's guidance, William installed a beautiful plaque dedicating the project to her. Nancy is overjoyed for this grand honor and she will attend William's Eagle Scout Ceremony once he has completed all the required steps. The Columbia Community thanks William Brock, the Boy Scouts and their families, and Nancy Humphreys for making this project possible and creating this beautiful garden for all to enjoy!

LEXINGTON COUNTY LIBRARY PRESENTS "TECH TALKS"



Kelly Springer of the Lexington County Public Library discusses ways to avoid being scammed.

The Lexington County Public Library has been presenting "Tech Talks" at The Columbia Presbyterian Community for more than a year. These are wonderful opportunities for residents to get updated on the latest technology as it pertains to the internet and smart devices. Programs presented have covered social media, cooking websites, Google and search engines. They will soon start a computer lab to teach residents the basics of how to use a computer. In January, the library touched on a very important topic – seniors and financial scams. Scammers are individuals who commit fraud or participate in deceitful schemes. The scams covered included Medicare and health insurance fraud, counterfeit prescription drugs, telemarketing scams, as well as other attempts to defraud seniors. It is very important to be aware of what the current scams are, according to Lexington County Library's Kelly Springer, because scammers are always looking for new ways to deceive people.



Providence Day Care kids give a massive group hug to Nancy Folk while Emma Knudson laughs.



Pat Hutto thanks a new friend from Providence Day Care during the Love and Laughter Program.



Following her stellar performance, Lisa Gomes poses with her father, Jim Hancock.



"Little Miss Muffet" gets a pet from Joan Pauley and Nancy Humphreys during the Howl-o-ween dog costume contest.



Dot Holder has fun painting with a volunteer from Mt. Hebron Presbyterian.



Irene Hinson enjoys Bingo during a visit from the Dutch Fork Middle School Beta Club.

Rita Best and Peggy Porter play elves in the "Christmas is Coming" drama.



Mena Dexter makes ornaments with one of the youth volunteers from Mt. Hebron Methodist.



Frances O'Tuel tells Santa what she wants for Christmas.

I LOVE MY LITTLE CALENDAR GIRL ... AND GUY!

Residents of The Foothills Retirement Community had a fabulous time creating a special calendar for 2019. Each month represents a decade from the 1900s to the present, and residents posed in various ways to represent a slice of life during each era. Other PCSC communities supported the effort by supplying costumes. Everyone had a great time acting for their scene, creating memories that will be treasured forever! Those interested in obtaining a calendar can purchase one for \$5.00 in the main office at the Foothills Community.

APRIL



1930-1940

Residents recapture the heyday of water ballet in the 1930s.

MAY



1940-1950

Everyone turns out to do their part at home or abroad to ensure victory in World War II.

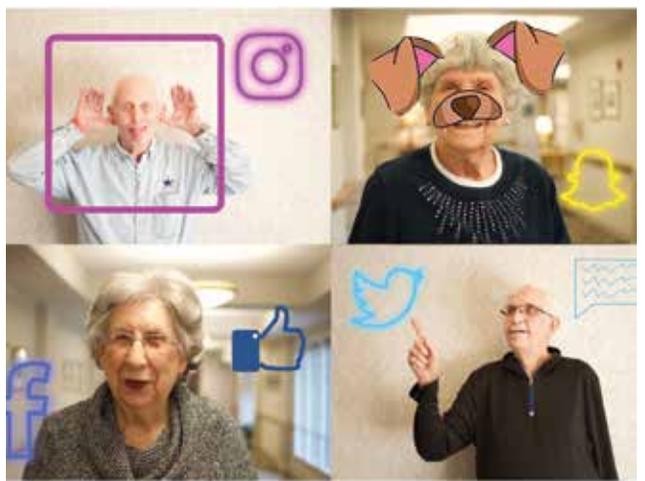
OCTOBER



1990-2000

The 1990s are remembered as the special time when the Foothills Community was built and opened its doors. Residents pose at lower right to recreate the groundbreaking.

NOVEMBER



2000-2010

Foothills residents show they can keep up with social media in this commemoration of the year 2000 and beyond.



Tom Swirles works on his numbers on the treadmill in the fitness center.



*Below:
Elizabeth Lindsay snuggles with her favorite tiger.*



Residents from various PCSC communities joined Foothills residents on a trip to the Doodle Trail Park in Easley.



Joan Erdman takes a spin around campus on her bike.



Tricycles aren't just for kids! Billie Payne enjoys the weather during a wonderful ride outside.



Rain or shine, Harriett Wacker does her daily workout in the fitness center.



Active Aging Week at Foothills: Concentration is paramount during the Resident vs. Staff competition, while Resident Roland Labounty plays chess with staff member K.C. Walker.





