



WATERCOLOR BY A RESIDENT AT THE VILLAGE FEATURED FOR MOTHER’S DAY OFFERING

Dolores Ann Imhoff (nicknamed Dody) loved to draw and paint growing up in Ohio. She had many opportunities to explore art through classes at the Columbus Museum of Art, an excellent high school art teacher Opal Wylie, and fine art classes at Ohio University in Athens, Ohio.



Marriage to her late husband Frank brought Dody to Denver, Colorado, where they raised their two sons. In 1990, Dody and Frank moved to Columbia, South Carolina, becoming active in their community, particularly at Spring Valley Presbyterian Church. Their service included Elder, Deacon, and assisting in the development of the Souper Bowl of Caring.

After the birth of her granddaughter, Dody wanted to paint Jessica’s portrait in watercolor and so began to study watercolor techniques under Anne Hightower Patterson for the next 10 years. Dody did paint Jessica’s portrait, who followed her grandmother’s visual art interest and is a fashion photographer in New York City.

As Dody expanded her skills as a watercolor artist, various images and scenes caught her artist’s eye. This year’s art for the Mother’s Day Offering is one of those images. Titled “Thistle Stop,” Dody’s watercolor was created from a photograph she took while visiting the Riverbanks Zoo and Gardens in Columbia. A resident of The Village in Summerville since 2019, Dody explained that “thistles are not very friendly places for bees to rest. But this bumblebee found a safe place on this particular thistle to land. When I moved to The Village, I found *my* safe place to land.”

PCSC is deeply honored that Dody has allowed us to use this stunning piece of art in promotion of the 2023 Mother’s Day Offering. We thank Dody for her generosity and also thank all the individuals and churches who have made contributions to support this important aspect of the PCSC ministry.

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BEING FAITH-BASED MAKES A DIFFERENCE

Presbyterian Communities of South Carolina has several characteristics that give it its own unique identity as a provider of retirement living. The most important of these characteristics is the fact that we are a *faith-based* organization. But what does this mean for how PCSC sees itself and how we operate?

Like many faith-based not-for-profits, our roots are in the churches and the denomination from which we emerged. But for PCSC, being faith-based is about much, much more than simply history. Rather, being faith-based brings contemporary distinctiveness to our organization.

Some of this can be seen in very outward ways. Each PCSC community has a chaplain to lead the spiritual life of the campus. Sunday worship services are held. Bible studies, devotionals, and other learning opportunities are offered to residents. The chaplains visit those who are sick or hurting. They not only offer encouragement and support to residents, but to their families and the staff in the communities, as well.

More broadly, faith shapes how we see ourselves and what we bring to our mission. Our mission statement says: “We are a compassionate Christian ministry dedicated to enriching the quality of life for seniors of all faiths.”

We are delighted to be able to serve people of other faiths and to employ people of other faiths, but at the same time we do this as a Christian organization following the example of Jesus Christ. This perspective impacts how employees are expected to serve residents, as well as how employees interact with one another. We strive to do this with the same sense of ethics that

Jesus taught and demonstrated, as well as with the understanding that this ministry belongs to God.

Many residents choose to live at a Presbyterian Community because we are a faith-based organization. Often this is because their faith is the same as our faith. But not always. I once heard the CEO of a large, faith-based retirement community in another state share the following story:

It turns out there was a gentleman living at this community who most emphatically did not believe in God. In fact, he was very vocal in complaining that he found the Christian faith behind the community annoying. Too many prayers, too much talk about Jesus, too much focus on faith. Finally, after the complaints had worn out the CEO, he asked the man, “You knew this was who we were before you moved in with us. So if you didn’t want this, why did you move here in the first place?” After a pause, the man replied, “Because I knew you’d take care of me.”

Perhaps there is no better example of the difference being faith-based makes to those we serve and those who love them.



Rev. Dr. Franklin Fant



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SPRING HAS SPRUNG!

