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Each year at this time, the Annual Donor Report of The Wesley Foundation demonstrates the remarkable caring and generosity of The Wesley Community's friends and benefactors.

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For years, you, our donors, have contributed directly to our ability to offer exceptional services for the more than 700 seniors at Wesley Health Care Center, Embury Apartments, and Woodlawn Commons. These living arrangements address residents' needs and enhance their quality of life with your help.

On behalf of those we house, and the others who come to us for outpatient therapies, adult day services and other programs, I thank you for all you have done and continue to do to support The Wesley Community's mission.

Sincerely,

J. Brian Neaton LNHA

Chief Executive Officer The Wesley Community



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OUR MISSION

The Wesley Foundation is committed to broadening the mission of United Methodist Health and Housing, Inc. by conveying the needs of The Wesley Community's residents and clients and by building relationships to provide resources to enhance the quality of their daily living and well-being.





Our donors, both individuals and organizations, help make a big difference in the lives of the residents of The Wesley Community. Residents at Wesley Health Care Center benefit from projects designed to provide a more home-like environment for those requiring long-term care. The seniors in our Enriched Living program at Woodlawn Commons, and those living independently at both Woodlawn Commons and Embury Apartments, can spend their older years in safety and dignity with the assistance of caring and compassionate staff.

There is always more to be done, of course, but we have come a long way with our renovation and expansion projects this year thanks to your help. We sincerely thank you for all the ways you supported The Wesley Community in 2015.

Philip W. Klein President The Wesley Foundation





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HERE ARE JUST SOME OF THE WAYS YOUR DONATIONS HELP

Activities for Evergreen Adult Day Services Participants

Donations to the Evergreen Adult Day Services Fund help to provide music equipment, craft and art supplies and baking needs for the program's participants, helping them to remain active and engaged during their time at Evergreen. In addition, funds help to pay for entertainment, special activities and outings.

Activities and Special Events for Independent Housing Residents

Donations to the Erwin Levine, PhD Fund help to support the annual Erwin Levine Event Series. In 2015, the series hosted The Peg Delaney Trio, jazz musicians, and Allan Carter, Historian of The National Museum of Racing and Hall of Fame, speaking on "The Early History of Saratoga Race Course." These programs are open to all independent housing residents on The Wesley Community campus.

Activities and Special Events for Embury Residents

Donations to the Embury Apartments Fund help to pay for costs associated with activities for these independent residents. Examples of activities include a monthly entertainment program, monthly coffee social supplies, movie matinees, a holiday party with special entertainment and more.

Special Activities for Wesley Health Care Center Residents

The With a Heart, Choose a Friend Fund provides funds for trips and activities that enhance the quality of life of our Wesley Health Care Center residents. These activities include lunches, dinners, boat rides on Lake George, museum visits and outings to Saratoga Race Course.

Pets for Residents

environment.

Donations to the Project Homecoming Fund help to support our beloved pets within the Wesley Health Care Facility. These furry friends bring a smile to our long-term care residents' faces. Funds are used for supplies and veterinary expenses related to the care of these loving pets.

Building A Better Tomorrow – Raising Funds for Renovations to the Springs Building Wesley Health Care Center's oldest building, Springs, is home to 162 long-term care residents. Funds raised at our 2015 special events helped to renovate the ground floor and to enhance the resident living spaces on the 5th floor to create a more home-like

Helping Those in Need Get Outpatient Therapy

Donations to the Outpatient Therapy Contribution Fund and the Outpatient Therapy Pediatric Fund help to ensure that those who need physical therapy services and cannot afford them are given the care they need. In 2015, these funds provided for 250 co-pays to help cover the costs of quality physical therapy treatment here at Wesley.

Thank You!

In addition, donations help to support activity programs, staff training, and much more. Your contributions make an impact on the lives of so many.

Events & Special Programs

A Black and White Affair Gatsby Style: A Full House Enjoys the Wesley Gala

More than \$73,000 was raised toward the renovation of Wesley Health Care Center's Springs building at The Wesley Foundation Gala, Gatsby Style, which was held on May 30, 2015 at the glamorous Saratoga Golf and Polo Club. Timothy Busch and Joanne Kirkpatrick co-chaired a committee of Winnie Baden, Alicia Butler, Melissa D'Andrea, Geriann Eddy, Judy LeCain, Charlotte Mosso, and Kimberlee Williams to create a spectacular night of food, dancing and fun surrounded by the glitzy décor and fashions of the 1920s era.

