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Message From The President

Over the past century, western Pennsylvania's communities have experienced noteworthy transformations, driven by shifts in economic circumstances and the aging of its population. Despite these changes, one constant remains, the unwavering commitment of Lutheran SeniorLife to the mission of nurturing an **Abundant Life**® for both those we serve and those who serve.

As an organization, we have not been immune to the impact of these changes; however, we have been steadfast in our commitment to providing a range of services in support of older adults within their communities. Our commitment can be seen through various programs and communities we have established over the years, including the Passavant Community, St. John Community, Visiting Nurses Association of Western Pennsylvania (VNA), Living Independence for the Elderly (LIFE), and the Lutheran Service Society (LSS).

For instance, our residential communities of Passavant and St. John, offer a vibrant and welcoming environment focused on providing comfortable living spaces and a continuum of health care services. These communities have had a profound impact on the lives of its residents by ensuring they can age gracefully and with dignity.

Likewise, our in-home care services provided by the VNA demonstrates our commitment to community health while ensuring older adults can age in the comfort of their own homes. These services not only enhance the quality of life, but also support their families and caregivers.

Moreover, Living Independence for the Elderly (LIFE) is another program dedicated to helping older adults remain independent while receiving comprehensive health care services. This program, set within a community-based, services framework, underscores its significance in enhancing the well-being and happiness of older adults within the community.

Furthermore, as our communities have changed, the demand for the services for families in need have also grown. The Lutheran Service Society has played a vital role in supporting individuals and families with a range of social services from food assistance to housing support, as well as foster and adoption services.

Finally, Lutheran SeniorLife has played a role in fostering regional economic growth by offering employment opportunities that support local families. Through continued innovation, teamwork, and our collaborative partnerships, Lutheran SeniorLife will continue to strive for excellence in our mission to make a positive impact on the lives of older adults, their families and communities throughout western Pennsylvania.