What an exciting time to be a part of Presbyterian Communities of South Carolina! Nature is waking up, pollen is flying (achoo!), residents are enjoying the outdoors, the PCSC Olympics displayed the amazing prowess of residents and staff alike, staff members are receiving well-deserved recognition for their hard work and positive contributions, renovation and construction projects continue to progress, and the 69th Mother's Day Offering* has given church members the opportunity to display their generosity in support of the PCSC ministry. Whew!



Bill McConnell, Director of Foundation Services and Church Relations

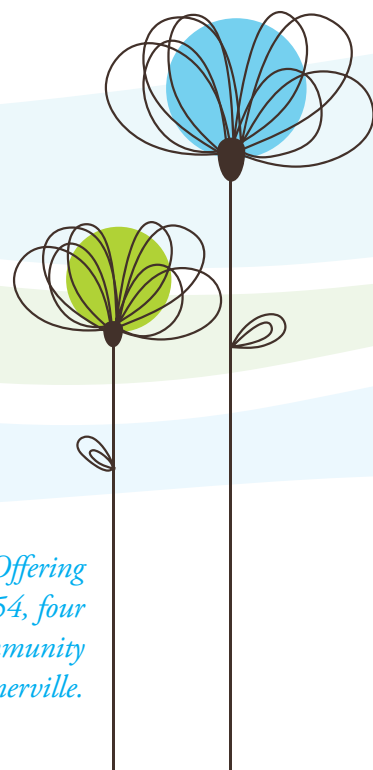
Your generosity allows us to continue doing the vital ministry begun by the Synod of South Carolina in 1958. Because of your gifts to the Mother's Day Offering, we are able to provide approximately \$1.2 million in charitable care annually to our residents who, through no fault of their own, have exhausted their resources and are unable to pay their full monthly costs.

While support of the Mother's Day Offering is a significant portion of the PCSC Foundation's work, we also interact with generous donors interested in supporting other projects and activities on our six campuses. Please continue to be in touch as you explore opportunities for supporting the ministry of Presbyterian Communities. We are always available to assist.

Thank you!

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**The first Mother's Day Offering was received in 1954, four years before the first community opened in Summerville.*



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THE VILLAGE RECEIVES GENEROUS BEQUEST



The Village at Summerville was the recipient of a significant gift from the Estate of Delma V. Cole (1937-2016). Mr. Cole was a retired master machinist with the Charleston Naval Shipyard and retired Technical Sergeant in the U.S. Air Force Reserve. He was also a long-time member of the Park Circle Presbyterian Church in Goose Creek and a member of the Prayer Lunch Bunch. He included this gift in his will, "In Honor of and In Memory of the Cole Family."

Mr. Cole's bequest has been used to update and refurbish the reception area and many of the halls in the Independent Living/Assisted Living building at The Village. Because of his generosity, comfortable furnishings and fresh finishes greet residents and visitors as they enter the building and as they move through the halls. We are deeply appreciative of Mr. Cole's generosity.

NICOLE GRANT RECEIVES "EXCELLENCE IN CARING" AWARD

Nicole Grant, Housekeeping Supervisor at the Foothills Community, received the "Excellence in Caring" Award from LeadingAge SC. Nicole joined the Foothills community as a housekeeper over nine years ago and, for the last several years, has served as supervisor.

Nicole was recognized by residents, fellow staff members and community leadership for her exceptional work, attention to resident preferences and needs, and leading her staff with excellence as the community expands. Resident Jane Hart observes, "I love Nicole. She has been so helpful to me throughout the years. I consider her a friend and I'm very proud that she is getting this award."

Always willing to assist where needed, Nicole has assisted as a server during Christmas parties, shopped for groceries for residents, and served as the community's COVID screener.

But what stands out the most? During the height of the pandemic with staffing challenges nationwide, Nicole asked for the required training to become a Temporary Nurse Aid through the national waiver program.