Presenting sponsor of the 2015 Gala was The Adirondack Trust Company, with President Stephan von Schenk welcoming a sold-out crowd. Other major sponsors were Angerame Architects, PC, AOW Associates, Inc., Marshall and Sterling Insurance, Fine Affairs, The Fort Miller Group, The Saratogian, Saratoga Casino and Raceway, and Ray Martin/Crescent Hill Partners LLC.

The success of this exciting event was made possible by many additional sponsors, the honorary committee members, many volunteers and the enthusiastic attendees. The Wesley Community is indebted to the generosity of the friends of The Wesley Community who contribute to the success of this event each year.













Gala photos - Saratoga Social/Megan Mumford Photography



2nd Annual Balloon Walk and BBQ: Day of Fun and Food Supports Wesley

The Balloon Walk took place on October 3rd with the support of major sponsors The Adirondack Trust Company, Medline Industries and Marshall & Sterling Insurance. Many thanks go to the co-chairs of this event, Tim Busch and Garth Ellms, both board members of The Wesley Foundation. More than \$7,000 was netted through contributions of sponsors and participation of the public. Individuals and families – 380 kids, parents, grandparents, residents and volunteers – enjoyed the beautiful Wesley campus gathering colorful balloons, and stayed on to enjoy delicious barbecue from Giffy's of Clifton Park.





Dining Fundraisers: Restaurant Meals Benefit Wesley

In 2015, a portion of the proceeds from dining events was given to The Wesley Foundation.The 99 Restaurant of Saratoga Springs helped The Wesley Foundation through their Dining for a Cause program. The Wesley Foundation was also fortunate to partner with the West Side Stadium Bar and Grill for a dining fundraiser thanks to owners Chris and Dave Harmon.



Giving Tuesday: Thank You to Donors

Giving Tuesday, a global day established as an opportunity for people to give back in recognition of their own good fortune, is observed each year on the Tuesday following Black Friday and Cyber Monday. We thank the many friends of The Wesley Community who donated to The Wesley Foundation as part of their giving plans this year on Giving Tuesday.



The Wesley Society: Luncheon Recognizes New Members

The annual luncheon honoring new members of The Wesley Society took place March 3rd at Longfellow's Restaurant in Saratoga Springs. The Wesley Society honors supporters who have either made \$10,000 or more in lifetime donations, or have made a commitment to The Wesley Community through a planned gift, such as a bequest or trust. They create a legacy that enables The Wesley Community to meet the needs of the aging and those who require long-term care. In 2015 Warren Bowhall, Philip and Lynne Klein and Marilyn C. "Sue" Couch were recognized. Paul William Calhoun and Iris Civalier were recognized posthumously.



Alfred Z. Solomon Charitable Trust Grant: Staff Training and Activity Stations Benefit Residents with Dementia

The Wesley Community embarked on a dementia care program funded, in part, by a \$15,000 grant from the Alfred Z. Solomon Charitable Trust. The grant helped train staff in the Buddies Forever Dementia Communication Coaching model developed by Gemini Consulting. In addition, the development of therapeutic activity stations for residents with dementia provides activities that are specific to an individual's level of functionality and interests. Familiar props and everyday objects are available to engage the mind, including jewelry, sewing materials, tools and puzzles.



Events & Special Programs (continued)



Adirondack Trust Company Community Fund Grant: Evergreen Adult Day Services Enjoys New Technology

Thanks to The Adirondack Trust Company Community Fund and their Lend-A-Hand Grant, The Wesley Community purchased computer tablets to provide technologybased applications and exercises for the more than 40 program participants at Wesley Evergreen Adult Day Services. The new technology will provide access to art, dance and music. For more on The Adirondack Trust Company Community Fund, visit www.atcf.org. Congratulations to all of the grant recipients from this year, featured in this group photo.





Elsie G. B. Shepherd Rose Garden: Family Honors 100th Birthday of Resident

The family of Elsie G.B. Shepherd donated a rose garden to honor her in celebration of her 100th birthday. Members of the family designed and planted the garden. We thank them for this beautiful garden that enables residents and their families to enjoy the outdoor space. The Elsie G.B. Centennial Rose Garden at The Wesley Community is located in the courtyard of the Hathorn building at Wesley Health Care Center.





