



## AND THEN A HERO COMES ALONG ...

*A*re you humming the song? Even if you don't remember who wrote it or who recorded it, the tune has caught the attention of many organizations honoring heroes since the song was written and released in 1993. It's hard to believe that Mariah Carey wrote and recorded this song more than 30 years ago. But heroes have been around much longer than that.

Presbyterian Communities of South Carolina began providing care for senior adults in South Carolina in 1958. Since that time, thousands of residents and staff members have come through our doors. Each of those residents, staff members and generous donors are heroes, each in their own right.

At PCSC, heroes fill our halls - both among our employees and our residents.

Our staff heroes include certified nursing assistants, med techs, maintenance technicians, and housekeepers. They include our cooks, chefs, and servers, as well as our nurses, chaplains, therapists, and administrative staff. Each one brings their heroic spirit to work daily, dedicated to caring for our residents.

Our resident heroes have their own remarkable stories - from veterans who served our country to homemakers who built strong families, from business leaders who shaped communities to pastors who guided congregations, and caregivers who supported others throughout their lives.

These examples only scratch the surface. Heroism surrounds us daily at PCSC, whether it's displayed prominently or quietly expressed behind the scenes. Every person here contributes to making our community extraordinary.

During the recent onslaught of Hurricane Helene, some of our heroes among the staff stepped up to make sure that our residents were safe and cared for. Heroes like A. J. Floyd, Certified Nursing Assistant at the Clinton Community, whose first day of work was the day before the hurricane hit. Although unable to drive to work, A. J. walked the two and a half miles into the community to assure her residents had what they needed. Heroes like Ashley Ray of The Foothills Retirement Community who, even though it

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*"I knew I had to be there. I was physically able to get to work and so I went."*

- A. J. Floyd, Clinton

*"I have to go in, those residents are my people."*

- Ashley Ray, Foothills



## WHAT DOES LIVING AT A PRESBYTERIAN COMMUNITY PROVIDE?

Presbyterian Communities is well known for vibrant senior living at six campuses across South Carolina. But what does senior living really mean? People often associate senior living with care services – like assistance with dressing, nursing care, or medication reminders – and PCSC has a well-deserved reputation (earned over more than six decades) for excellent care of this nature.

But independent living residents do not need this kind of assistance. And, even residents who do really desire much more. What everyone who lives with us really needs is to have their whole being supported and enriched, and this is what a Presbyterian Community really provides.

Our mission is to be a compassionate Christian ministry that enriches the lives of seniors of all faiths, helping residents live their best lives in every facet. PCSC nurtures an environment that, among other things, allows residents to:

- live life on their own terms, with the freedom to pursue their passions and interests.
- foster meaningful fellowship and lasting friendships with other residents.
- enjoy freedom from housework and yardwork so they can spend their energy doing the things that give them joy.
- partake in wellness programs and exercise classes where they can maintain (and better yet ... improve!) physical health.
- engage in learning, which might involve intellectual knowledge or, just as likely, acquiring a new skill.
- take advantage of opportunities for spiritual growth or self-expression through art.

This comprehensive approach can help residents stay independent longer than they might otherwise. Even when care becomes necessary, we continue supporting the whole person, enabling residents to live as independently as possible. This not only enriches lives, but often extends them.



The capacity to learn, grow, serve and contribute continues throughout life. As long as we have breath, God is not finished with us! PCSC provides the support, resources and encouragement so residents can live into their full potential.

I was once told that the founding vision of Presbyterian Communities was that it would be a place folks would come to live because they want to, not because they have to. This is the vision we strive to fulfill every day.

Reverend Dr. Franklin Fant  
President and CEO



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# WHO ARE YOUR HEROES?

We all have heroes. People in our lives who have gone above and beyond the call of duty to help, build, refine, or preserve important ideas, events, or landmarks. People who have made the world a better place. People who have lived into Maya Angelou's admonition:

*If you're going to live, leave a legacy.  
Make a mark on the world that can't be erased.*

Who are your heroes? Who are those people who have made a difference in your world through either their quiet, sometimes even overlooked influence or their public acts of bravery?

As you read in the cover article for this issue of *Community Connections*, members of the PCSC staff demonstrated heroism in the face of Hurricane Helene. Many of our residents have also demonstrated heroism throughout their lives as they have influenced and supported those around them with acts of care, compassion and bravery.

Nearly 70 years ago, heroes of the Synod of South Carolina saw a need to care for senior adults in South Carolina and made what has become Presbyterian Communities of South Carolina a reality. Since those days in the late 1950s, thousands of heroes from congregations across the state have made gifts large and small of time, talent, and treasure to assure that the dream of those early visionaries continues to thrive. There are heroes within our communities, but you, our friends who regularly make sacrificial gifts in support of this ministry, are our heroes also.

Giving from your resources to help someone you may not even know is an act of heroism. Maimonides, a 12th century rabbi and philosopher, refers to this sort of giving as one of the highest forms of generosity – giving when the donor does not know exactly who will be receiving their gift and the recipient does not know who made the gift.

