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More than Meets the Eye

The View is the Best

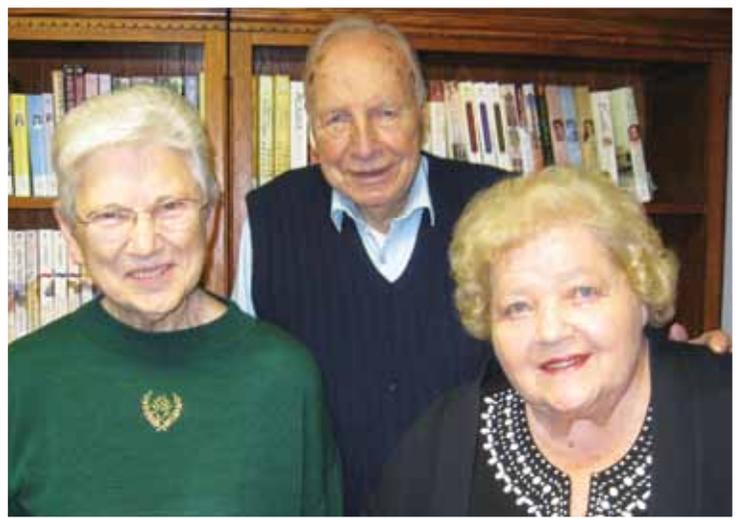
What do Crest View residents John and Dorismarie Rowe enjoy most about Fairmount Homes apartment living?

John gestures to the sliding glass door leading out to their fourth-floor apartment patio. “I never tire of looking out over the picturesque valley,” he exclaims. “I see farmlands, silos, horse-pulled implements, a farmer toting hay bales by hand. I especially love to watch the thunderstorms and the hot-air balloons.”

John and Dorismarie spent their entire married lives in a comfortable house they loved, but the large property demanded significant upkeep. They are happy they made the move to Fairmount four years ago, as their time is now freed up to pursue their favorite activities.

They especially enjoy dining out, making John’s role as coordinator for the “Residential Living Lunch Bunch” a good fit. He and Dorismarie scout out various local restaurants and make dining arrangements for the group’s outings. “We eat out often,” he says. “And I’m really happy for the new Cat’s Back Café at Wheat Ridge. We tried it several times and like that it is so close.”

Last summer John also enjoyed working with several other residents to grow a community garden. “I was so grateful that Fairmount made some ground, a tiller, and a water tank available to us so we could grow our own vegetables,” he says enthusiastically.



Pictured above are apartment residents (from left) Helen Snader and John and Dorismarie Rowe in the Library on the first floor of the Crest View apartment building.

Friends and Amenities

Helen Snader, another Crest View apartment resident, also enjoys gardening and the outdoors. Her specialty is the beautiful flowerbed she tends next to the Crest View driveway. Helen and her husband moved to Fairmount seven years ago.

“We moved at just the right time,” she muses. “When my husband passed away a year later,
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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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As I write this article, a cold wind is blowing the snow outside my office window. It is a lovely sight! We are well into the winter season when the grass, flowers, and trees go dormant for several months. But God does not leave us in winter forever. We know that spring will come, and the view outside my window will transform once again into the beauty of budding trees and flowers.

Recently the world paid tribute to the late Nelson Mandela because of his role in transformation. Not only did President Mandela help change South Africa, he transformed the world!

We are all being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord.
2 Corinthians 3:18 (NIV)

As he reflected back on the day in 1990 when he walked out of prison after spending 27 years behind bars, he said: "I could not imagine that the future I was walking toward could compare in any way to the past I was leaving behind."

He eventually came to realize that the time he spent in prison not only changed the person he was, but helped to change the world.

Fairmount also continues to transform! If you visit Wheat Ridge Personal Care, you will notice a transformation

taking place. Over the next few weeks, new paint will cover the walls, and a new floor and new furnishings will appear in the lounge area. This transformation was made possible through a matched donation. We continue to be grateful for the many businesses and individuals that generously support Fairmount Homes.

Although aspects of our appearance are being transformed, the one thing that remains consistent is the tremendous care we provide for our residents. Our skilled nursing center continues to be rated a five-star facility by the Center for Medicare and Medicaid. If you or your loved one requires rehabilitative services, you can count on our qualified staff to provide the care needed in a warm and compassionate environment.

I am thankful that God does not leave us in a dormant state. 2 Corinthians 3:18 (NIV) states that we are all being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord. May God bless each one of us in 2014!

