



CONNECTIONS

newsletter

REFLECTIONS ON CONNECTIONS

It is with joy and gratitude we send this final Connections newsletter and express our thanks to all who helped bring this campaign and this project to fruition.

The vision of Landis Homes was nurtured long ago. Founded on a desire to serve aging adults and their families by honoring and enriching their lives in a community of Christ-like love, Landis Homes has consistently focused on living out our guiding values of joy, compassion, integrity, stewardship and community. Our new history wall includes a quote from Frank Enck, Chair of the original Planning Committee. He said, “Keep in mind our vision of creating a community, rather than a traditional old people’s home facility.”

Located in the heart of our campus, the new Calvin G. & Janet C. High Learning & Wellness Center is drawing people together in community. Here you will experience learning through Pathways Institute® classes in the High Foundation Auditorium, physical wellness in the pool and fitness center, and spiritual wellness in The Quiet Place.

None of this would be possible without the incredible generosity of the more than 340 donors to *Connections: A Campaign for the Learning & Wellness Center*. This newsletter will highlight how each of these donors is being recognized. We are particularly grateful to Calvin & Janet High and the S. Dale High Family Foundation for their significant lead gifts.

The *Connections Campaign* Committees have worked tirelessly throughout the past two years. We are thankful to the Communications Committee, chaired by Gregg Scott and Roland & Dottie Yoder and the Steering Committee, chaired by Connie Stauffer and Elvin Kraybill. Campaign reflections from Elvin and Connie are here in the sidebar.

We appreciate each of you, our residents, partners, families, team members and friends, for walking with us on this journey and we now look forward to sharing this wonderful space with you!

Larry Zook
President & CEO

“Our Campaign Committee enthusiastically embraced Landis Homes’ vision for making learning and wellness central. We found tremendous support for that vision and for the caring community at Landis Homes. We cheered when each fundraising milestone was passed. We are deeply grateful to each one who provided support and made our committee’s work joyful.”

– Elvin Kraybill,
Campaign Co-Chair

“Meeting and visiting with potential donors was an exciting and uplifting experience. It was interesting to hear their personal stories of connections to Landis Homes, to learn why they felt drawn to support the *Connections Campaign*, and to observe their kind and open generosity. I feel blessed to have been part of this outstanding effort.”

– Connie Stauffer,
Campaign Co-Chair





The Major Donor Wall, created by Dennis Maust, recognizes those who gave \$10,000 or more to the Connections Campaign.

THANK YOU FOR GIVING!

The May 22, 2018, Donor Wall Dedication was an evening to remember. Guests entering the Calvin G. & Janet C. High Learning & Wellness Center, caught their first glimpse of the Donor Wall and were able to see their recognition tile for the first time. A short program, led by Larry Zook, President & CEO, and Beth Trout, Vice President of Advancement, was conducted in the High Family Foundation Auditorium. Campaign Co-Chairs, Connie Stauffer and Elvin Kraybill, unveiled the final campaign number - \$3,451,588, which far surpassed the original goal of \$2.6 million. Donna Mack Shenk prayed and gave thanks for each person who made the campaign successful and for the beautiful new building that current and future residents will be able to enjoy. Handcrafted tiles, like those on the Donor Wall, were given to each of the attendees as a small token of appreciation for their contribution to the *Connections Campaign*.

FINAL FUNDRAISING TOTAL
\$3,451,588



Janet and Calvin High



Gregg Scott, RLPS



Robin Stauffer and Dale High



Brooke Baker and Jim Fowler, M&T Bank



“I had the privilege of working with Dennis on this project and I couldn’t be more thrilled with how it turned out. Thank you, Dennis, for doing such a wonderful job reflecting the landscape and architecture around Landis Homes in the quilt pattern and honoring donors in such a unique way. Your artwork will forever be treasured by those who enter this building.”

– Roland Yoder



“The Donor Wall was very well done, and it was exciting and gratifying to see our names on it.”

– Millie & Lester Groff



“We’re thankful that the building has been finished so beautifully and opened so grandly! It has been a long time coming and far exceeds even our most ambitious expectations. It will be fun to keep discovering new attributes to appreciate! The Donor Wall is truly a piece of art.”