Thank you for your prayers, your trust and your support. Residents, staff and leadership of PCSC are deeply appreciative of your heroism.

With gratitude,

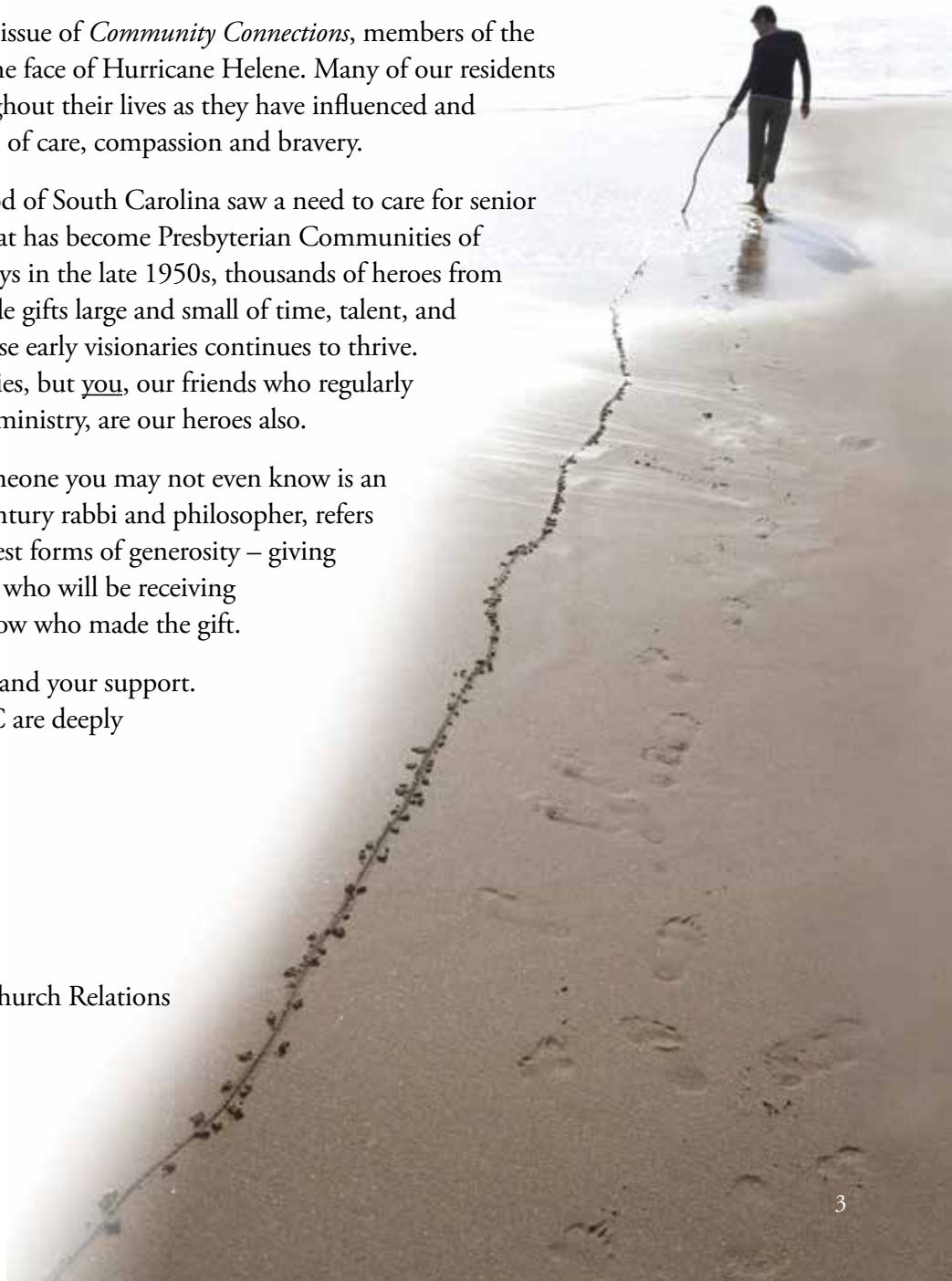


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was her normal day off as dining room supervisor, went to work on the day Helene was bearing down to assure her residents had what they needed through the storm. Heroes like both Laverne Munford from Florence who transported supplemental portable generators and Paul Gilley from Columbia who transported much needed diesel fuel to Clinton when that community lost power for several days. Heroes like Willie Campbell and the facilities and maintenance team at the Clinton Community who quickly responded to residents inside two cottages when falling trees seriously damaged their homes. Thankfully, the residents were rescued from their cottages without injury. Both cottages have since been repaired. The list goes on ...

PCSC is blessed to be a place where heroes – staff, residents, donors and friends – can find a place to shine. Thank you to all for bringing your heroism, no matter how it is packaged, to the ministry that defines Presbyterian Communities of South Carolina.