This wasn't asked of her, she asked for it. After completing her daily duties as Housekeeping Supervisor, Nicole often worked as a Temporary Nurse



*Front Row (L to R): Kassie South, CEO of Leading Age SC; Nicole Grant; Mandy Stamper, PCSC COO.
Back Row (L to R): Leslie Anzalone, Foothills Executive Director; Robert Timms, Foothills Director of Facilities; Russ Bell, chair, LeadingAge SC Awards Committee.*

Aide in Skilled Nursing, ensuring our residents had a great end to their day and the start of a restful evening. Foothills Executive Director, Leslie Anzalone notes, "The heart that was shown in this initiative is inspiring and exemplifies our values of service and excellence. It is the heart of our team through dedication and commitment that enriches the lives of our residents, our community and our ministry."

Congratulations to Nicole for exemplifying the values of PCSC that help create a wonderful home for our residents and for exhibiting the Excellence in Caring for which we all strive.



EVERGREEN HOUSE RECEIVES LEADINGAGE “EXCELLENCE IN INNOVATION” AWARD

On March 24, Evergreen House, the memory support household at The Village at Summerville received the 2023 “Excellence in Innovation” Award from LeadingAge SC. Evergreen House is the first memory care household in the nation constructed from the ground up to support the Montessori approach to Aging and Dementia. Opened in December 2021, Evergreen House is home to 24 residents whose

community is designed on the philosophy of Dr. Maria Montessori, which has been expanded to encompass the care of individuals with memory impairment. Elizabeth King, Executive Director of The Village, accepted the award, which was presented by Russ Bell, chair of LeadingAge SC Awards Committee, and Kassie South, President and CEO of LeadingAge SC.



Elizabeth King, Executive Director of The Village (holding flowers) accepted the Excellence in Innovation Award from Russ Bell (center) and Kassie South (white jacket) of LeadingAge SC. They are joined by Amy Laughlin, PCSC Director of Residential Life (far left), and Franklin Fant, CEO of Presbyterian Communities (far right).

FOOTHILLS COMMUNITY HOSTS PRESBYTERY MEETING

On February 21, Presbyterian leaders from throughout the region gathered at The Foothills Retirement Community in Easley for a meeting of the Foothills Presbytery. The presbytery, one of 166 regional governing bodies of the PC(USA), represents 58 congregations with 12,900 members all across the Upstate.

Foothills staff, led by Executive Director Leslie Anzalone, rolled out the red carpet as visitors enjoyed wonderful food, facilities and hospitality throughout the day. Highlights of the day were the worship service organized and coordinated by Foothills Chaplain Rev. Joseph Gaston and led by the Foothills Community Choir (Amanda Hall, director and Barbara Stuckey, pianist), along with numerous residents and staff members, and wonderful morning refreshments and lunch coordinated by Jennifer Moore, PCSC Divisional Director of Culinary, and Foothills Culinary Director Rebecca Taylor.

The Rev. Debbie Foster, who is a member of the PCSC Board of Directors and Foothills Presbytery Leader and Stated Clerk, remarked, “Incredible hospitality was woven through everything: parking, greeters, yummy food and the smell of coffee at registration, a lunch that was off the charts, and a great planning team to work with behind the scenes. Having the Community Choir participate in worship, along with a variety of staff and leaders was the icing on the cake!”



Members of the Foothills Presbytery renew friendships and discuss the work of the presbytery over meals skillfully prepared by the Foothills Community culinary team.

PCSC EMPLOYEES TO PARTICIPATE IN LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

Two PCSC employees have been chosen for the 2023 LeadingAge SC Vicki Moody Leadership Academy. Meredith Scott, Executive Director the Florence Community, and Joan Beyer, Wellness Director at The Village at Summerville, will participate in this year-long program designed to develop statewide aging services leaders. The program provides a challenging and engaging learning environment that enhances the leadership capacity of aging services professionals so they are better equipped to serve our field.

PCSC Director of Human Resources Laura Shirer commented, “It’s a privilege to partner with our state LeadingAge association to provide this experience to employees of PCSC. PCSC is always looking for educational opportunities to broaden its employees’ perspective to strengthen our ministry of serving older adults and carry out our values of teamwork, excellence, service, relationships and stewardship.