– Judy & Fred Sargent



A LONG AWAITED DAY



Larry Zook, President & CEO



Michel Gibeault, High Construction Company



Connie Stauffer and Elvin Kraybill, Co-Chairs

More than 125 residents, donors, construction partners, team members and friends gathered at 8:00 a.m. on June 6, 2018, for a time of celebration! The Grand Opening of the Calvin G. & Janet C. High Learning & Wellness Center and Crossings apartments included a time to reflect on the history of the ground on which this building now stands and to welcome the local officials who joined us for the event. Michel Gibeault from High Construction Company acknowledged the architectural team of RLPS and the land planning group at RGS and expressed how grateful and humbled his team is to have been a part of the construction of this wonderful facility. Larry Zook expressed appreciation to these construction partners as well as to the Board of Directors of Landis Homes and Landis Communities,

the Leadership Team, our financial partners at M&T Bank and the many volunteer members of the Steering and Communications Committees. Steering Committee Chairs, Connie Stauffer and Elvin Kraybill, shared highlights of *Connections: A Campaign for the Learning & Wellness Center* and revealed the final campaign total of over \$3.45 million dollars. Special thanks was extended to lead donors, Calvin & Janet High and the S. Dale High Family Foundation. Beth Trout, VP of Advancement, closed by saying “we are so grateful for each of you here today. Your love and commitment to Landis Homes is beyond measure and we thank you for sharing this special time with us.” As the crowd counted down, Calvin High did the honors of cutting the ribbon for the official grand opening!



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Thank you
 to these Friends of Landis Homes
 for their generous support of
**Connections: A Campaign for the
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 with gifts of
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Mary E. Groff
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"Open house and dedication of the High Learning & Wellness Center gave me a deep sense of fulfillment and an exuberant thrill as I reflected on the large community of donors and friends who planned and worked together to bring this remarkable campaign and building to completion. Truly, this is a very special addition to our Landis Homes campus and community. A sincere thank you to all who helped make this possible."
 — Lois Good

HONOR ROLL OF DONORS

All donors will be recognized in the Honor Roll of Donors book. This specially designed commemorative book will be part of the permanent display located in the Crossings Gallery of the Calvin G. & Janet C. High Learning & Wellness Center.

Inside the pages of the book, you will find early renderings and drawings, photos depicting the stages of construction and *Connections Campaign* pictures of community gatherings, milestone celebrations and grand opening. Most importantly, each donor who agreed to be recognized will be listed alphabetically, without mention of gift amount. The Honor Roll of Donors book will forever memorialize and honor every contribution to the *Connections Campaign*.

Those who gave between \$1,000 – 9,999 are also recognized in a display located to each side of the Honor Roll of Donors.

Thank you for your outpouring of support!



CELEBRATING STAFF & RESIDENT GENEROSITY

Resident and team member support of Connections: A Campaign for the Learning & Wellness Center far exceeded expectations with gifts totaling a generous \$1,232,884!

Team members celebrated with a luncheon on May 23rd and approximately 250 residents enjoyed their very own Grand Opening festivities on the afternoon of June 6. Excitement rippled through the crowd at both events while touring the High Learning & Wellness Center and tasting refreshments in the new Owl Hill Bistro. Thanks to all who were a part!



“The inside of the new building is beautiful. It reminds me of a 5-star hotel and the food at Owl Hill Bistro is excellent!”

– Marilou Cabrera, CNA



GRATEFUL FOR RESIDENT TIME & TALENTS

Priceless. The time and talent contributed by residents to the Connections Campaign Committees over the past two years has truly been priceless. The 15 member Steering Committee included Co-Chair, Connie Stauffer, and seven additional residents. This committee was responsible for all financial aspects of the campaign. They suggested potential donors, made phone calls and went on campaign visits. Communications Committee Co-Chairs, Roland & Dottie Yoder, and 10 additional residents were the fuel behind all the creative aspects of the campaign. Community gatherings, yellow shirt day, progress tracking tools, brochures, walk through videos, hard hat tours and milestone events like groundbreaking, topping out and grand opening were all the work of this outstanding group of resident volunteers. Thank you for sharing your time and talents to benefit the current and future residents of Landis Homes!



Connections Campaign Steering & Communications Committees

“Being part of the Capital Campaign Communications Committee gave us the opportunity to watch the building develop from the inside out.”

– Roland & Dottie Yoder





Welcome

TO THE HIGH LEARNING & WELLNESS CENTER





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PRAYER FOR GRAND OPENING

Donna Mack Shenk, Director of Pastoral Services

“As we gather here this morning in front of the Calvin G. & Janet C. High Learning & Wellness Center, our hearts overflow with gratitude.

We give thanks, generous Spirit, for your guidance that has led us to this moment. From the conception of a vision, your wisdom has guided the Board and Leadership Team. Thank you, Lord, for the creativity and hard work of the architects, builders, construction workers, team members, residents and many others.

For those who led the way through the *Connections Campaign* to the unfolding of this moment and for the many persons who have donated so generously, we give you thanks.

We are here now to celebrate your goodness as we dedicate the Calvin G. & Janet C. High Learning & Wellness Center.

We pray that this will be a place of welcome, a place of warm community where all will feel at home and at peace. With gratitude, we pray. AMEN!”



Donna Mack Shenk leads the crowd in prayer