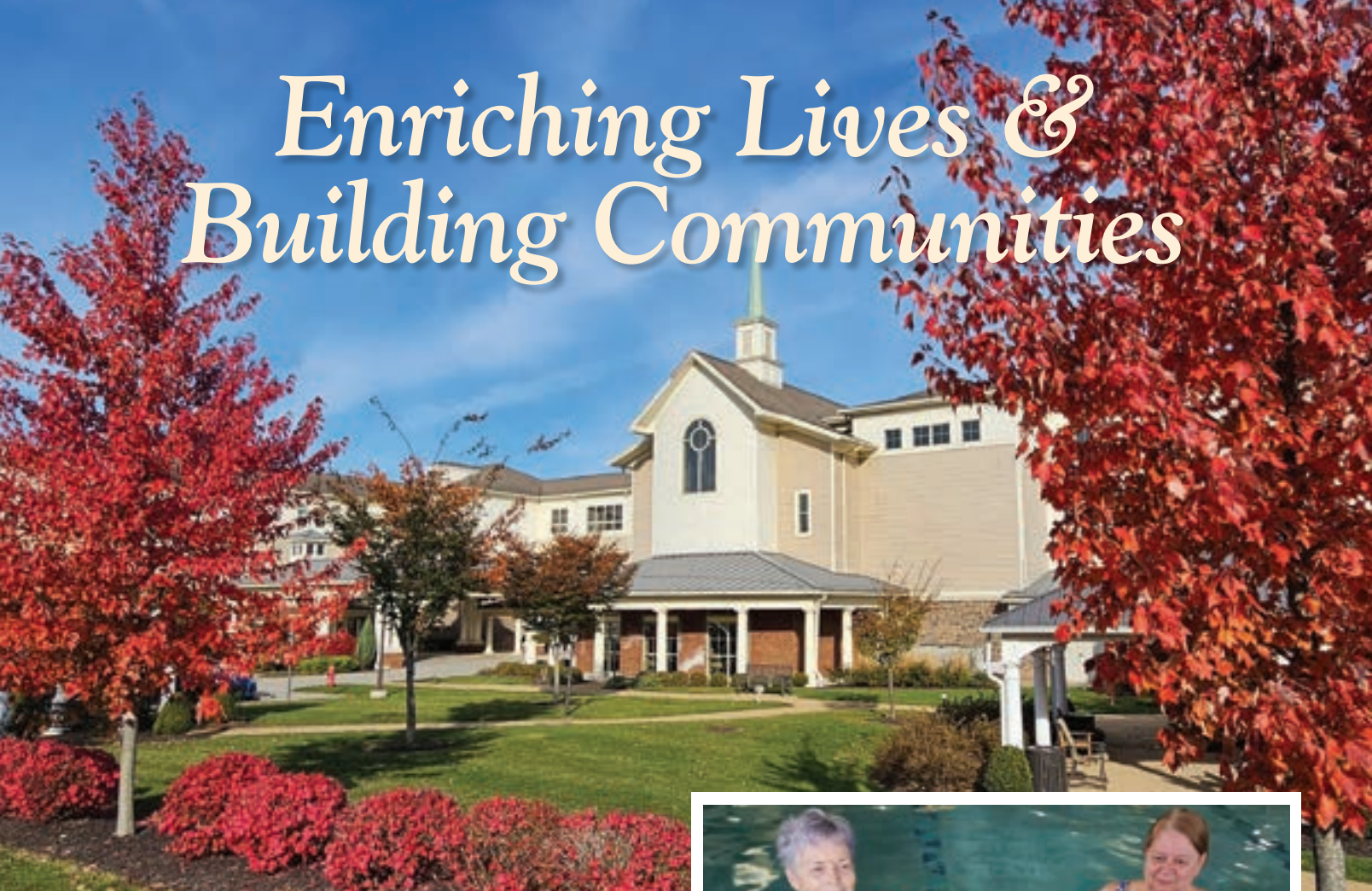


David Fenoglietto, *Lutheran SeniorLife President and CEO*

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Enriching Lives & Building Communities



In an era where communities are becoming more diverse and interconnected, organizations that prioritize the well-being and quality of life for older adults are more important than ever. Lutheran SeniorLife has been such an organization since its inception in the late 1800s when its foundational pillars were first established.

“The strength and vitality of Lutheran SeniorLife lies in the embrace of the communities we serve. It is in our shared vision of caring for and supporting older adults that we truly find purpose and compassion to build thriving communities where older adults can live their lives to the fullest with dignity and love—an Abundant Life®.” –David Fenoglietto, President and CEO of Lutheran SeniorLife.

Lutheran SeniorLife fulfills its mission by actively fostering an environment that empowers older adults to flourish within their communities. The organization achieves its mission by offering an array of services, encompassing residential living, in-home care, as well as community and economic support, among others.



RESIDENTIAL LIVING

Lutheran SeniorLife Communities: A Great Place to Call Home!

One of the core values of Lutheran SeniorLife is its dedication to providing residential living options for older adults through its continuing care retirement communities, or lifestyle communities such as Passavant and St. John, as well as The Commons at Stonebrook Village. These communities foster social connections and provide opportunities for residents to engage in a fulfilling and enriching life.

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“The influence of the Passavant Community reaches far beyond its walls,” explained Laura Roy, Executive Director. “Passavant has become an integral part of the Zelienople Community, shaping the local culture through its steadfast dedication to serving older adults.”

Like Passavant, the St. John Community has stood as an enduring symbol of care and compassion for older adults for more than a century. Located on the St. John Campus, Overbrook Pointe recently celebrated its 10th anniversary of providing residential living options for older adults in the Mars area.

“The St. John Community has been a cornerstone of compassion and support in the heart of the Borough of Mars,” said Samantha Rapuk, Executive Director of St. John. “Its presence has not only enhanced the quality of life for older adults but has also instilled a profound sense of unity, respect, and community.”

Continuum of Care

Lutheran SeniorLife also offers a comprehensive continuum of care, ensuring older adults receive seamless and personalized services, while adapting to their evolving needs. “Our approach is designed to support older adults at every stage of life, promoting a fulfilling and dignified life,” explained Fenoglio. These services include skilled nursing, assisted living with memory care, personal care, in-home care, residential living, rehabilitation services and end-of-life-care.