CELEBRATING OUR VETERANS

In November, Laurel Crest Retirement Community celebrated its veterans with a musical program provided by the Laurel Crest Chimes and Chorus. Residents also had the privilege of being joined by the American Legion Richland County Post 6 and Cayce Memorial Post 130. Ribbons were given out to the veterans, and the program ended with a wonderful reception. On Veterans Day, the community set up a POW/MIA table in the dining room for soldiers that did not make it home. Right at Home was also kind enough to provide American flags down the driveway as well as at the front entrance. It was a very patriotic weekend.

Above: A POW/MIA table was set up in the dining room on Veterans Day to remember the men and women who did not make it home.



The Laurel Crest Chorus perform as part of the Veterans Day program.

CELEBRATION OF LIFE AND LIGHTS

Laurel Crest held its annual Celebration of Life and Lights in December, where the community celebrates both the lives of friends lost in the last year, as well as the reason for the Christmas season. The celebration was a combination of music from the community's chorus and chimes, readings by staff, a Christmas sing-a-long and a reception. Family members of residents who are no longer with us were invited back to celebrate. Former community chaplain, Joseph Crump, returned to help lead the event. It was a meaningful and memorable occasion.



Director of Special Music, Jim Boatwright, and his wife Janet sing "Mary, Did You Know" at Laurel Crest's Celebration of Life and Light.

CHRISTMAS PARTIES FOR STAFF AND RESIDENTS

December also saw Laurel Crest's 2nd Annual Employee Christmas Party. Employees brought their families to have fun and celebrate the season. The event included crafts, games, food and, of course, Santa! Fun was had by everyone. Not only did staff receive their Employee Appreciation gifts from residents, but everyone won a door prize provided by the generous vendors who work with and support Laurel Crest.

Later in the month, Laurel Crest hosted its annual Christmas parties for residents. Everyone loves this time of year when the community is dressed up and festive. Laurel Crest actually had more than 20 trees placed around the campus. These parties allow the community to show off its best, and residents' families join in the celebrations. It is also a time to show off the dining staff's culinary talents. Food, beverages, music and fellowship filled the halls of Laurel Crest!

CLOGGERS VISIT

One of the last holiday-fun events at Laurel Crest was held on December 20, when the Capital City Clogging Company came to show residents their moves. Laurel Crest was the Company's last stop before Christmas, after which they headed to London, England, to perform in the New Year's Day Parade. It was a very exciting evening!

Right: After dancing all night, the Capital City Cloggers pose for a picture with Joe Pinner (aka Mr. Knozit).



During the Celebration of Life and Light event, candles represent our residents lost in 2018.



Bob Michalski brings Christmas cheer with his saxophone and clarinet during the resident Christmas Party.



Members of the American Legion Richland County Post 6 and Cayce Memorial Post 130 read during the Veterans Day Program.



The "big kids" help the younger ones make slime during the Employee Christmas Party.



Santa took time to get his picture taken with Resident Executive Council member Judy Turnipseed at the Employee Christmas Party.

VILLAGE RESIDENT “FLIES HIGH” FOR HER 100TH BIRTHDAY

When Rhea Spencer was a young child, if you had asked her what she would be doing for her 100th birthday, she would have told you that she would be dancing in Heaven. Little did she know then that she would be flying high in the sky on her 100th birthday, but not because she had entered Heaven’s “pearly gates.”

As her big day approached, Rhea announced she would like to celebrate with a helicopter ride. So The Village at Summerville reached out to Holy City Helicopters to make it happen. On October 18, 2018, Rhea was the first of several residents to enjoy a helicopter ride over beautiful Summerville.

“We like to be sure we are helping each resident check off items on their bucket list,” said Tim Barresi, Executive Director of The Village. “We celebrate each day with laughter and fun, but a 100th birthday calls for something extra special,” he added.



Resident Rhea Spencer waves from the helicopter as they lift off.



For Veterans Day, Franklin King talks to fellow residents about his time in the service in Iceland.



Wellness Outing participants admire majestic cypress trees and former rice fields at Caw Caw Interpretive Center.

Resident Charlie Peacock throws the bocce ball at the Resident vs. Staff Bocce and Putting Competition.



Everyone is ready for the Senior Games versus the Bishop Gadsden retirement community!



Pat Hollifield concentrates during the big competition.



Nancy Shows and Harriet DaSilva take a break at the fair with staff member Jinny Sauls.



Shirley Gossett, Myrtle Myrick and Norma Jamrogowicz have a ball at the Bountiful Feast photo booth.



Faith Sellers and other residents listen to the instructor as they line dance at the Bountiful Feast.



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