Willie Campbell, Clinton

## And then a hero comes along, With the strength to carry on ...

- Mariah Carey



*Above left and left: Wind and rain from Hurricane Helene in late September brought down trees around the Clinton Community, causing major damage to two homes.*

*Above right: Thankfully, no one was injured, and the restoration has been quick.*

# FLORENCE COMMUNITY WELCOMES NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

PCSC is pleased to welcome Rhonda Sanders to her new position as Executive Director at The Florence Presbyterian Community. Rhonda has faithfully served the Florence Community since 2010, holding various positions and making significant contributions to our organization.

Her leadership was instrumental in guiding the Florence team through the process of receiving Medicare certification. Additionally, she served as the Director of Nursing for seven years, as well as the Director of Health Services. She played a vital role in the opening of Mabry House memory support household. Rhonda holds a business degree from Francis Marion University and is a Registered Nurse, as well as a Certified Director of Nursing.



Rhonda is thrilled to be entering her new role, stating that “it’s an honor and privilege to serve the Florence Community in this leadership role.”

Mandy Stamper, Chief Operating Officer of PCSC, joins Rhonda in her enthusiasm, adding, “We look forward to the positive impact she will continue to make in our community!”

Welcome, Rhonda!

## WHAT WERE YOU DOING?

What were you doing on Tuesday, December 28, 1982? If you were Tina Watts, you were at The Clinton Presbyterian Community beginning your first day of what would become a 42-year career with PCSC. The Clinton Community was only the second PCSC campus, then called Presbyterian Home of South Carolina. From her desk in the Business Office, Tina would work with more employees, residents and families than she can count to help lead the community from childhood into adulthood.

In December 2024, PCSC celebrated Tina’s well deserved retirement from her long career in the Business Office at the Clinton Community. Tina received flowers, a plaque, and shared some special remembrances with Franklin Fant, President and CEO; Tamieka



*Mandy Stamper, Tamieka Hawkins, Tina Watts and Franklin Fant.*

Hawkins, Executive Director of the Clinton Community; Mandy Stamper, Chief Operating Officer; and other colleagues.

Tina is looking forward to a little relaxation and enjoying her family and friends.

Thank you, Tina, for your service to our residents and for the joy you brought to your job. Enjoy retirement!



# COLUMBIA RECEIVES GENEROUS BEQUEST



Presbyterian Communities of South Carolina was recently honored to receive a generous gift from the Estate of Dr. Cindy Dieringer.

Born in Canton, Ohio, Cindy pursued higher education with vigor, earning an undergraduate degree in

Chemistry from Grove City College. She furthered her studies at West Virginia University, where she obtained an Master of Science and a PhD in Pharmacology. Cindy's passion for research led her to the National Institutes of Health, but her desire to directly impact lives inspired her to attend medical school at the University of North Carolina.

Dr. Dieringer specialized in Emergency Medicine and practiced at Providence Hospital and Lexington Medical Center in Columbia before moving to Camden, South Carolina, in 1993. An active member of Bethesda Presbyterian Church in Camden and known

affectionately as "Dr. D" in Camden and at Kershaw County Medical Center, she served not only as an ER physician but also as the Director of Emergency Medical Services, overseeing EMS and Advanced Life Support Training for Kershaw County.

Dr. Dieringer's parents, Frank and Mary Ruth, were residents of The Columbia Presbyterian Community from 2005 through Mary's death later in 2005 and until Frank's death in 2016. Frank was known by all as a positive and active member of the community whose smile lit up every room he entered. Dr. Dieringer was a frequent visitor in the community and was actively involved in her parents' lives at PCSC.

We give thanks for the life and legacy of Dr. Cindy Dieringer as her gift will assist in improving the quality of life for the residents at the Columbia Community.

**Considering making a planned gift for the benefit of PCSC?**

**Please designate the gift for: PCSC Foundation**

**Federal Tax Identification Number (EIN): 37-1566967**

## YOUR GIFT MAKES A DIFFERENCE

When you support PCSC, you are not just making a donation, you are investing in a not-for-profit organization with a 70-year history of putting people before profits. Together, we are creating strong, stable and growing communities that are exceptional places to live and work. Gifts of all sizes are welcome and received with gratitude. Visit [giving.prescommunities.org](http://giving.prescommunities.org) today to make a one-time gift or to set up a recurring donation, which will be used wisely to support PCSC in the following areas:



### CHARITABLE CARE

Supporting residents who have exhausted their life's savings



### EMPLOYEE EMERGENCY FUND

Supporting team members during times of emergency



### COMMUNITY GIFTS

Supporting a specific community where needed most



### GREATEST NEED

Supporting Presbyterian Communities where needed most

# PCSC COMMUNITIES RECOGNIZED FOR HIGH-QUALITY CARE

PCSC is deeply committed to living up to its mission statement:

*We are a compassionate Christian ministry dedicated to enriching the quality of life for seniors of all faiths.*

We are excited and honored that U.S. News and World Report has recognized PCSC for Best Short-Term Rehabilitation for the care it provides in the five of our communities providing this service – Clinton, Columbia, Florence, Foothills, and The Village. In addition, the Florence Community was recognized in the Best Nursing Home category. Fewer than 20 percent of short-term rehabilitation units nationwide receive this recognition.



