



MEMBERSHIP

This special group of people will be remembered — FOREVER.

Julius Society — 170 Legacy Members

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The health and safety of our participants, residents and team members have remained our top priority during the past year, with a hopeful outlook that a vaccine would soon arrive and life would regain some normalcy. Thankfully, HOPE arrived in January – in the form of a vaccine! As clinics were rolled out, the phrase, “you have a spot, take your shot,” echoed throughout the organization. **Abernethy Laurels** and **Piedmont Crossing** partnered with CVS Pharmacy and **Lake Prince Woods** partnered with Walgreens to distribute the vaccine to those who live and work at the three communities.

As a greater community initiative, Piedmont Crossing partnered with Davidson County Health Department and offered a drive-thru clinic. In addition, all UCHS affordable housing locations as well PACE programs, **Carolina SeniorCare** and **Elderhaus**, have been able to hold vaccination clinics on site which has been a true blessing. It's evident as some restrictions are slowly lifted, the communities and programs are grateful they were able to do their part.



HOPE HAS ARRIVED

UCHS Foundation solicits, safeguards and disperses funds in support of the charitable work and ministry of UCHS with special emphasis on financial assistance for current and future residents and staff. Help us avoid any unwanted mailings by calling Stephanie Fortner at 828-465-8013 or sfortner@uchas.org to opt out of the mailing list.

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A MESSAGE OF GRATITUDE

Over the past five years, two of our **PACE** participants at **Carolina SeniorCare** have been dedicated love and joy to our soldiers across the world, through their passion of card making. Partnering with Operation Gratitude, an organization whose mission is to forge strong bonds between Americans and their military. Each holiday season, our two participants have been dedicated to creating fun and festive cards writing a short sweet message of encouragement inside. Our Life Enrichment Coordinator collects the cards and mails them to California to the Operation Gratitude headquarters. The cards are made a month ahead of time, to ensure they are delivered to the troops for the holiday season. This simple gesture done by our participants brings a sense of love and a thank you to our soldiers for serving our country.

Kaleidoscope

TELLING THE UCHS STORY

SPRING 2021

Welcome to Kaleidoscope! United Church Homes and Services continues to have lasting impact on our residents, team members, and community. We hope you will enjoy the stories behind our ministry, along with the people we serve and those that serve for the common good. Our mission, like that of a kaleidoscope, can clearly be seen and experienced – reflecting the beauty, culture, and values of our organization. Enjoy the read!

One year ago when I was writing my message for the spring 2020 edition of the *Kaleidoscope*, the pandemic was only beginning. My message focused on gratitude, and ended with my closing thought of “we are all in this together, and we will get through this together.” Little did I know at that time that it would take a full year to begin seeing true signs that the worst of the pandemic may be behind us. UCHS Team members worked non-stop this year to ensure that those we serve received the care, support and services needed. During the past year, I witnessed the best in our residents and team members supporting each other to ensure that we would get through this together, and together we are!

As we continue into 2021 and look beyond the pandemic, UCHS is in the midst of an exciting 50th year of providing care and services to older adults. The theme of our 50th anniversary is “honoring the past, celebrating the present, embracing the future.” During the months of March through July, a different community or program will be spotlighted. Abernethy Laurels will be featured in March, followed by Piedmont Crossing in April, the seven affordable housing communities in May, Lake Prince Woods in June, and PACE (Carolina SeniorCare and Elderhaus) in July. There will be fun facts shared during these months, as well as a trivia contest, with new questions released each month. UCHS has also published a new history book, a copy of which is available to read in each community's library. The capstone to our anniversary year will be an organization-wide celebration in August 2021!

YOUR OPTIMISM WILL NEVER BE AS POWERFUL AS IT IS IN THAT EXACT MOMENT WHEN YOU WANT TO GIVE IT UP.

AMANDA GORMAN, FIRST NATIONAL YOUTH POET LAUREATE

In closing, I want to pause to remember the lives of those lost this past year due to the pandemic and other causes. Life is a precious gift. We must remember to cherish each moment and be kind to one another. As Ms. Gorman shared about the power of optimism, you have my deepest admiration for your resiliency over the past year regardless of the difficulties cast upon us. We are now beginning to see the clouds part. Spring is upon us, and happier days are ahead. I am forever grateful to the UCHS team who are truly amazing.

FROM THE CEO

Lee Syria



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Lake Prince Woods – Taking Action

Lake Prince Woods is proud to recognize the volunteer work our residents do for the community of Suffolk, Virginia. Over the 2019-2020 fiscal year, 69 residents reported their volunteer activities, totaling 7,883 hours. Organizations the residents assisted include local churches, hospitals, and shelters.