Joan Beyer



Meredith Scott

YOUR CAR GETS A CHECKUP. WHY NOT YOUR WILL?



How often does your car get 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.

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 changed since the time you wrote your will. 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 benefit. Or you'd like to include a gift to a charitable organization whose mission you believe in. Your will should reflect your current thinking.

You've moved.

Perhaps you have retired and moved to a warm sunny state. Congratulations! But if that sunny state is different than the one where your will was written, your will may not be in sync with the laws of your new state.

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's still *you*.

The ministry of Presbyterian Communities of South Carolina is important to you, so why not support it long-term, as well? A logical time to include a charitable gift is when you review/revise your will. Please consider a gift to PCSC. A gift through your will (called a "bequest") is the easiest major gift you can make and costs you nothing during your lifetime.

We can't update your will for you, but we can help you get started. We have excellent, up-to-date information on wills and basic estate planning for the charitably minded. We'd be glad to share it with you at no obligation. Just contact us and we'll get it in the mail to you right away.

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PCSC BOARD OF TRUSTEES SAY THANK YOU TO FORMER MEMBERS



Robin Gorman, Jay Nexsen, Stacey Brennan, Wally Graves and Franklin Fant

At its February 14-15 meeting, the PCSC Board of Trustees said a formal “thank you” to former members who have completed their terms since 2020. The board thanked immediate former board chair Jay Nexsen and board secretary Wally Graves, as well as former board chair Stacey Brennan, and Robin Gorman. Dr. Brennan continues her service as a member of the PCSC Foundation Board of Directors. Franklin Fant, PCSC President and CEO, presented each with a commemorative plaque and thanked these four leaders for their years of service to the ministry of PCSC and for their commitment to the organization’s mission.

AMBASSADORS GATHER TO PREPARE FOR MOTHER’S DAY

During the last two weeks of March, 98 Mother’s Day Ambassadors and their guests gathered at five Presbyterian Communities to receive updates on activities within PCSC and the PCSC Foundation from Franklin Fant and Bill McConnell, learn about the Montessori Approach to Aging and Dementia with Amy Laughlin and Anna Hatcher, enjoy wonderful food and fellowship, and get to know the community they were visiting. Executive Directors, Chaplains, Marketing & Sales Directors, members of the culinary teams, and staff of the communities rolled out the red carpet for our Ambassadors. Now, these intrepid Ambassadors have taken what they learned back to their congregations so that gifts to this year’s Mother’s Day Offering will meet or exceed last year’s generosity.

Since 1954, four years before the first Presbyterian Community opened in Summerville, Presbyterians across South Carolina have generously supported the annual Mother’s Day Offering. Gifts to this offering are allocated exclusively to support the Charitable Care Fund, assisting residents who, through no fault of their own, are no longer able to financially cover all their monthly expenses. Over the last decade, PCSC has been honored to use generous Mother’s Day gifts from congregations and individuals to provide approximately \$1.2 million in charitable care each year.



Bill McConnell, Director of Foundation Services and Church Relations, welcomes the Ambassadors.



The Rev. Dr. John McCallum, Jr. and Ambassadors from Midway Presbyterian Church in Anderson.

FOOTHILLS COMMUNITY DEDICATES THE ABBOTT BISTRO AND PAVILION

On January 24, members of the Foothills Community, representatives of PCSC, and family and friends of Major General Forrest and MaryAnn Abbott gathered to dedicate the newly completed Abbott Bistro and Pavilion. Creation of the Abbott Bistro and Pavilion was made possible by a generous gift from the Estates of Major General and Mrs. Abbott. PCSC President and CEO Franklin Fant welcomed all who attended and introduced honored guests Dr. Robert Wilson, the Abbott's personal representative, Teresa Wilson, and relatives of the Abbotts, Bobby and Jill Stewart.



Dr. Robert Wilson delivers remarks during the dedication.