Best Short-Term Rehabilitation and Best Nursing Home ratings are based on results of evaluation of 10 quality measures including staffing, care outcomes, resident satisfaction, and overall quality of care. These ratings recognize the exceptional staff who come to work at Presbyterian Communities every day and provide exemplary care to all our residents.

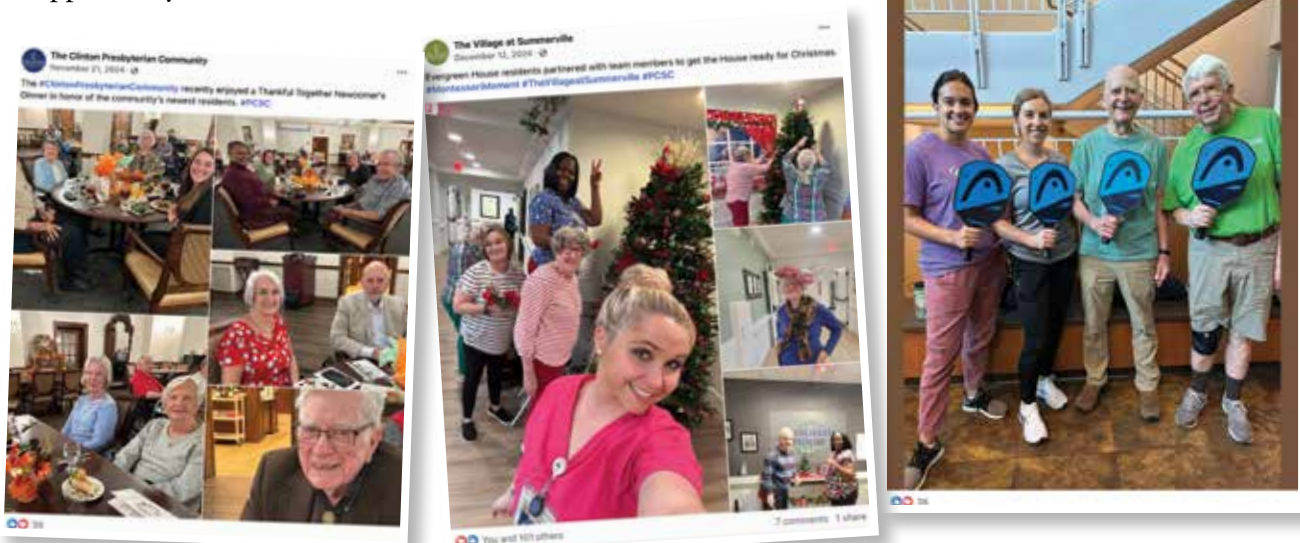
## FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA



If you are on social media, be sure to like, share and follow PCSC for informative posts, current news, photos, videos and more! Simply search for:

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

We appreciate your likes, comments and shares!



# EASY DOES IT!

## IS YOUR WILL DUE FOR A QUICK UPDATE?

Remember that will you had prepared a while back? Life has probably changed since then – maybe your chosen representative is no longer able to serve, or perhaps you'd like to



adjust a beneficiary's inheritance to reflect recent support you've already provided. You may be considering including Presbyterian Communities of South Carolina (PCSC) in your plans.

Good news! You don't need to start from scratch. A simple document called a codicil can update your existing will quickly and easily. Think of it as a small amendment that keeps the rest of your will intact while making the specific changes you need.

A codicil is just as legally binding as your original will. It requires the same signing and witnessing process, and you'll want to store it with your will. Remember to share copies with anyone who has your original will so they're aware of the updates.

### The cost?

Usually quite reasonable! Since your original will already covers the major elements of your estate plan, a codicil typically costs less than creating a new will. You can work with your original attorney or choose a new one for this update.

### Ready to make these updates?

We're here to help make the process as smooth as possible. We are happy to provide you and your attorney with sample language that can be a good starting place for making an adjustment. Just reach out to Bill McConnell, Director of Foundation Services and Church Relations, at [William.McConnell@prescomm.org](mailto:William.McConnell@prescomm.org) or (803) 365-0844.

Your thoughtful planning today will make a real and deeply appreciated difference for the older adults we serve tomorrow.



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 an essential part of this ministry.

PCSC's volunteers are church groups as well as individuals who serve in regular, ongoing capacities or on a more temporary basis as needs require or time allows. These "hands-on" supporters not only do good, they leave feeling good. PCSC residents appreciate the presence of volunteers very much, and they make this known to those who come to visit and spend time with them.

