

THE WESLEY COMMUNITY

THE WESLEY FOUNDATION



Throughout the years friends of The Wesley Community have helped us accomplish our mission to provide skillful and compassionate services to each individual in our care by donating to The Wesley Foundation.

Each resident or client deserves the best we can offer. Over 700 older adults make their homes on campus at Wesley Health Care Center, Embury Apartments and Woodlawn Commons. In addition, people of all ages benefit from our campus outpatient therapy program.

Your commitment to those who need the assistance we provide is unfailing. On behalf of our governing board and our caring and compassionate staff, I thank you personally for all the ways you support our work. Without your continuing help we could not accomplish what we do, and we are enormously grateful.

Sincerely,

Brian Nealon

J. Brian Nealon, 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.





The Wesley Foundation's charge is to engage and develop financial resources to help enhance the quality of the daily lives of The Wesley Community's residents and clients.

Our Foundation board members serve The Wesley Community because of the caring and compassionate services it provides. All of us identify with The Wesley Community's mission and goals. We consider it a privilege to be associated with this fine community.

As a donor, you have helped make possible the on-going vitality of The Wesley Community in 2016. Your generosity makes such a difference in the lives of those we serve. We thank you.

Joanne Kirkpatrick President The Wesley Foundation



Officials from The Adirondack Trust Company present representatives from The Wesley Foundation with a \$10,500 donation to support special events benefitting The Wesley Community in 2016.





# HERE ARE JUST SOME OF THE WAYS YOUR DONATIONS HELP

#### Building a Better Tomorrow – Raising Funds for Renovations to the Springs Residence

Wesley Health Care Center's oldest building, the Springs residence, is home to more than 160 persons receiving long-term care. Funds raised at our 2016 events helped renovate the ground floor and make the living spaces on the 5th floor more home-like for the residents.

#### **Special Activities for Wesley Health Care Center Residents**

The With a Heart Choose a Friend Fund provides for trips and activities that enhance the quality of life of our Wesley Health Care Center long-term care residents. These activities include lunches, dinners, museum visits and outings to Saratoga Race Course.

#### Pets

Donations to the Project Homecoming Fund help to provide supplies and veterinary care for our beloved pets at Wesley Health Care Center. Contact with these pets comforts our long-term care residents and brings smiles to their faces.

#### **Special Events for Independent Housing Residents**

Donations to the Erwin Levine, PhD Fund help to support the annual Erwin Levine Event Series. In 2016, the series hosted music performed by Skidmore College students; the Saratoga Chamber Players, a violin and cello duo; and a presentation on the lost landmarks of Saratoga County by Brookside Museum. 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 entertainment programs, coffee social supplies, movies, a holiday party with entertainment and more.

#### **Helping Those in Need Receive Outpatient Therapy**

Donations to the Outpatient Therapy Contribution Fund and the Outpatient Therapy Pediatric Fund help ensure that those who need physical therapy services and cannot afford them receive the care they need. In 2016, these funds provided over 260 co-pays to help cover the costs of quality physical therapy visits here at Wesley.

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

Thank You!

### **Events & Special Programs**







Thank you to all who made the 2016 Wesley Gala such a success!

Photos courtesy of Megan Mumford/The Saratoga Social

#### The Wesley Foundation Gala – '70s Style

Held on Saturday, May 21, 2016 at the Saratoga Golf and Polo Club Honorary Chairs: Michael and Marlene Okby

Our friends and benefactors celebrated 1970's style at Saratoga Golf and Polo Club to raise more than \$84,000 for The Wesley Community. The night offered delicious food from Chef John Ireland at Saratoga Golf and Polo Club, décor from Fine Affairs, music from The Refrigerators, fondue stations, a sundae bar, a 1970's themed candy bar, complimentary champagne on arrival, and a silent auction. Photos of party-goers in '70s attire against groovy backdrops were a big hit. This sold-out evening supported

The Wesley Community's Springs building renovation.

