

Perspective

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Wheat Ridge Expansion and Renovations Underway

After years of dreaming, designing, and careful planning, the vision started to become reality this spring as construction began on a two-story addition extending the Birch/Fir wings at Wheat Ridge. The external shell has been completed and construction work has now moved inside.

On the second floor (Fir), the new structure will house a Care Base—formerly called a Nurse’s Station—and a sunroom with a spectacular panoramic view of the surrounding



From the new sunroom at the end of the Fir wing, residents and their families will be able to enjoy a spectacular view of the surrounding countryside.

countryside. The existing wing will be transformed into a self-contained Memory Support unit, complete with a spa, dining room, and country kitchen. Each resident room will be renovated with new flooring and cheerful décor.

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Expansion of the Birch/Fir wing began in early May with the construction of this two-story addition. With the exterior shell completed, most of the work has now moved inside.

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Trust—the Essential Foundation

The President's Perspective



Fairmount Homes Mission Statement

"Fairmount Homes is a ministry with mature adults, providing high quality services, promoting wholeness and creative living consistent with Christ-centered Mennonite Values."

Core Values

Community • Compassion
Dignity • Integrity
Quality • Teamwork
Trust

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This article brings me to the end of my series on the core values that have defined Fairmount Homes' culture for over 40 years and continue to shape everyday life here. We conclude with the essential foundation: Trust—*We act in such a manner that customers can always depend on us, put their confidence in us, and rely on our honesty.*

When I taught business management at James Madison University, one of my lectures centered on building trust. I would highlight research indicating that organizations are more likely to be seen as trust-worthy if they demonstrate integrity, openness, and loyalty. Here at Fairmount, we are constantly working to be transparent and trust-worthy in our relationships. We see trust as the necessary foundation for everything else.

Numerous thank-you notes and cards come to my desk describing firsthand experiences that have

won the trust of our residents and their families.

One person wrote, "The staff personally cared for my father with care and respect, which was a great comfort, but they also cared for mom when she visited. We are grateful for the Christian environment..."

Another note read, "One night we were sitting with my mother-in-law, and it was very quiet. In the stillness, one of the caregivers began singing a hymn.

That hymn made me feel that your staff is truly there to worship the Lord through their service to those in need."

Yes, we strive to be a trustworthy organization that consistently lives out our core values. Thank you for trusting us to provide high-quality services which promote wholeness consistent with Christ-centered Mennonite values.

*"It is required of stewards that they be found trustworthy."
I Corinthians 4:2 (RSV)*

Jerry D. Lile
President/CEO

Heritage Day a Wonderful Success

Blessed not only with a beautiful sunny day, but also many willing volunteers, Heritage Day drew almost 4,000 people for what many agreed was the best ever of these now-annual events. For pictures, go to www.fairmounthomes.org/ news and click on the link under Heritage Day.

The day generated \$29,000 in sales with 590 breakfasts purchased, along with 500 homemade donuts, 118 fresh strawberry pies, and 257 carriage rides. Untold pounds of potatoes were turned into fresh-cut French fries, and four 250-pound hogs were roasted overnight to make 1,230 pork barbecue sandwiches.

In addition, the final week of the Silent Auction netted an astounding \$1,001, bringing the year's Silent Auction proceeds to almost \$8,000. We want to express a huge thanks to everyone who contributed in any way to the success of Heritage Day!



How Does Our Waiting List Work?

“How long is your waiting list?” and “What does it cost to get my name on it?” These are some of the many questions we receive in the Fairmount Admissions office. Here are some of the queries we hear most often regarding our waiting list:

Does Fairmount Homes have a waiting list?

Yes, there is a waiting list for each type of accommodation here at Fairmount. A person can place his/her name on the list for a specific level of care by completing an application. If needs change before admission, the applicant can simply be moved to the list for a different level.

How does this work?

Applications are recorded by original application date and level of care requested. As openings

occur for the type of accommodation requested, applicants are contacted in the order they submitted their requests.

What does it cost to put my name on the waiting list?

Fairmount does not charge an application fee for its waiting list.

What happens if I am not ready when you call?

If you decide you are not ready to move to Fairmount when you are contacted, your name will remain in place on the list. You do **not** go to the “end of the line.”

Some people on the waiting list recently were asked to complete new applications. Why?

Not long ago, Fairmount sent letters to people on our Residential Living waiting list, asking them to review their application informa-

tion and update us on their retirement plans. Their responses are helping us to better plan our course for the future. Our goal is to serve potential residents in a timely manner and to match our residential living options with their needs and interests.

What if I have further questions?

We would love to chat with anyone who wants to learn more about the possibility of moving to Fairmount or who has a loved one who might become a resident. We encourage people to begin retirement planning early, so it is never too soon to begin collecting information. We welcome the opportunity to meet with you to answer your questions about the options here at Fairmount Homes. Please call us at 717.354.1810.

Jim Woolson
Admissions/Marketing Director

Expansion *(continued from page 1)*

At the same time, another two-story addition is being erected next to the chapel. The new space will provide a sunroom for both first- and second-floor Health Care residents, a first-floor activity room, and much-needed storage in the basement.

To date, renovations are proceeding on schedule, and we look forward to exciting times ahead as the project progresses!



Above is an artist's rendering of the completed sunroom at the end of the Fir wing.



By late July, the installation of windows and insulation had been completed in the Birch/Fir addition.



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Items of Interest

Volunteer Opportunities

Many hands will be needed for the Benefit Auction & Barbecue. Volunteer sign-up sheets are located by the Wheat Ridge first-floor elevators, or you can call Carol Swailes at 717.354.1887 to offer your help.

Donations for Benefit Auction Appreciated

Theme baskets, theme-basket supplies, money for theme baskets, "Dining for Dollars" events, new items for auction, and good used items for the flea market are greatly appreciated. Any donations may be dropped off at the Wheat Ridge front desk.

August Blood Drive Planned

On August 24, 2010, the Central Pennsylvania Blood Bank will hold a blood drive in the Farm Crest Community Room from 11:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m. Donors may call the blood bank for an appointment at 1.800.771.0059. Walk-ins are also welcome.

Mailing List Update

If you wish to have your name removed from the mailing list, please call 717.354.1800, write the Managing Editor at the address above, or email carols@fairmounthomes.org.

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Saturday, September 11, 2010

Quilts on Display in the Wheat Ridge Lobby after August 18
Big John's Breakfast - 6:30 a.m.
The Garment of Praise Quartet - 8:30 a.m.
Auction Begins - 9 a.m.
Barbecue Chicken Dinners - 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

AUCTIONS

Handmade Quilts
Theme Baskets - Children's Auction
Dutch Auction
Outdoor Furniture & Plants

EVENTS

Helicopter Candy Drop
"Dining for Dollars" Silent Auction
Children's Games & Rides
Flea Market & Food Stands

Come.
Bring friends.
Enjoy the day.

Proceeds will be used to purchase a new wheelchair van for residents.