For example, Lutheran SeniorLife’s rehabilitation services are designed to help individuals regain their independence. “With a highly skilled and compassionate team, state-of-the-art facilities, and a person-centered approach, we are dedicated to promoting recovery, wellness, and vitality for all,” explained Amy Stewart, Corporate Director of Rehabilitation.

IN-HOME CARE

The Visiting Nurses Association of Western Pennsylvania (VNA) is an integral part of the Lutheran SeniorLife in-home care services. These services are designed to meet the unique needs of patients in the comfort of their own homes. Services include skilled nursing, therapy, palliative and hospice care, and more.

“Our nurses live within the very heart of the communities they serve,” said Margie Walsh, Executive Director of



VNA. “They combine the healing touch of compassion and expertise, while nurturing the safety and well-being of our patients, one life at a time.”

LIFE: Supporting Seniors at Home!

Living Independence for the Elderly (LIFE) has enriched the well-being of older adults living within the communities of Armstrong, Beaver, Butler and Lawrence counties. Thanks to our partnerships with Armstrong Memorial Community Hospital, Heritage Valley Health System and the newly formed Independence Health System, LIFE is able to foster an environment where seniors can thrive with dignity and support.

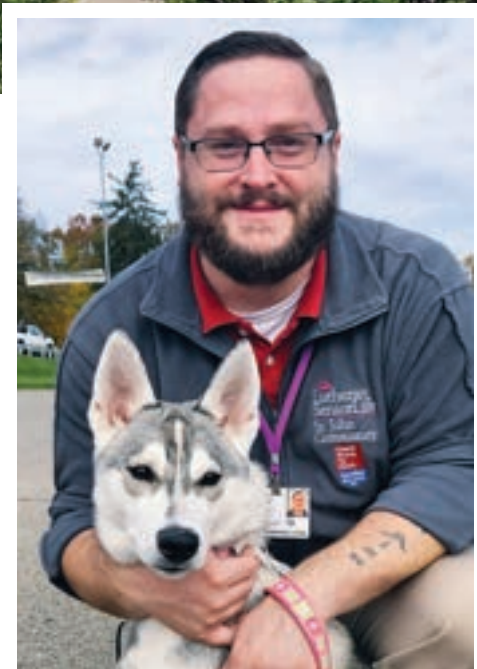
“At LIFE, our commitment to communities runs deep,” said Leslie Kisow, Executive Director of Community and LIFE Programs. “We believe that by empowering older adults to live in their own homes and within their neighborhoods, we’re not only providing care but also enriching the very fabric of our communities.” (See page 10, Celebrating LIFE)

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Lutheran SeniorLife also extends its engagement within the communities it serves through the services of Lutheran Service Society (LSS) and the Lutheran SeniorLife Foundation. Together, these organizations strive to make a positive and lasting impact by enhancing the well-being and quality of life for older adults and families.

Lutheran Service Society

The services provided by LSS has touched the lives of countless families in need throughout western



Sean Schreckengost, Director of Residential Living, with his 6-month-old, husky, Lilly, a service dog in training.

Pennsylvania. These services range from housing for low-income older adults and Meals on Wheels to adoption and foster care services. LSS also supports older adults through its senior centers at the Center at the Mall in Beaver County, and PrimeTime Senior Center in Allegheny County.

“At Lutheran Service Society, we take great pride in the positive contributions we have made on the lives of older adults, families and the communities we serve,” said Sarah Israel. “We’re not just providing services; we’re building a bridge to better living, stronger connections, and thriving neighborhoods.”

Lutheran SeniorLife Foundation

The residents, patients and participants within our communities also benefit from the funds the Foundation raises in support of those entrusted in our care. These initiatives are instrumental in funding innovative programs and services aimed at addressing the specific needs of older adults. Some of these programs include benevolent care, capital improvement projects, education, and wellness programs that promote physical, mental, and emotional health.