Leslie Anzalone, Executive Director of the Foothills Community; Jill Stewart; Bobby Stewart; Teresa Wilson; Dr. Robert Wilson; Franklin Fant, PCSC President and CEO.



Guests at the dedication enjoyed live music by harpist Anna Garrett.

SUMMERVILLE NAACP RECOGNIZES VINCENT THURMAN



Vincent Thurman, Director of Social Services for The Village at Summerville, was recently recognized by the Summerville chapter of the NAACP for his work at The Village and throughout the Summerville area. This award spotlights deserving individuals who have contributed time and effort to serve the greater community, demonstrating exemplary leadership, creativity, cooperation and hard work in their service to others.

In response to a social media announcement of this award Summerville residents, family members, and family members of former residents affirmed the award. In addition to his work at The Village, Vincent was also recently nominated to lead the Social Services Forum of LeadingAge SC, the professional organization serving retirement communities such as PCSC throughout South Carolina.

THE THRILL OF VICTORY!



Laurel Crest resident George Cobb shows off his medal.

On a bright and sunny Friday morning, 55 competitors and more than 60 energetic cheerleaders and supporters accompanied by staff from all six PCSC communities converged on the Columbia Community for the 2023 PCSC Olympics. Clad in colorful t-shirts denoting their communities, the athletes and their cheerleaders laughed, cheered, and competed against each other for Gold, Silver, and Bronze positions in fun and lively games. Beginning with an exuberant Opening Ceremony, complete with a performance by the Foothills Fiddlesticks and the lighting of the Olympic flame that was carried by Carolyn Lowe, the competitors matched their skills in Wii Bowling, Bocce Ball, Mini-Golf, Walking, and a Spelling Bee.

When all was said and done, the Foothills Community emerged as the overall winner of the competitions, and The Village at Summerville captured the coveted Spirit Award.



The Clemson Tiger even came to the event!

The idea for a PCSC Olympics began as a group project at the Columbia Community and developed as a way for residents to celebrate Active Aging Week. The concept grew as Wellness Directors from the other communities became involved, and the first PCSC Olympics was held in 2010. This initial PCSC Olympics was so well-received, it became obvious that it should be an annual event.

Congratulations to all who participated and assisted in the games. The day was filled with high-spirited laughter, connections with new and old friends, high-fives, and loads of fun. In our book, everyone who participated was a winner! Plans are already underway for the 2024 PCSC Olympics.



Olympians and cheerleaders from the Columbia Community.



The Laurel Crest mascot and team members with their medals.



Olympians from all communities await the awards presentation.



Above (L-R): Cheering on Summerville, Clinton and Columbia!

EVENT	MEDAL	1ST PARTICIPANTS	2ND PARTICIPANTS
SPELLING BEE	Gold	Yvonne May – Summerville	
	Silver	Judith Bunge – Laurel Crest	
	Bronze	Tom Gasque – Laurel Crest	
TIMED WALK	Gold	George Hull – Foothills	Joan Erdman – Foothills
	Silver	George Hallman – Laurel Crest	Ken Perkins – Laurel Crest
	Bronze	Chuck Belhassen – Summerville	Susan Henderson – Clinton
MINI-GOLF	Gold	George Cobb – Laurel Crest	Pat Hollifield – Summerville
	Silver	Ned Shows – Summerville	Nancy Spurgeon – Laurel Crest
	Bronze	Ray Howe – Foothills	Mary Coleman – Columbia
BOCCE BALL	Gold	Henry Hawkinson – Laurel Crest	Carol Curry – Foothills
	Silver	Phil Clark – Foothills	Betty Knoth – Laurel Crest
	Bronze	Lewis Mitchell – Summerville	Kathy Brown – Columbia
WII BOWLING	Gold	Curtis Davis – Foothills	Mary Alice Schmoyer – Clinton
	Silver	Dolly Mitchell – Summerville	Charlotte Grouso – Foothills
	Bronze	Gene Hopkins – Columbia	Lu Ussery – Florence



The Foothills Community, showing off their trophy for overall winner.



