

Celebrating 50 Years of Service

Katie Nolt Kurtz, wife of Moses H. Kurtz, had a dream. As early as 1965, she envisioned a church-related home for those in the Weaverland Conference who were elderly and needed nursing care. When she mentioned the idea to her brother, Edwin Nolt, he agreed to partially fund the project if the church granted approval.

As a result of Katie and Edwin's vision and efforts and a dedicated board, on February 19, 1968, the new "Fairmount Rest Home" opened for operation. At the end of that first day, a total of 20 people had been successfully transitioned into their new home on what is now part of our Farm Crest campus.

Could the original founders have imagined Fairmount Homes 50 years later—a thriving community of 300+ residents and over 300 team members? Would they have envisioned cottages, a four-story apartment

building, and Personal Care and Skilled Care areas—all stretching across a 50+ acre hilltop property? They certainly didn't foresee that Fairmount's services would include rehabilitation services and "Fairmount at Home," a service that serves people in their homes in the local community.

Celebrations will be held throughout the year: A special logo (see top right) has been created to be used all through 2018. A new logo quilt was designed and hung in the Wheat Ridge lobby. A 50th

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New Apartments in Fairmount's Future

Once again, growth is in Fairmount's future. The preliminary groundwork has been completed for the new, four-story, Wheat Ridge Apartments project, with groundbreaking planned for the summer of 2018. The building

will be constructed in the space between the Wheat Ridge Personal Care building and the Home Messenger/Muddy Creek Farm Library (where the annual Benefit Auctions have been held).

The four-story building, designed by RLPS and constructed by Paul Risk Construction, will offer 11 apartment floor plans, each with its own private patio or balcony. Sizes will range from a 523-square-foot studio to a 1,420-square-foot, two-bedroom unit with two full bathrooms. The first floor in the building will include a gathering room with a full kitchen, a dining room, library and wellness room. Storage areas will be available on the lower level.

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Pictured above is an artist's rendering of the new Wheat Ridge Apartments. Construction is scheduled to begin in July.

Moving Forward in 2018 -*The President's Perspective*

Fairmount Homes *Perspective* is published quarterly for the residents, staff, volunteers and friends of Fairmount Homes, a Christian retirement community governed by a Board from the Weaverland Conference of the Old Order Mennonite Church.

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Throughout the past year we have been busy planning for our 2018 celebration of 50 years of serving residents. We began our ministry on February 19, 1968, when 20 residents moved into Fairmount Rest Home on the original 14-acres of our campus. Today, we have the privilege of serving over 330 residents across two campuses on 51 acres, with another major expansion to come.

As we celebrate the past and continue to grow, we build upon the purpose established in our 1967 incorporation document: "To operate and maintain a nursing home and rest home for the sick, aged and indigent; and to purchase, acquire, hold, own, lease, mortgage, encumber, grant, convey and transfer real estate and personal property as its purpose may require." Over the past 50 years we have maintained a nursing home; cared for the sick, aged and indigent; and purchased real estate as needed to house our growing community. Over the years, our purpose has expanded as we have identified additional ways to enrich the lives of those we serve, whether on or off our campus.

In this newsletter you will read about our new building expansion called Wheat Ridge Apartments. Over the past several months, the Board of Directors and administration have reviewed architectural drawings and have worked to determine the best possible design scenarios. This four-floor expansion will

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connect to our existing Health Care and Personal Care areas, and will feature 45 one-bedroom, one-bedroom with den, and two-bedroom units. These new apartments will help us respond to the increasing number of requests for additional, moderate-priced apartments.

While we continue to expand the number of buildings and residents on campus, we remain reliant on Christ's direction and Mennonite values to guide our planning. These two guiding principles are just as important to us today as they were to the founding members! As we move forward into a new year and a new project, please join me in lifting up Fairmount in prayer as we continue to follow the teachings of Christ and care for those we serve. May we lead and serve according to Christ's will for us! ->



Jerry D. Lile
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President/CEO

Team Members Recognized for 360 Years

The highlight of the recent Staff Christmas Fellowship Meal was the recognition of 37 team members celebrating five-year increments of service with a cumulative total of 360 years. Pictured are team members recognized for 20 years or more and the number of years they have served: (from left) Deb Fitzwater (20), Keith Engle (25) and Rhoda Weaver (20). Not pictured is Elsie Martin (20). ->



Wheat Ridge Apartments



View of the proposed Wheat Ridge apartments looking south from above the library.