Volunteers can be almost any age, and there are a variety of activities sure to fit with a group or individual's abilities and interests.

If you or your group are interested in volunteering, please contact the Life Enrichment Director or Executive Director at the community of your choice.



# RECOGNIZING THOSE WHO LEAD

In addition to the wonderful staff members who serve our residents every day, an extremely important behind-the-scenes asset of PCSC is an engaged board whose members generously share their time, energy and wisdom to sustain and advance our mission. PCSC is blessed to have two boards: its Board of Trustees (which governs PCSC) and the Board of Directors of the PCSC Foundation (which is appointed by the PCSC Board of Trustees). PCSC is grateful for the willingness of these individuals to invest in its work and looks forward to their leadership in the years ahead.

PCSC Board of Trustees members are appointed to serve three-year terms. Board members may serve up to three consecutive terms. This year, we give thanks and deep appreciation for the leadership of Joel Ledbetter and Rev. Debbie Foster, who are completing their terms. Both Joel and Debbie have brought energy, wisdom and a deep commitment to the ministry of PCSC. To fill these positions on the Board of Trustees, we welcome Rev. Rebecca Drafts Albright and G. Fred Tolly, III, for their first term and former Board of Trustees chair Julian (Jay) Nexsen, Jr., who is returning to the board. The PCSC Foundation is also honored to welcome current PCSC Board of Trustees member Anna Corpening Edwards into its membership.

Thank you to each of our board members for the wisdom, energy, and support they offer as PCSC moves into an exciting future.

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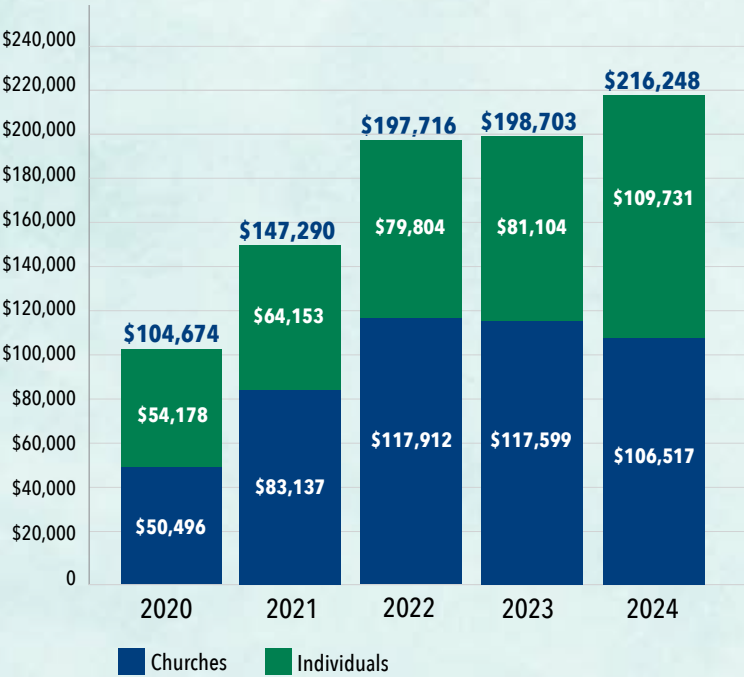
# MOTHER’S DAY OFFERING RESULTS

Since 1954, the Mother’s Day Offering has been an annual opportunity for Presbyterians around the state to show their support for the ministry of Presbyterian Communities of South Carolina. For most of the 70 years of the offering, the gifts have gone exclusively to support charitable care for those who, through no fault of their own, have exhausted their assets and need assistance to continue calling Presbyterian Communities of South Carolina “home.” The generosity of South Carolina Presbyterians has been consistent and deeply gratifying. PCSC honors you for taking to heart the prophet’s words: “Show respect to the aged; honor the presence of an elder; worship the Lord.” (Leviticus 19:32 The Message)

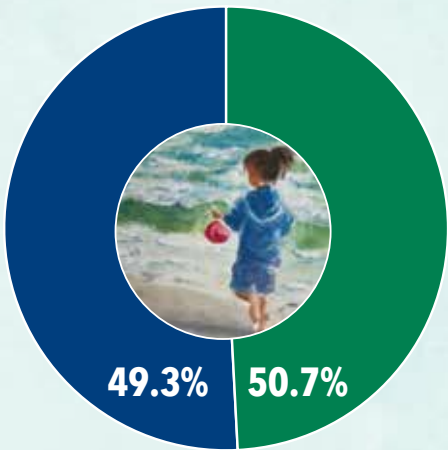
In 2024, PCSC is thrilled to report that the Mother’s Day Offering has received more support than in any other year since 2009. PCSC is deeply thankful to all who have made generous gifts to assure that the mission of serving senior adults of all faiths can continue to flourish in South Carolina. Thank you!