## This successful event was the culmination of hard work by our Gala Committee and we thank them!

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#### **Phase I of Springs Building Renovations**

The Wesley Community is extremely grateful for the generosity of all who have contributed to the Springs building renovation project as our fundraising has focused on the cost of the improvements on the main floor and 5th floor.

From Wesley Health Care Center's refurbished reception area and expanded gift shop at the main entrance, to the updated fifth floor, where home-like surroundings enhance the personcentered care that Wesley provides, the completion of the first phase of the Springs building renovation is a sign of good things to come.

We are confident that with your on-going support we can continue to address and serve the needs of aging adults at Wesley Health Care Center with additional improvements.









#### TO BENEFIT THE WESLEY COMMUNIT

#### 3rd Annual Balloon Walk and BBQ: Day of Fun and Food Supports Wesley

The 3rd Annual Balloon Walk and BBQ presented by Marshall and Sterling Insurance took place on August 13th. Many thanks to board members Tim Busch and Garth Ellms, the co-chairs of this event. Individuals and families enjoyed walking the beautiful Wesley campus and stayed on to enjoy delicious barbecue from Giffy's of Clifton Park. The event raised more than \$11,000.

Medline Industries sponsored the barbecue and balloon sponsors included The Adirondack Trust Company, Marshall and Sterling Insurance, and Medline Industries. Platinum sponsors were Creative Connections NY, Ellms Family Farm, The Fort Miller Group, Digital First Media/The Saratogian, Web Instinct and Optum. Our sincere thanks go out to all sponsors and participants!







### **Events & Special Programs (continued)**





#### **Employee Giving Campaign**

A record setting amount of over \$26,200 was raised by the caring and dedicated staff of The Wesley Community through pledges and outright gifts during the 2016 Employee Giving Campaign.

Special thanks go to the Employee Giving Committee consisting of staff members: Katelynn Donovan, Seth Guistimbelli, Kelly Macfarlane, Gina Mergel, Angie Scripter, Jill Synder, Kati Squires and Beth Yellen.



#### **Pocket Talkers**

The Saratoga Springs Lions Club donated small portable amplifiers called pocket talkers to Wesley Health Care Center for resident use. Pocket talkers provide the user with the ability to hear more clearly in difficult listening situations, especially people who are no longer able to use hearing aids successfully.



#### **The Wesley Society**

New members of The Wesley Society were recognized on April 5th at Longfellow's Inn and 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. These gifts create a legacy enabling The Wesley Community to meet the housing needs of the aging and those requiring long-term care.

New members honored this year were Angerame Architects P.C., AOW Associates, and Espey Mfg. and Electronics Corp.

The guest speaker at the event was Roger Grout, Saratoga area businessman, whose family has been served by The Wesley Community.





#### Winterfest Wine Tasting at the Holiday Inn

The Holiday Inn - Saratoga Springs chose The Wesley Foundation as one of the beneficiaries of its 12th Annual Winterfest Wine Tasting event on February 5th. The event generated more than \$2,000 for programs at The Wesley Community. Thank you to The Holiday Inn — Saratoga Springs for helping to raise funds for The Wesley Community!



#### **Holiday Ornaments**

In a long-standing Wesley tradition, donors purchased keepsake ornaments to decorate the tree in the main reception area of Wesley Health Care Center. Ornaments in honor or memory of loved ones went home to the donors after the holidays. Proceeds benefitted The Wesley Community.



#### **Leap of Kindness Day**

In 2016 the board and staff of the Saratoga County Chamber of Commerce instituted Leap of Kindness Day, which will take place every four years on February 29th. The Wesley Community was the grateful recipient of a number of acts of kindness on February 29th including gifts of flowers, socks, and comfort cart items for nursing home residents, a dessert social for Embury residents, and cookies for staff. Our thanks to The Adirondack Trust Company, American Natural Gas, Roohan Realty, Tunison Funeral Home, Miles Ahead Communications and Organize Senior Moves for their kindness to our residents and staff.