In a typical year, our residents average over 10,000 hours of volunteer work and community service; however, due to COVID-19 regulations, many organizations are limiting volunteer activities, particularly in health care settings like hospitals and assisted living facilities. Even with these restrictions, the members of Lake Prince Woods have found ways to give back to their communities and show their gratitude.

The residents of Lake Prince Woods spend their free time volunteering at a variety of organizations in Suffolk, Virginia, from local arts centers to hospitals to animal shelters. Most hours were spent with local churches, genealogical societies, and Sentara Obici Hospital, Suffolk's local full-service hospital. Even the independent living residents of Lake Prince Woods can often be found spending time with residents in our nursing and assisted living who have no other family members.

Lyn Nelson, right, a resident of Lake Prince Woods for over seven years, has recently been awarded the WTKR People Taking Action award for her volunteering efforts. Nominated by her fellow residents, Nelson was the top volunteer for the 2019-2020 fiscal year, with over 800 recorded hours of volunteer activity! "I'm honored to receive the People Taking Action Award," said Nelson. "I share this award with all of my Lake Prince Woods friends and neighbors, the most loving and sharing group of people I know."



Soaring to New Heights at Abernethy Laurels and Piedmont Crossing



Great work is happening across Abernethy Laurels and Piedmont Crossing. Both communities pride themselves on offering team members the opportunity to enhance their education and career. Despite the pandemic, team members from both communities pushed through the challenges and persevered to achieve personal education and career goals.

Abernethy Laurels has an astounding 13 team members who are working to become a certified nurse aid. The CNA program began in March with an anticipated completion date of June. Participants will learn the proper way to

assist residents with ADLs (activities of daily living), learn to operate equipment used by CNAs and how to document using the touchscreen kiosk. The nurse aid program isn't an easy feat," said Executive Director Amber McIntosh. "It requires many hours of hands on training and successfully passing the final test. We are thankful for each one that has taken the initiative to grow with the organization and help in sustaining our mission."



Most recently, Piedmont Crossing's Director of Human Resources, Kim Sheffey, Left, earned her SHRM-SCP (Society Human Resources Management-Senior Certified Professional) certification. Chief Human Resource Officer Cathy Cooper said, "receiving this certification is a great accomplishment for anyone in the HR field and requires strong foundations of education, experience and an unbelievable amount of studying for a very tough exam. This is one of the highest honors we can earn in HR and I am so proud of her and this accomplishment!"

Achieving any accolade should be celebrated, so today we commemorate all the hard work set forth by both teams!



NOAH Crafters

Belinda Davis, Mawrine Jarman and Wilma Mooring all share a love for crafting and decorating. What started with Ms. Belinda teaching crafts to the residents soon became their passion!

The three ladies always helped with Christmas decorations at NOAH. Due to the pandemic and social distancing requirements this past year, and the restraints it demanded, many of the residents were discouraged from participating in decorating. In hopes of spreading a little Christmas cheer, these ladies decided to decorate a tree on the floor they reside. Using their personal funds they purchased supplies and made the decorations themselves. The result was one of the most creative and festive trees we've ever seen here at NOAH!

Instead of taking the tree down after the Christmas holiday they decided to keep it up and decorate it for other holidays. They have since decorated a beautiful Valentine's Day tree, an Easter tree and have plans to decorate one for Memorial Day.

These ladies not only craft for NOAH, they made and donated several dozen wreaths and centerpieces for their Church Bazaar to help raise funds for church expenses while the doors were closed during the pandemic. Just like the trees they decorate, they have been an inspiration during challenging times.

Philanthropy

UCHS FOUNDATION NEWS



JOIN US FOR THE 17TH ANNUAL UCHS GOLF TOURNAMENT

Monday June 7 – shotgun start at 10:00
Catawba Country Club

UCHS Foundation exists to solicit, safeguard and disperse funds in support of the charitable mission of UCHS with special emphasis on financial assistance for current and future residents and staff.

Sponsorship Opportunities

- **Golf Cart Sponsor \$2,000** (4) – Includes logo/name on prominent signage at registration and logo/name and company description and contact information on all golf carts, recognition on website, company description and contact information in the event program, and a foursome.
- **Foundation Sponsor \$1,000** (8) – Includes logo/name on prominent signage at registration, signage on the driving range, recognition on website, company description and contact information in the event program and a foursome.
- **Tee Sponsor and Foursome \$650** – Includes tee sponsor sign, listing in the event program and a foursome.
- **Tee Sponsor-\$300** – Includes tee sponsor sign and listing in the event program.
- **Tournament Friend** – If you are unable to play or participate, please consider a financial gift



Please make your sponsorship pledge before May 1, 2021 as there are limited opportunities!