*Celebrating 70 Years*

Mother’s Day Offering Gifts  
as of December 31



2024 Total Mother’s Day Offering:  
**\$216,248**



**Congregations:**  
**\$106,517**  
in Mother’s Day  
Offering Gifts

**Individuals:**  
**\$109,731**  
in Mother’s Day  
Offering Gifts



## PCSC ANNOUNCES DATES FOR UPCOMING AMBASSADORS MEETINGS

Presbyterian Communities of South Carolina proudly serves as a partner in ministry to older adults with Presbyterian congregations throughout the state. Its treasured relationships with these churches are among its greatest strengths and blessings. Vital to these relationships are PCSC Ambassadors who serve as liaisons to their congregations. Ambassadors serve a critically important role in communicating the work and mission of PCSC to their congregations, as well as relaying needs and questions to PCSC.

Each spring, the Ambassadors gather at annual meetings held at PCSC communities around the state. These meetings are opportunities for Ambassadors to receive updates on the ministry of PCSC, as well as to engage PCSC with their questions. Pastors are most welcome to attend.

PCSC recently announced the dates and locations of the spring 2025 meetings. Ambassadors and pastors are invited to attend the meeting of their choice. In addition to learning more about the ministry of PCSC, these meetings are great opportunities to connect with friends and to tour the communities. For the first time, this year the Ambassador meeting for the three communities located in Trinity Presbytery will be held together at the Columbia Presbyterian Community in Lexington.

If you are interested in supporting your church's ministry to older adults by serving as an Ambassador or if you would like to see if your congregation has an Ambassador (we welcome having more than one!), please contact us.

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Registration begins at 10:30 am,  
and the program begins at 11 am.  
We invite you to join us for lunch.  
Campus tours will be available.



**Thursday, March 27**  
**The Foothills Retirement Community**  
205 Bud Nalley Drive, Easley



**Tuesday, April 8**  
**The Village at Summerville**  
201 W. 9<sup>th</sup> North Street, Summerville



**Wednesday, April 9**  
**The Columbia Presbyterian Community**  
700 DaVega Drive, Lexington



**Thursday, April 10**  
**The Florence Presbyterian Community**  
2350 West Lucas Street, Florence





*Bob and Jean Lax joined by their family and friends as they celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary in December.*



*Anne Pitts volunteers as a reader for the students at M.S. Bailey Child Development Center on International Literacy Day.*



*Jane Cunningham and family enjoy trick-or-treating with the Clinton Community during the Halloween season.*



*Gwen Warner enjoys a trick-or-treat even sweeter than candy.*



*Irene Stone dresses in her spooky attire for a fun Halloween evening.*

*Right: Brittany Griffin, Keisha Whitener and Jennifer Harris of the Life Enrichment Department pose together as "Three Blind Mice." The creative trio won first place in the annual Clinton Community Department Halloween Costume Contest.*



*Anna Kinsey and Betty Youngs enjoy a full and memorable evening on Lake Greenwood.*





*Gwen Warner and Anne Pitts help deck the halls during the Christmas season.*



*Dianne Cardell and Sarah Ritter share in the fun during a cocoa and cookies event.*



*Anna Hull (above) visits with Santa while Neal Prater and Peter Hobbie (below) raise their glasses for a toast during the annual Santa Supper.*



*Joan Murdoch encourages others to keep growing as she enjoys a special outing to a garden center and open-air market.*



*Myra Nichols enjoys some of her favorite things in life – smiles, sunshine, and the beautiful color yellow.*



*Left: Jane Crawford performs in the Clinton Community's drama club performance of Bingo Ladies Gone Bad.*

*Right: Mary Alice Schmoyer shares in bingo, prizes and lots of laughter during the drama club's premier performance of the comedy Bingo Ladies Gone Bad.*







Staff Halloween Shenanigans dressed as a favorite nursery rhyme for Halloween! Michelle Oldham as the Farmers Wife and Jennifer Raymond, Chaplain Brooklynn Smith and Jenny Nance as the Three Blind Mice.



Fall is in the air! Martha Sue Sanders uses a unique technique to paint her fall tree.



Chaplain Brooklynn Smith spends time with four legged friends for The Blessing of Animals.



Foodie Fridays are always a hit! Beth Burnside (left) and Frances Kuhne (right) enjoy their hand rolled sushi.



Sun Thomas was very excited to taste some Korean food from Gorilla Boost as a part of the Health and Wellness Fair during Active Aging Week.



Residents Nancy Humphries, Vaughn Cover, Eileen and Jack Ott, Jane Anker, Rick Wilson and Judy Aplin enjoy an outing to the award winning Riverbanks Botanical Gardens.



Kathy Brown tried a sound bath during Active Aging Week and found it to be very relaxing.





