

Summer Brings Hope

The word “hope” conjures up a host of meanings.

In the world of faith, hope is an attitude of optimism, the idea that something wonderful — sacred, perhaps — is on the horizon.

Localize and personalize the concept, and one remains optimistic.

Take the past year, for example: it’s easy to dwell on the opposite of hope — despair. The year 2020 was one to forget, if only it were that easy! Separation from loved ones, sickness, even death.

Hope is on the way!

Vaccination. Relatively good health on campus. Summer is here; that is obvious by the ever-present heat and humidity!

Life is ever so slowly returning to normal, yet precautions must still be taken.

Pleasantview must follow the guidance of the IDPH, IHCA, CMS and CDC,

and perhaps other acronyms that may crop up!

The best part of the entire situation is the fact that residents and families once again get to see each other up close and in person. It’s as simple as that. It has been an extremely difficult year-plus for so many people, and even though the pandemic cannot be relegated to the archives just yet, there is hope.

And hope is a wonderful thing! You — the Pleasantview community — are invited to join in that practice of faithful optimism.



Above: Everyone hopes for a robust crop of sweet corn each year; resident Leah enjoys the rewards, and helps the cause by husking some for a future meal.



Left: Village residents and visitors alike have always enjoyed socializing... including the opportunity to gather for an outdoor BBQ!

Students “Living in Community”

The students of Hillcrest Academy live in community with one another each and every day.

During the week of April 19, they gave back to the community that supports them, by participating on the school’s *Service and Learning Term* (formerly *Interterm*).

A portion of the student body was off campus for much of the week, but math instructor Lynn Yoder led a group in local service.

In addition to visiting and volunteering at other organizations, the group of five students spent time on the Pleasantview campus — clearing debris from flower beds, washing windows, and cleaning out garages (and one car!), for a number of Independent Living residents.

“In turn, the residents treated the students with popcorn, cookies, lots of stories, and gratitude,” said Yoder. “It was a fun day; the kids enjoyed it and the weather cooperated nicely.”

Residents and students alike appreciate the opportunity to connect with one another.

Living in Community is what it’s all about. This community does that in very real and tangible ways.



Group leader Lynn Yoder, along with students Grace Miller, Taryn Leichty, Samantha Camarena, Aiden Kraybill, and Alex Canchola.



“Throughout the month of April, we welcomed Kirkwood nursing students to Pleasantview. They were on campus every Thursday and Friday as part of their clinical hour requirements. In addition to offering them valuable experience, we have found this to be a great way to recruit new staff and keep our standards high! It has been an honor to work with them and give them instruction!”

-- Holly Lear, Director of Nursing



Larry Swartzendruber
Director of
Advancement

Where is the hope when it comes to our building project? Is there hope?

To that I say there absolutely is! Honestly, we *are* moving forward.

We continue to raise funds, and we continue to be optimistic that we will receive the go-ahead from a separate funding source.

Once that permission

is granted, the project will shift into high gear...and the chaos of noise and irritation will ensue, which we'll enjoy!

Don't give up hope, and please continue to pray for the process, the project, for those of us *at Pleasantview*, and for yourselves as you consider how you might generously be involved! Thanks for supporting Pleasantview!

Larry Swartzendruber



Jeffrey Schmidt
Executive Director

never be more appropriate than today. As a profession, the opportunity to serve the

Baby Boomer surge is just a few years away. With it comes an increasing number of persons seeking alternatives and specific services, e.g., senior dining and concierge amenities; dementia care; Independent Living; Assisted Living; and traditional long-term care.

As a community, Kallona is experiencing significant economic investment through housing and other strategic planning aimed at attracting business, all of which will create a need for quality and comprehensive Senior Living products.

As the sole 5-star facility in Washington County — as rated by the *Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services*

— we are well poised to be the leader in providing the aforementioned to a greater population than what we currently serve. Particularly in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, successful organizations are diversifying their product lines to allow for enhanced levels of choice among their consumers to provide for scalability and sustainability. As we grow nearer to having our building project lending approval finalized, we are confident that our market analysis will demonstrate a positive return on investment for the organization and the population we serve.

Thank you for playing a vital role in our success at Pleasantview...in the past, today, and in the years to come!

Jeffrey K. Schmidt
MS, ACHCA

Greetings from Pleasantview!

Well known motivational speaker Zig Ziglar is quoted as saying "success happens when preparation meets opportunity." A colleague gifted me a plaque many years ago with that inscription and it has provided me much inspiration through my academic and professional pursuits.

Its application in the area of Senior Living could



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A welcoming faith-based community that supports healthy living and quality of life.

Vision Statement

Pleasantview will be the place of choice to live and work.

Core Values

Community, Integrity
Kindness, Quality

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Remembering Pleasantview...

One of the many ways of supporting Pleasantview is to designate memorial funds following the death of a loved one.

We are grateful for such gifts, and we encourage you to consider us as you invite memorial funds!

We do wish to streamline those gifts in order to keep it simple and general. **Special projects** — such as our current build- ing campaign — are always encouraged.

Other options include the following:

Nursing - *programs, equipment, supplies, therapy*

Dementia Care

Environmental Services - *maintenance, housekeeping, laundry*

Activities - *nursing facility or Independent Living*

Properties - *grounds, Independent Living*

Dietary

Simply designating **Where Needed Most** allows Pleas- antview to apply the funds to address needs of priority. And by selecting one of the options above, that too identifies the general department of need while Pleasantview identifies specific needs.

Regardless, we do thank you for thinking of us in this way!

Please contact Larry Swartzendruber with questions.