Contact Stephanie Fortner at 828-465-8008 or sfortner@uchas.org to enter a team or to inquire about sponsorship opportunities.



50 by 50 Campaign Update

As we celebrate our 50th anniversary, we have met and exceeded our goal by adding 52 new legacy members. We are thankful to all our new members who made a commitment to leave a legacy to benefit the mission of UCHS.

Thoughtful Ways to Give

DONOR ADVISED FUNDS

Do you have a Donor Advised Fund? If so, UCHS Foundation is an IRS-qualified public charity.

IRA ROLLOVER

A simple way to give is using your Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) from your Individual Retirement Account (IRA), contact your financial advisor or the company that administers your IRA and share that you want to give a gift to:

UCHS Foundation
100 Leonard Avenue, Newton, NC 28658
Tax ID #56-2243082

Do you want to learn about Estate Planning?

Visit the planned giving pages on our website and get sign up for a free Estate Planning Guide www.uchaslegacy.org



Thank you to our 322 friends who have made a provision in their will or estate plan to leave a legacy gift to UCHS Foundation. We are thankful.

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Anonymous (8), Mary B Abernethy, Ellen Adams, Karol Akins, Greg Alcorn, Missie Alcorn, Selena Arney, William Arney, Dora Carol Ball, Joe Beaman, Judy Beaman, Nancy Beard, Anna Blaum, Ray Blaum, Edith Bolick, Larry Bolick, Katherine Bondurant, David Boone, Karen Boone, Gretchen Bost, Lois Carnahan, Donna W. Carroll, Peg Cicirelli, Kenneth Clapp, Don Clark, Jean Claud, Robert C. Claud, Melva Cooper, Ginger Cranford, Betty Curlee, Ivey Curlee, Jr., John DaVanzo, Beth Deal, Amy Deal, J. Ray Deal, Betty Dickinson, Sara Draper, Shelley Early, Brenda Eckard, Pat Edwards, Robert B. Edwards, Joyce Faison, Donald Flick, Jo Anne Flick, Jodon Anne Flick, Carol Fonville, Jamie Fonville, Jr., Inez P. Freeman, Doris Gaddis, John Gaddis, Judy Gallagher, John Gayle, Lorraine Gayle, Linda Goble, Lucille Grandmaison, Edith Grimes, Caroline Grisette, Paula Haissig, Hildur Harris, Michael Hartwell, Sandra M. Hartwell, Joan Hass, Dorothy Hill, David Y. Hirano, Sandra E. Hirano, Jeffery Hoffmann, Marcia Hoffmann, Curt Holmquist, Lorraine Holmquist, Eugenia Holste, Bonita Hooper, Michael Hooper, Parker D. Howell, III, R. Leroy Howell, Ralph Howell, Jr., Tammy Howell, James Hunt, Lois Hunt, Tom Innes, Carol Johanningsmeier, Martha Johnson, Anne Jones, Kelli M. King, Elizabeth Lambert, Beverly Lanzer, Burton Laskin, Homer Laube, Mabel Lawing, Marguerite T. Leonard, Henry Lister, Hunter March, Jennifer March, Linda Mathias, Amber McIntosh, Kevin McIntosh, Anne Moss, Barbara Murray, Lynn Nelson, Catherine Olive, Hubert Olive, Constance Pomeroy, Leslie K. Pomeroy, Jr., Robert Pratt, Connie Pratt, Caroline Reid, Aimee Reimann, Lynne Reayburn, Jerry Rhyne, Marion Rhyne, Diane Richter, Greg Rossidivito, Douglas P. Russell, Darwin Samples, Donna Scott, Roland Scott, Greg Scott, Sherry Scott, Evelyn P. Sell, Kenneth D. Sell, Betty Settlemyre, Eulene Shepherd, Henry Simpson, Catherine S. Smith, Edward L. Smith, Eva Smith, Sue Smith, Susan Sowers, Tommy Sowers, James Stakes, Karen Stakes, Susan Stone, Ann Stroup, Ron Stroup, Lee Syria, Brad Thie, Debbie Thie, Elaine Weller, Nelson Weller, Mary Wesley, Cliff Wike, Debbie Wike, Kathy Wood, Bill Zook, Jim Zook



Yes, we are moving forward with plans for in person, socially distanced events in 2021.

17TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

June 7 at 10:00 am
Catawba Country Club, Newton, NC

PHILANTHROPY LUNCHEON

July 22 at 11:30 am
Rock Barn Country Club, Conover, NC

JULIUS SOCIETY DINNERS

Abernethy Laurels
September 7 at 5:30 pm
Lake Prince Woods
September 14 at 5:30 pm
Piedmont Crossing
September 21 at 5:30 pm