*Hazel Shull and Eileen Ott work on strength training in the fitness center.*



*Chelsea Goodnight (Laurel Crest), Jenny Nance (Columbia) and Amy Laughlin (Management Services Office) participated in the Annual International Council on Active Aging Conference in Raleigh, NC.*



*Lou Wolfe danced the night away with Jenny Nance and Chaplain Brooklynn Smith.*



*The Columbia Presbyterian Saints Alive Choir performs their Annual Christmas concert. The 2024 theme was "Christmas Around the World."*



*Linda Ingebretsen and Kathy Brown show off their wreaths that started as medicine cups!*



*Resident Yvonne Crumbo receives a special Christmas gift.*



*Jenny Nance and resident Julia Fletcher pose for the camera after performing a selection of favorite Christmas carols.*

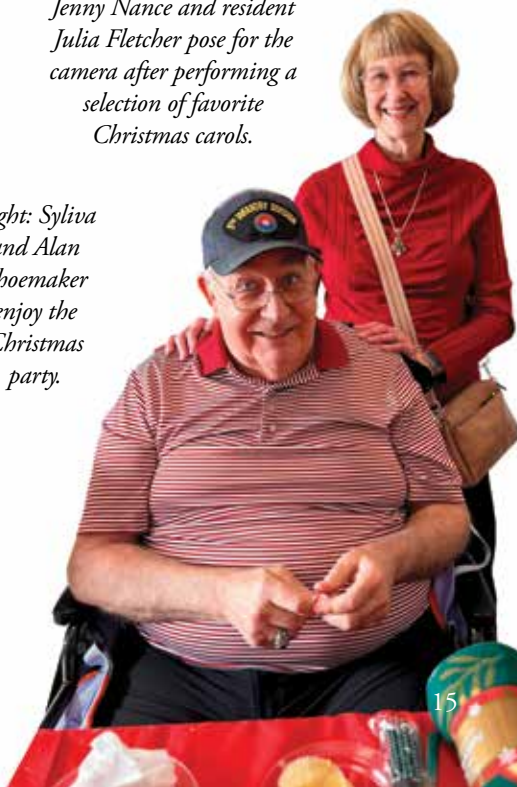


*Carline Barnwell receives a handmade card and birdfeeder from the "Tiny Theologians" of Downtown Church, Columbia.*



*Twixy the Elf enjoyed celebrating the holidays with Nancy Wilson.*

*Right: Syliva and Alan Shoemaker enjoy the Christmas party.*





Residents visited Greece and Germany during monthly adventures in the Dining Around the World Series:



*Charles Stonerock and family*



*Betty and Steve Caddell*



*Lu Ussery*



*Alice Baker and friends*



*Robert and Jenet Edwards*



*Above: Roger Hux, Charles Stonerock, Phyllis Gray, Linda Floyd and Clara Alexander.*

"Who's ready for some football? A tailgating party gave residents the opportunity to enjoy food, fellowship and friendly cornhole competition (right)!"



All departments at the Florence Community participated in a pumpkin decorating contest. Pumpkin # 3, designed by the Assisted Living staff, won the competition.



"It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas." The Florence Community started the season with a Christmas light ceremony and enjoyed visits from Santa's elves and the Grinch during the department Christmas parties.



*Donna George and Chelsey Mozingo  
(Life Enrichment Coordinator)*



*Resident Jack Edwards with the Grinch*



*Residents Bill and Jean Blackie*



*Staff at the Independent Living and  
Assisted Living Christmas Dinner*



*Santa, resident Mary Altman and Donna George  
(Life Enrichment Coordinator)*



*Life Enrichment Coordinator  
Chelsey Mozingo and resident  
Patricia Singletary*



*Residents enjoy Progressive BINGO, where they stop by the Activity Office daily to check their card.  
Phyllis Gray (left) was September's winner and Barbara Jones (center) was October's winner.  
Betty Caddell (right) was the October 4-Corner winner.*



*Charles Stonerock works on a  
Nativity scene during a painting  
lesson with a local artist.*



*Residents have enjoyed Music Therapy so much,  
it is now a regular event on their weekly schedule.*



*During the Christmas season, residents enjoyed several groups of young people (above)  
providing music and caroling. We also attended the Florence Area Big Band concert.*



## MASQUERADE MURDER MYSTERY DINNER

The residents were cordially invited to a dinner to die for ... A Masquerade Murder Mystery set in Venice, Italy, in the year 1755. The residents enjoyed an evening of mystery, a delicious dinner, drinks and figuring out WHO DONE IT?



*Masquerade Cast and Leadership Team*



*Ailee Holton, Dottie Grantham, Lee Churchfield and Cheryl Ledford*



## CRUISING LAKE JOCASSEE

Residents took a wonderful boat trip on Lake Jocassee. Surrounded by amazing fall colors and abundant sunshine, it truly was the perfect day to be together on the lake.

## HALLOWEEN

Each year residents enjoy welcoming staff and their families for the annual trick or treat. It's always a spooktacular time for kids of all ages!



*Wes and Judy Koch and trick-or-treaters*



*Claire Labounty, Roland Labounty, Bill Lee and David Cook*



*Ann "Jailbird" Josey and her daughter*



## FIRST RESPONDERS APPRECIATION LUNCHEON

In recognition of the dedication and sacrifice of first responders, the Foothills Community hosted a First Responders Appreciation Lunch in honor of 9/11. It was very meaningful to residents and staff members alike to have the opportunity to share a meal and show their appreciation.