Mascots helped cheer their communities.



Residents and staff of the Foothills Community gathered to welcome home this year's trophy and congratulate all participants in the PCSC Olympics.



The Village at Summerville celebrates winning the Spirit Award.



Tamieka Hawkins, Executive Director of the Clinton Community, tries the cookie challenge while Jim Deel, Executive Director of Laurel Crest, looks on.



Anna Hull, Gwen Warner, and Anne Pitts meet with students.



Anna Hull during a read aloud session at Clinton Elementary.

SUPPORTING STUDENTS

Clinton Community residents joined together this year for their first scheduled Teacher Talk meeting, a resident led program that focuses on connecting retired educators and helping them stay energized in helping children reach their potential. The focus for their first meeting was, “Students Solving Math Problems 2023 Style.” Fourth grade students from Clinton Elementary joined the residents and showed off their math skills as residents and students learned together.



Fourth grade students from Clinton Elementary and resident Ann Hall.



Bobbie and Ted Fields with their anniversary cake, featuring a photo from their wedding day.

CELEBRATING 70 YEARS!

Residents Bobbie and Ted Fields celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary at the Clinton Community on March 14. Ted and Bobbie grew up in Kentucky, but lived much of their adult lives in Tennessee before moving to the Clinton Community in 2008 to be closer to their four children, grandchildren, and now three great-grandchildren. Ted explained that it was his cousin that convinced the two

to go on a date together. He says, “It was love at first sight and the rest is history.” Ted was drafted during the Korean War and the two “courted by mail.” When Ted returned from overseas, the two were married in Tennessee and 70 years later, we wish them many more years of happiness, laughter, love, and joy for the years to come!





Dot Smith (above left) works on a watercolor painting of a barn in an art class taught by Betty Youngs (above right).



Dianna Blakely and Marianna Poovey are on the hunt for Easter eggs.



*Above: Doris Milam shows off a prize egg!
Right: Martha Simmons has fun finding a basket full of Easter eggs.*



Residents try their hands at cake decorating for St. Patrick's Day.



Left: Fran Curtis enjoys a mint green dessert during the St. Patrick's Day party.



Berley Lindler, Nancy Humphreys, Nancy Wilson, Crawford Young, Anna Faye Brooks and Carolyn Lowe enjoyed a lovely stroll and picnic at Swan Lake.



Resident Nancy Humphreys didn't let a little rain get her down on a wellness outing to walk at Timmerman Trail.



Wellness Director Jenny Nance with staff members Tonya Coleman and Rob Nelson just before the March for Meals 5K. Tonya and Rob participated in a Couch to 5K wellness program for staff.



Residents Jan Harrison and Bobby Sellars enjoying a lovely day during a weekly Prayer Walk.



Nancy Humphreys gets in on the fun when children from Providence Presbyterian Child Development Center were here for an Easter Egg Hunt.



Resident Patty Lawrence making friends with a camel on a recent outing to Eudora Farms.



Tonya Coleman leads an enthusiastic game of paddle ball in Cassels Heath Care Center.

Right: Anna Faye Brooks joined other residents and staff by donning red to support the fight against heart disease for National Wear Red Day.



Resident Herbert Croxton on his daily bicycle ride around campus to pick up trash and fill bird feeders.



Left: Sophie Blanchette enjoys puppy cuddles during a visit from Pets Inc featuring adorable and adoptable pets.

Florence



Director of Dining Services Ernest Busbell hosts a cooking demonstration to celebrate National Nutrition Month.



Director of Residential Life Amy Laughlin with resident Dot Johnson and Anna Hatchell (from the Foothills Community) prepare the Mabry House environment for a Montessori Philosophy Training.



Bravo! Residents all smiles after watching "Always a Bridesmaid" at the Florence Little Theater.



Director of Rehab Services Jesse Bingham and resident Mary Ellen Sprawls are decked out in blue to cheer on Team Florence at the 2023 PCSC Olympics.



Strike! Lu Ussery brings home the Bronze Medal in Wii Bowling for the 2023 PCSC Olympics.