Wheat Ridge Apartment Features & Services

- 45 spacious apartments, 11 unique floor plans: studio, one-bedroom, one-bedroom with den and two-bedroom, all with walk-in closets
- Kitchen complete with all new appliances—range with full-size oven, refrigerator and microwave— all in your choice of color
- Wide selection of flooring and countertop options
- Patio or balcony off of each apartment
- Washer/dryer in each unit
- Common areas include wellness room, dining room, coffee shop, library, and gathering room with full kitchen
- Storage area in lower level
- Beautifully landscaped courtyard

As with all of our Residential Living units, amenities and benefits include:

- Real estate taxes and utilities (water, sewer, garbage removal, electric, heating and air conditioning) included in your monthly fee
- Emergency call system and smoke detectors
- Maintenance of buildings, residences, appliances and grounds, including snow removal
- Multiple dining options
- Woodshop
- Scheduled activities and shopping trips
- Campus chapel services several times weekly
- Nature/fitness trails
- Personal mailbox and postal services
- Peace of mind that comes with knowing you have priority in a higher level of care, should it ever be needed



Wheat Ridge Apartments

UNIT NAME	SQUARE FOOTAGE	UNIT SPECIFICATIONS	UNITS AVAILABLE
Akron	523	Studio	1
Bareville	592	1 bedroom/1 bathroom	4
Brownstown	828	1 bedroom + den/1.5 bathrooms	2
Cocalico	865	1 bedroom + den/1.5 bathrooms	4
Conestoga	875	1 bedroom + den/1.5 bathrooms	1
Farmersville	875	1 bedroom + den/1.5 bathrooms	12
Hahnstown	910	1 bedroom + den/1.5 bathrooms	4
Hinkletown	962	1 bedroom + den/1.5 bathrooms	3
Murrell	1045	2 bedrooms/2 bathrooms	3
Talmage	1045	2 bedrooms/2 bathrooms	8
Voganville	1420	2 bedrooms/2 bathrooms	3

* All dimensions are approximate and subject to slight variations



Farmersville Floor Plan

875 sq. ft. / 1 bedroom / den / 1.5 bathrooms



Voganville Floor Plan

1420 sq. ft. / 2 bedrooms / 2 bathrooms

Be the first to live in a new Wheat Ridge Apartment! This is a great time to investigate the benefits of joining the Fairmount community, especially with the opportunity to live in a brand-new apartment! Information sessions are planned for February 21 from 2 p.m.-6 p.m. with a presentation at 3 p.m. and February 24 and 27 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., with presentations at 11 a.m. Attendees will be able to see all of the floor plans, explore available options, ask questions, and indicate their interest in specific units. We will soon begin taking reservations. Let's begin the conversation. Contact Mitch at 717.354.1810 or mitchellh@FairmountHomes.org.



Mitchell Hanna, Director of Marketing

Fairmount's 3rd Annual Book Sale

Mark your calendar, invite your friends, and come out for a morning of fun and discovery at Fairmount's 3rd Annual Community Book Sale on Saturday, April 28, from 6:00 a.m. until noon. A wide assortment of books will be available: children's books; Christian fiction, non-fiction, and devotional volumes; general fiction; biographies; history; song-books; cookbooks; gardening, hobbies, crafts and nature tomes; health, self-help and family books; memoirs; and books of local, Amish and Mennonite interest. Music CDs, puzzles, and other miscellaneous or collectible books will also be offered.

Book donations are now being accepted, so as you downsize or declut-

ter, please consider donating books (other than secular fiction, encyclopedias, or Reader's Digest Condensed books) for the sale. Books may be dropped off at the Wheat Ridge or Crest View front desk.

All proceeds from the book sale will go to the Fairmount Homes Sharing Fund for the benefit of residents who, through no fault of their own, have outlived their resources. ➤

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Anniversary Cookbook is in the works. And we will be announcing other special events slated for coming months.

While it is hard to imagine where Fairmount will be in another 50 years, it is important to keep our 2018 theme verse before us as we navigate Fairmount's future: "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing." John 15:5. ➤



1980 Aerial view of "Fairmount Rest Home"



1968 Open House Announcement

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Simultaneous with this building project, the Wheat Ridge Personal Care facility will undergo major renovation. Both the dining area and gathering room will be expanded, and the nurse's station will be moved to a location more central to the resident living area.

Watch for more information as this huge expansion progresses. More detailed information is available on the center pages of this Perspective. ➤



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Items of Interest

Ham & Cheese Fundraiser

Our annual ham-and-cheese sandwich fundraiser, held jointly with the Weavertown Conference Youth for Truth, is coming up soon. Sandwiches may be ordered until March 1 at the Wheat Ridge or Crest View front desk, or by calling 717.354.1800. The pick-up date will be March 17. Fairmount's share of the proceeds will be used for a project enhancing residents' lives.

You Gave ExtraOrdinarily!

Thank you to everyone who donated to Fairmount through the November 17 ExtraGive event! Generous donors gave a total of \$21,553.40, which will go to the Sharing Fund. We are grateful for this wonderful show of support from our community.



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February Quilting Days



Saturday, February 17

Tuesday, February 20 ~ Wednesday, February 21

8 am to 4 pm (lunch served daily)

Farm Crest Community Room, 1100 Farm Crest Drive

Save the Dates ~ Make Plans to Join Us

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