#### Grants

### THANK YOU!

The Wesley Community is grateful for the generosity of the many foundations, trusts and charitable funds whose grants have enabled us to provide an increased number of enjoyable activities, some new and improved equipment, and more cost effective services to our residents. We thank these fine groups for their support!



#### Dominic Ferraioli Foundation - \$7,680

Wesley Health Care Center has expanded its existing inpatient rehabilitation services offerings through the addition of a body weight supported treadmill training system. The new equipment will allow residents of all abilities to engage in higher-level balance activities in safe and controlled ways. The new equipment was funded, in part, by a \$7,680 grant from the Dominic Ferraioli Foundation.



## William Gundry Broughton Charitable Private Foundation - \$7,500

One hundred percent of this grant helps support the cost of programs for the resident activities program at Wesley Health Care Center. Funds help pay for some of the on-site activities each year that feature professional entertainers, and other types of in-house activities include crafts and baking. The funds also help pay for some of the community-based trips and activities planned each year, including admission fees for residents who could not otherwise pursue these rewarding activities.

#### Arnold Cogswell Health Care Fund of the Community Foundation for the Greater Capital Region - \$14,124

The \$14,124 grant from the Arnold Cogswell Health Care Fund of the Community Foundation for the Greater Capital Region was used to purchase and update medical equipment for Wesley Health Care Center's nursing department, including three electrocardiogram (EKG) machines, two mechanical insufflation-exsufflation machines (cough assist devices), and an automated external defibrillator (AED).

## Alfred Z. Solomon Charitable Trust - \$9,000

The Digital Communications Project funded by the Alfred Z. Solomon Charitable Trust will provide residents of The Wesley Community access to custom programming through their existing television sets via dedicated channels, further connecting them with activities, entertainment, and information. Custom channels will be developed for The Wesley Community's residential entities: Embury Apartments, Wesley Health Care Center and Woodlawn Commons. Wesley will live-stream some on-campus activities, programs, and events to those who lack the ability to attend such offerings in-person, or when space is limited for in-house events. In addition, live-streaming and recording/rebroadcast of popular musicians, lecturers, and performers will be shared across each section of the campus, as relevant. The project also creates digital information hubs for residents' guests and families through the addition of three digital display screens at the main entrances to the Wesley Health Care Center.

#### Adirondack Trust Company Community Fund - \$1,320

These funds helped Wesley Health Care Center purchase two PT/INR Control Clinical Monitoring Machines. An anticoagulant often prescribed for heart patients at Wesley Health Care Center can interact with other medications and some foods. To ensure the drug remains at effective therapeutic levels, blood draws for residents may be required daily, every other day, or weekly. These new monitoring devices use the finger stick method, which is less invasive and more comfortable for our residents, and give results in minutes instead of hours so that treatment can begin sooner. Additionally, the cost per test is much lower.



## Marjorie Rockwell Fund for the Disabled of the Community Foundation for the Greater Capital Region - \$6,000

A \$6,000 grant from The Marjorie Rockwell Fund for the Disabled of The Community Foundation for the Greater Capital Region helped purchase a portable sound system to improve sound quality of musical programs and lectures at Wesley Health Care Center. In addition, a grill and gardening planters expanded the outdoor opportunities for residents. Additional kitchen equipment offered residents expanded opportunities for baking with assistance from staff. The grant also allowed Wesley to expand the number of trips and activities for long-term care residents for the year.

## Looking Ahead: 2017 Special Events



SATURDAY, MAY 20TH

The Wesley Foundation Gala – Bond Style
6:00 pm – 10:00 pm

Saratoga Golf & Polo Club

Contact 518.691.1420 or www.thewesleycommunity.org/gala

Presenting sponsor:



Celebrate all things James Bond to raise funds for The Wesley Community. The night will offer delicious food from Chef John Ireland at Saratoga Golf and Polo Club, décor from Fine Affairs, music from The Refrigerators, and so much more.

Last year's event sold out, so make your reservations soon.

Honorary chairs:

**TOM & KRISTIE ROOHAN** 



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