Our very own Animal Whisperer, Ronald Beam, feeding the birds in our Healthcare Center and getting some puppy kisses from Rocky the Lab puppy.

YOU CAN GO HOME AGAIN

Our residents have had the amazing opportunity to go back in time with Hometown Visits. Residents from hometowns around Florence have had the chance to plan a hometown visit to share with other residents. Visits have ranged from Florence to Kingstree to Lake City. During these visits, residents have chosen where they want to eat, the sites they want to see and the stories they want to tell. Residents have been able to visit some of their old homes where they raised their children and visit the churches that they grew up in.



Residents Gertrude Hall, Betty Caddell, Grace Blackmon and Mary Ellen Sprawls visit the Timber Cabins at Francis Marion during the Florence Hometown Tour.



A group hear the history of Williamsburg Presbyterian Church during a visit to Kingstree. It is one of the oldest churches in SC, dating back to 1736.



Grace Blackmon gets ready for lunch during the visit to Williamsburg Presbyterian Church in Kingstree.

LEADERS HAVING FUN!

During the first quarter of 2023, the Florence Leadership Team has focused on being “people who take care of the people.” We have been intensely focused on why people choose to serve and work here. We strongly believe that the leadership team at our community sets the pace and tone for happiness at work. Serving residents is our number one priority, so we have spent this quarter pouring into those who take care of the residents. Activities have ranged from team building to department wars ... and we’ve had so much fun!

Right: Director of Sales and Marketing Beth Shealy and Administrative Assistant Shannon Windham get ready for game of Hungry Hungry Hippos.



Vickie Stokes, takes advantage of a sunny Spring afternoon, planting some of her favorite flowers in the Mabry Courtyard.



Residents Alice Baker and Hepsy Parham spend an afternoon in the Mabry Courtyard having a Spring Party as part of the W.O.V.E.N Group, planting flowers and eating ice cream!



Team Therapy proudly poses for the Inaugural Winning Trophy of the 2023 Department Wars!



Mary Jane Edmondson and Mary Ann Grier work on their finger knitting during a morning class. Residents are working on a month-long project to create a throw blanket.



Our volunteer instructor shows Alice Ford how to make a knot.



Resident Kitty Chastain is making great progress.



Everyone had a "groovy" time as we kicked-off Spring with a 1970s themed barbecue for our team members and families! Above: Lula Camp, Ginny Hagood, Betsy Hays and Polly Martin. Below left: Nancy and David Kearns. Below right: Ralph Bowick and his daughter.



Maureen Ivory enjoys visit from sweet Palmer during a Pet Therapy session at the community.



Occupational Therapist Marie Schlemmer visits the Bunny with her daughter.



Resident Ann Josey loved meeting the children of our team members.



We had an EGG-citing good time with our Easter Egg Hunt for residents, team members and their families.



Congratulations to our Wii Bowling team who recently won the National Senior League Fall Tournament, Master 1 Division! The 2022 NSL season featured 214 teams from 25 states representing 59 communities with 1,047 registered Wii Bowlers. Showing off their award are Don Erdman, Charlotte Grusso, Roland Labounty, Curtis Davis and Fred Owens.



Resident Dr. Carl Walsh visited the Dominican Republic with First Presbyterian Church Greenville, which partnered with the opening of a new church in the Brisas Del Mar. While there, Dr. Walsh wanted to do something to beautify the sanctuary as it consisted of little more than four painted cinderblock walls. Dr. Walsh, who has needlepointed for more than 50 years, decided to do a pulpit parament – a gold cross on a purple background – for the church.

We celebrated Valentine's Day with an Evening Gala that included a 4-course dinner and entertainment provided by Gracie Lane and her two sons, who also perform in Nashville.



Right: Jim and JoAnn Kiley



Cheryl Ledford (left) and Alice Ford (right)



Betty Addington



Melissa Busby (above right) from Carolina Health Care, one of our community supporters, brought in her therapy bunny, Taco, for a visit. Residents got to learn some fun facts about bunnies. Happy Henry (above left) and Judy Turnipseed (below) enjoy a visit with Taco.