“We are deeply proud of the Lutheran SeniorLife Foundation’s commitment to enhancing the lives of older adults and the communities, we serve,” said Jane Bittcher, President of the Foundation. “Our impact isn’t measured solely in the services we provide, but in the lives we touch,

the families we support, and the thriving communities we help create.”

ECONOMIC SUPPORT

With nearly 1,200 employees, Lutheran SeniorLife, not only offers transformative and enriching services, but also fosters economic growth by creating employment opportunities.

“Lutheran SeniorLife has a long-standing commitment to the economic growth of the region, and our dedication extends beyond the realm of senior care,” said Marla Bonney, Chief Human Resources Officer. “We take immense pride in our role as a vital contributor to the

local economy by offering a wide range of employment opportunities. By providing fulfilling careers to individuals of diverse backgrounds, we not only support the livelihoods of our employees but also fortify the social and economic strength of the communities we serve.”

Mission

For more than a century, Lutheran SeniorLife has played a vital role in shaping the social, cultural, and economic landscape of western Pennsylvania. Irrespective of what lies ahead, its mission and values will remain unchanged, consistently working to enhance health, wellness, and social services, all while promoting an **Abundant Life**® for both those we serve and those who serve alongside us. ❖

Annual Event Raises More Than \$211,000 for Foundation Mission Fund

The theme of this year's Annual Event "Celebrating the Rhythm of Life" resonated beautifully as the melody of camaraderie and benevolence filled the air on a picturesque autumn evening at the Pittsburgh Field Club.

The gathering united friends, partners, sponsors, and employees for a common cause: to raise funds aimed at enhancing the quality of life for older adults and the communities they call home. During the event, attendees had time to mingle, peruse the many tables of silent auction items, and enjoy a delightful dinner.

David Fenoglietto, President and CEO at Lutheran SeniorLife, set the tone for the evening with a poignant reflection on the organization's values and goals. "We understand that delivering health and wellness happens one person at a time with integrity and responsiveness, and our services align with changes in lifestyle and need," said Fenoglietto. "From the planting of the first seed to start this ministry, Lutheran SeniorLife has remained steadfast to its commitment to serve and to change and grow in different directions when needed."

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BELOW LEFT: Diane Ichikawa, David Fenoglietto, Ken Lewis, Foundation Board member

BELOW: Kristen Jackson, President and CEO, and members of Grant Street Asset Management team, Signature Sponsor of the event





David Fenoglietto, Lutheran SeniorLife President and CEO; Pastor Daniel Smail, Foundation Board Chair; Pastor Kari Smail, LSL Board Member; Jane Bittcher, Lutheran SeniorLife Foundation President; Bishop Kurt and Pam Kusserow

RIGHT: Northwest Bank team, Mobile Bidding Sponsor

BELOW: Michael Evans, Grant Street Asset Management Executive Chairman and Camille Evans



Passavant Community residents Pastor Robert Smith, Bill Sanders, and Maxine Gant



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Fenoglietto also thanked those in attendance for their support while emphasizing the significance of Lutheran SeniorLife's work in the community indicating how the funds raised will create a true impact on the lives of older adults in our communities and throughout western Pennsylvania.

"The Annual Event is not just a gathering; it is a call to action," noted Foundation Board President Rev. Daniel Smail. "It's a great chance for Lutheran SeniorLife to connect with everyone in the community and set a reasonable but also optimistic goal to raise funds for the sake of the Foundation, making sure those that need those funds, stay where they are and receive tremendous care when they need it the most."

This year's event emerged as one of the most successful annual events in the history of the Foundation, a true testament to the commitment and generosity of every single donor in attendance.

"Year after year, the Lutheran SeniorLife Foundation's Annual Event has proven to be a testament to our collective mission and unwavering commitment of our sponsors, partners and supporters. It's a celebration of the extraordinary impact we can achieve when we come together to support and uplift the lives of those we serve every day," said Jane Bittcher.