THE WESLEY COMMUN OUTPATIENT THERAPIES

LSVT BIG

PHYSICAL/OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY FOR PARKINSON DISEASE AND NEUROLOGICAL CONDITIONS

> LSVT LOUD SPEECH TREATMENT FOR PARKINSON DISEASE AND NEUROLOGICAL CONDITIONS

LSVT LOUD Certified Clinician

LSVT Big and Loud: Parkinson's Sufferers Get More Help

Five therapists from the Wesley Community's outpatient therapy program have completed training and received certification in both LSVT Big and LSVT Loud methodologies through funding from an anonymous donor. The certification allows the outpatient therapy program at Wesley Health Care Center to provide new services to those diagnosed with Parkinson's disease. The outpatient therapy department at Wesley serves people of all ages in the greater Saratoga Springs area who are referred by their physicians.

Holiday Ornaments: Friends of Wesley Remember and Honor Loved Ones

Once again, donors decorated a tree in the main reception area of the Wesley Health Care Center with keepsake ornaments purchased in memory or honor of loved ones. After the holidays, the collectible ornaments went home with the donors. This Wesley tradition helps support the work of The Wesley Foundation.

Woodlawn Commons' New Bus: Residents Enjoy Outings

Residents of Woodlawn Commons enjoyed their first trip on a new bus in 2015. The bus expands the opportunities for residents to enjoy outings. Many donors contributed to help purchase this new vehicle and The Wesley Community is grateful for their support.



Saratoga Casino and Raceway: Grant Makes a Difference

At its 11th Annual Make A Difference Event, Saratoga Casino and Raceway donated \$5,000 to The Wesley Foundation to help support our care of seniors. The Wesley Community is grateful for Saratoga Casino and Raceway's continued commitment to The Wesley Community's mission.



11th Annual Winterfest Wine Tasting: The Wesley Community is Beneficiary

On Friday, January 30, 2015, the Holiday Inn hosted its 11th Annual Winterfest Wine and Beer Tasting event to benefit The Wesley Foundation and the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life. The event was well attended and helped to raise more than \$2,000 for programs at The Wesley Community. Thank you to the Holiday Inn of Saratoga Springs for choosing The Wesley Foundation as a beneficiary of this event.



Employee Giving Campaign: Generous Staff Shows Dedication to Wesley

Each year staff supports The Wesley Community through gifts and pledges, proving how caring and dedicated they are to their work and to the organization. The 2015 Employee Giving campaign raised a record setting \$24,000 for campus programs and projects. We thank the hardworking Employee Giving committee, consisting of staff members Dawn Catone, Gina Mergel, Beth Yellen, Gianna Cross, Lisa Bodway, Kati Squires, Angie Scripter, Jill Snyder, Kelly McFarlane, Deb Clute, Jim Foy and Nicole Mello.



Looking Ahead: 2016 Special Events



SATURDAY, MAY 21ST Annual Gala: '70s Style Presented by The Adirondack Trust Company 6:00 pm – 10:00 pm Saratoga Golf & Polo Club Contact 518.691.1420 or www.thewesleycommunity.org/gala

Celebrate 1970's style at Saratoga Golf and Polo Club to raise funds for The Wesley Community's Springs building renovation. Cocktail party attire is suggested and stylish 70's attire is also welcome. Last year's event sold out, so make your reservations early!



SATURDAY, AUGUST 13TH **3rd Annual Balloon Walk & BBQ** *Presented by Marshall & Sterling Insurance* 10:00 am - Opening Ceremony and Walk Start The Wesley Community campus on Lawrence Street, Saratoga Springs Contact 518.691.1420 or http://www.theballoonwalk.com

Come for our great family event! Walk The Wesley Community's beautiful campus, picking up colorful balloons along the way. Stay for Giffy's tasty barbecue. Funds raised help the Wesley Health Care Center Springs building renovation.

2016 Seminars

How to Avoid Elder Law Pitfalls Tuesday, June 14th | 6 – 7:30 pm Embury Apartments William D. Pfeiffer, Esg., The Pfeiffer Law Firm

Making Your Personal and Financial Plans Matter

Tuesday, October 11th |6 – 7:30 pm Woodlawn Commons Tara Anne Pleat, Esq., Wilcenski and Pleat PLLC Raymond Martin, Crescent Hill Partners

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