A small group of residents banded together to go see the Riverbanks Zoo's newest addition – the Aquarium and Reptile Conservatory. We had a great time walking around and enjoying the beautiful weather. It was so nice out; we even went to the park by the river and enjoyed a picnic lunch! Above: Ken Mroczek, Diane Mroczek, Judy Turnipseed, Ken Perkins, Dorothea Hoffman, Chip Hooker and Gayle Pauling.



CELEBRATING HOBBIES

Our residents celebrated National Hobby month by bringing in Julez, a local business owner of Emerald's Artistry, to teach us how to make our very own balloon art. We made hats, roses, unicorns and so much more. We were all smiles and laughs that day!

Left: Gloria Godley models a silly balloon hat.



Kenneth Perkins, former History professor at University of South Carolina, gave our residents a lecture on Stamps in Morocco. His vast knowledge is shared almost every month in different areas.

TALENT/NO TALENT SHOW

Mr. Joe Pinner, known in the Columbia area as Mr. Knowzit, emceed our 5th annual Talent/No Talent Show! Residents and staff showcased their talents galore. Resident Judy Turnipseed is the leader of this event, making sure we have at least 12 acts ranging from monologues to a dance troupe from our Therapy Department. It's a community-wide event that everyone gets excited for every year.



Patsy Seals as Big Foot, Judy Turnipseed as Wink Winkerman, George Cobb (theatre enthusiast), Sue Harden as Dr. Frank Einstein, Allie Scollon as Nurse Sally Monella, and Judy Thompson as Jack Hammer



Wells Pierce, Sandra Barr, Joe Pinner, Jennifer Mercer, Danielle Derrick and Denise Gamble-Waldon.

DRAMA CLUB DEBUTS

We started up our very own Laurel Crest Drama Club in April. Our thespians had a wonderful time showcasing “All My GallStones” and “The Wink Winkerman Show” as our first two short skits. All My Gallstones is a senior soap opera that follows a character, Jack Hammer, going to see Dr. Einstein (Frank Einstein) along with his nurse, (Sally Monella) trying to figure out what is wrong with Jack. The Wink Winkerman Show featured Wink (the host) interviewing none other than BIG FOOT! His memory is not so great, as with all monsters, so Wink and the audience helps Big figure out what he did for a living.



We had a wonderful afternoon celebrating Jane MacDonald's 100th birthday! Our city's mayor, Tem Miles, joined us for cupcakes, singing happy birthday, and he even signed a resolution celebratrating this momentuous occasion and milestone.

Summerville



The Village Café was converted to a 1950s soda shop for the day for residents to enjoy milkshakes, burgers and ice cream sundaes with all of the toppings imaginable!

Above left: Jenny Moore, Divisional Director of Culinary Services, helps resident Jeanetta Kozey with her toppings.

Above right: Nancy Todd, Joyce Hickman, Loren Hagen and Mabel Coller enjoy milkshakes and conversation.



Residents Gloria Clewett (above) and Shirley Gossett (below) enjoy a painting activity at Evergreen House.



In late February, residents and staff celebrated Mardi Gras with a delicious meal and fun, colorful costumes!

Above left: Judy Murdoch. Above right: Nancy Todd.

Left: Joanne McAfee, Life Enrichment Coordinator, and Olivia Prince, Director of Life Enrichment.





Bill Krucke



Carol St. Marie



Edythe Dove



Leigh Wrenn



JoAnne McAfee



The Irish Duo

The Village at Summerville celebrated St. Patrick's Day at a gathering that included music from The Irish Duo, tasty sweets and all things green!



Chaplain at The Village, Stephen Wilkins



Jan Goin, Bev Long, JoAnne McAfee (Life Enrichment Coordinator) and Laurel Bohrer (Life Enrichment Coordinator) enjoyed their lunchtime walk and talk at Ashley River Park.



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