As the evening came to a close, attendees departed filled with inspiration, their hearts and minds dedicated to carrying forward the Foundation's mission. Their

contributions were proof of their commitment to the noble cause of enhancing the quality of life for older adults and their communities, driven by the spirit of philanthropy and unity. ❖



ABOVE: NextTier Bank team, Reception Sponsor

RIGHT: Jeff Carraway, Lutheran SeniorLife Chief Financial Officer, and Doreen Carraway; Dee and Dan Delaney; Chris and Claudine Jordheim, Lutheran SeniorLife and Foundation board members





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Celebrating LIFE

Living Independence For the Elderly

Making a Difference— LIFE Butler County



Founded in 2008 by Lutheran SeniorLife and the Butler Health System, LIFE Butler County has consistently dedicated itself to providing comprehensive, person-centered services to older adults, enabling

them to age in place with dignity and grace.

On Wednesday, Oct. 18, participants, staff and guests, recognized the programs commitment to serving older adults in Butler County over the past 15 years with a jubilant celebration.

“LIFE Butler County supports older adults at home by providing medical care, transportation to and from medical appointments, and allowing for socialization at the day program,” explained Audra Barozzini, Regional Director of Operations, LIFE Programs.

“We’re overwhelmed with gratitude for our LIFE Butler County staff members, who tirelessly dedicate themselves day in and day out to providing the absolute best care for our participants,” said Matthew Miller, Community Liaison for LIFE Butler County. “This event is a testament to the love and commitment they pour into their work—we wouldn’t be able to have this celebration without them!”

During the event, community members had the opportunity to tour the facility,



celebrate the success of the program and engage staff regarding the services offered.

The celebration served as both a reflection of achievements and a glimpse into the future. Attendees left with a renewed sense of purpose and a deeper understanding of the positive impact that LIFE Butler County has had on their community.

“As we reflect on the past 15 years, we are filled with gratitude for the trust and support the Butler community has shown to LIFE Butler County,” said Marla Frailey, Director of LIFE Butler County. “We are honored and determined to continue making a difference in the lives of the people of Butler County for many more years to come.”

(Left – Right): Audra Barozzini, Nicole Brown, Leslie Kisow



Two Decades of Care— LIFE Beaver County

LIFE Beaver County has served as a beacon of hope and support for the past 20 years, empowering seniors to maintain their independence in their homes and communities. This enduring achievement has been made possible through the steadfast collaboration of Heritage Valley Health System and Lutheran SeniorLife.

On Friday, October 20, participants, staff and guests celebrated the program’s milestone.

“I’m incredibly proud of the diverse range of services we offer at LIFE Beaver,” said Don Schamberg, Director of LIFE Beaver County. “Our services are specifically tailored to enhance the lives of our participants.”

These services include health care, social engagement, and various programs that cater to the diverse needs of the community.

The staff works diligently to provide exceptional care and support, making the center a vital resource for the well-being of older adults living in Beaver County.

“Our dedicated and compassionate staff are the heart and soul of our organization,” noted Schamberg. “They work tirelessly to provide exceptional care in support of the participants, and I’m truly grateful for each and every one of them.”

During the course of the evening, community members and guests had the opportunity to tour the center and engage staff with questions about the programs and services offered. Attendees were also treated to light refreshments and live entertainment.

Leslie Kisow, Executive Director of Community and LIFE Programs, extended her congratulations to the staff and leadership for their dedication. “Your hard work has not gone unnoticed. We truly commend your efforts, and look forward to many more years of making a positive impact on our community.” ❖

Don Schamberg, Director of Life Beaver County



OUR MISSION

is to continually transform and elevate health, wellness, and social services while fostering an *Abundant Life*® for those we serve and who serve.

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brighter...*

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The Lutheran SeniorLife Foundation is responsible for raising funds for all of the programs offered by Lutheran SeniorLife, including: Four LIFE Programs, Lutheran Service Society, Visiting Nurses Association of Western PA, and the Passavant and St. John Communities.

Please help us to continue our mission of providing an *Abundant Life*® for those we serve. Contact Jane Bittcher at the Lutheran SeniorLife Foundation to make a charitable gift:

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