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President/CEO

Fairmount Board Transitions

Fairmount Homes' Board of Directors and Administration want to express sincere appreciation to Leon G. Burkholder who retired from the board in October.

Joining the board is Dale A. Martin who lives in Hinkletown with his wife Linda and family. They attend Martindale Mennonite Church (Weaverland Conference). Dale, his father, and sons work together at Martin's Bike Shop,

their family-owned business.

Dale reflects, "My first memories of Fairmount Homes are of visiting my grandfather's aunts, some of the first residents when it opened in 1968. Today I enjoy visiting my grandmother who has been a resident since February 2012.

"I am impressed with the focus on caring by the staff and Board, and look forward to being part of the Fairmount Homes team."

Team Members Honored at Christmas Meal

On December 10, Fairmount staff and their families enjoyed a wonderful time together at the annual Christmas Fellowship Meal. A highlight of the event was the recognition of 49 team members who were celebrating five-year increments of service. Together they represented a total of 560 years of dedicated work at Fairmount Homes.

Kent Richard, Vice President of Operations, commented in his remarks, "One of Fairmount's Core Values is teamwork. It is an awesome privilege for me to be part of a team of hundreds of individuals who have chosen to join together as one in ministry to serve our Lord."



Recognized for 20 or more years of service were (from left) Deborah Byler (20), Marcia Mummert (20) and Esther Stoltzfus (20). Not pictured: Arlene Hoover (35), Mary Shirk (25), and Jennifer Roberts (20).

Matching Fund Offer Exceeded

Upgrades to the Wheat Ridge Personal Care common areas are now underway, thanks to the generosity of many donors who quickly exceeded a matching fund challenge of \$12,500. The final giving total will enable renovations to be completed as planned.

As noted in the President's column, walls have been painted, and new floor coverings and furniture have been selected to refurbish the lounge area. Watch for further updates as the project progresses.

Thanks to everyone who contributed!

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I could adjust more easily, and I had friends right around me."

What does Helen find most attractive about apartment living?

"When the weather is ugly, I don't have to step foot out of the building to visit friends or get my mail. I don't have to miss church because of bad weather; I can just attend services here," she explains.

When gardening is finished for the winter, Helen finds plenty of other activities to keep her busy. "I exercise in the Wellness Room to stay in shape. I appreciate our Library, where I can browse the books or work on a puzzle. And even though I still drive wherever I want, I often take the Fairmount bus to go shopping along with other residents. That way I can visit with them along the way."

Many Residential Living residents maintain a lifestyle as active as they did before moving to Fairmount, and some even continue to center their activities in their former communities. However, as their needs change, plenty of additional services and amenities are available right on campus. For instance, a therapy

room on the first floor of Crest View offers physical, occupational, or speech therapy without residents having to leave the building. Meals in the dining room are an option for those who prefer not to cook. A social worker is available to help with tasks such as completing complicated paperwork, gathering information on home-health care, and considering important life decisions.

Fairmount's panoramic view from the Crest View building is one of its most touted and impressive features. But there are many more advantages to apartment living than initially meet the eye.

Helen declares, "I love living here." There are many reasons why.

Ham & Cheese Fundraiser

Our annual ham-and-cheese sandwich fundraiser, held jointly with the Weaverland Conference Youth for Truth, is just around the corner. Sandwiches may be ordered at the Wheat Ridge or Crest View front desks, or by calling 717.354.1800. The pick-up date will be March 29. Proceeds will be used for a project enhancing residents' lives.



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Items of Interest

Plain Community Rehab Offered

Fairmount Homes is pleased to offer reduced rates for rehab to individuals who do not participate in insurance plans for religious reasons. For more information, contact the admissions office at 717.354.1800.

TOPS Program Starting

If you are interested in joining a TOPS (Taking Off Pounds Sensibly) program starting February 6 at Fairmount, please contact Ferne Motto at 717.354.1895 or fernem@FairmountHomes.org. TOPS focuses on making small lifestyle changes that lead to lasting weight loss and better health.

Central PA Blood Drives

Blood drives are planned at Farm Crest for two Thursdays, February 6 and April 10, from 11:30 a.m.–6:30 p.m. For an appointment, please call Ferne Motto at 717.354.1895 or the blood bank at 800.771.0059. Walk-ins are welcome until 6:00 p.m.

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Save the Dates

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Tuesday, February 18
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8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
(lunch served daily)*



Farm Crest Community Room, 1100 Farm Crest Dr.