*A group of first responders pause for a photo.*



*Betsy Hays says "Thank you."*



*Grabbing lunch to go.*



*Resident Jean Bickel and Family*

## CHEERS TO THE SEASON!

The annual resident Christmas party was a night to remember, filled with festive entertainment, a delicious holiday feast, signature beverages, and a champagne wall for all to enjoy with the best company! Here's to celebrating community and joy this holiday season.



*Residents enjoyed the Christmas Champagne Wall with the Grinch and an elf serving bubbly!*



*Volunteers Pamela McAlister and Julie Chastain share a secret with Santa.*



*Residents Carol and Gene Curry (left) and Nelda Frasier (right) take a photo with Santa.*



## WELCOMING THE NEW YEAR

We rang in the New Year with live music, hors d'oeuvres and libations. Each resident had the opportunity to write down "a word of the year" that summarized goals and aspirations for the year ahead.

*Right: Residents celebrated the New Year together.*





# Laurel Crest

September 2024 ushered in a milestone for Laurel Crest as the entire community joined in a 30th Anniversary Celebration, which included a festive afternoon of refreshments, tours of the community, live music and a Senior Living Professionals Happy Hour. PCSC congratulates all who have served this thriving community and those who have called Laurel Crest home! Here's to at least 30 more exciting years.



*Mary Morrill, Stevie McCaston and Sue Hardin, posing on the red carpet for the 30th anniversary luncheon.*



*Franklin Fant welcomed everyone and gave an opening prayer at the 30th anniversary marketing open house celebration.*



*A beautiful ice sculpture in honor of Laurel Crest's anniversary*



*Angela Lorick and Katherine Hallman*



*Barbara McKinnon, Betty Hines from the Basilica of St. Peter's Church, and Barbara Jones*



*Charles Jackson and Audrey Richards*



*Ann McConnell*



*Annette Lucas and Chelsea Goodnight*





*Left: Jimmy Wood, Judy Turnipseed and Glenda Wood headed to the polls for early voting at the local West Columbia headquarters.*

*Right: Gerry Smoak, Betty Knoth and Mary Morrill do their patriotic duty and make their voices heard during early voting.*



*Below: Weekdays don't get all the fun at Laurel Crest — we have fun weekends, too! USC students team up with residents to compete in crossword competitions!*



*Far left: Pat Kohler uses newly learned skills to create her hummingbird origami.*

*Middle left: Emma Lou Easley with her finished origami for hummingbird day.*

*Left: Barbara Berkowitz smiles after learning the new skill of origami.*



*Football season started off hot with the most recent paint and sip! Standing (L-R): Brittney DeRosa, Judy Turnipseed, Barbara McKinnon, Mary Jeffcoat and Chelsea Goodnight. Seated (L-R): Sue Hardin, Cherry Causey, Rose Stacho and Betty Knoth.*



*Nona Clark (bottom left) enjoys time with USC volunteers at the annual Fall Festival.*





*Margot Taylor and Raven Ridings, Life Enrichment Coordinator, show off their best Halloween costume during The Village Halloween Parade.*



*Julie Strawn and Janis Bruce show off their crafting skills after making Thanksgiving centerpieces for the Bountiful Feast.*



*Karl Robinson shares a display from his years of service in the Coast Guard.*



*James Erixson, Allan Oliver, Carey Brier and William Krucke, ready to march in the community's Veteran's Day Parade.*



*William Spearman was ready for the community Veteran's Day Parade!*

*Right: Joan Beyer (Community Life Services Director) and Frank Pohlman pose during The Village holiday walker decorating event!*



*Left: Joyce Hickman proudly shows off her Christmas centerpiece craft.*







*Twixy the Elf and Barbara Stroud*



*Lambert (Aline) Mills and James Deaton at the Jingle Mingle get together.*



*Bobby Steverson lets Santa know he's been very good this year.*



*B.J. Moore gets a hug from Santa.*



*Above: Susan Cornehl and Allan Oliver (both in green) compete in croquet at the Low Country Games.*

*Front row (L-R): Mary Oliver, Sally Rogers, Patricia Hollifield, Betsy Ross, Jim Erixson and Fred Compton.*

*Back row (L-R): Lewis Mitchell, Bruce Krucke, Ned Shows, Carey Brier, Susan Cornehl and Loren Hagan.*



## BRINGIN' HOME THE GOLD!

The residents and staff at The Village at Summerville welcomed friends from Bishop Gadsden and Franke at Seaside retirement communities for a fun and friendly afternoon of competition and camaraderie! The Low Country Games consisted of six events: speed walking, water walking, cornhole, bocce ball, croquet and putting. Residents and staff are all smiles after hosting, competing and bringing home the gold!



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