



“Old Rugged Cross”

in remembrance of George Hoffman

Inspiring Legacy

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Sue's Thoughts

You know that feeling once you've climbed a big mountain and reach the summit you take a deep breath and take a few moments to reflect on the trails and paths that you just travelled. As I look back over the course of almost three years of climbing the biggest fundraising mountain I could ever imagine what I see most clearly is the hand of God over raising the funds to build the event center, library and theater here for the Lodge at Dallas Retirement Village. I see His grace and outpouring of strength and endurance that got me through this project intact and to appreciate each goal reached. It is with deep satisfaction that we bring the capital campaign to a close; raising \$446,774.28. We hosted a fabulous donor appreciation luncheon in April to thank those who responded to the countless pleas to support this campaign, who believed in the project and in DRV by responding with their checkbooks. The view from the top of this mountain clearly shows the bright future of Dallas Retirement Village. I know there will be many more mountains to climb and am grateful for the experience gained and to embrace the saying "it always seems impossible until it is done".

~ Respectfully yours, *Sue*



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Celebrate Our Greatness

We have some of the best employees here at Dallas Retirement Village. These individuals do the hard-work of making sure this organization operates flawlessly day-in-day-out, literally 24-7, 365. Finding employees who embrace the person-to-person type of duties is hard to find and often harder to keep. Dallas Retirement Village competes with others in our industry everywhere from hospitals to restaurants from administrative to landscaping with a vast variety of jobs to support all aspects of this organization. The Board of Directors for both the DMRC and Foundation along with the executive team are keenly aware that employee appreciation and retention is a priority. To address this priority we formed the Celebrate of Greatness (COG) committee to explore ways to celebrate staff and recognize excellence. This could range from employee of the month/year to “catching” staff doing something above and beyond the call of duty. This involves employees who serve on the front-line like serving meals, providing nursing and personal care, to keeping the grounds, homes and offices beautiful to those behind the scene who prepare meals or wash dishes to payroll, receiving payments, paying bills or filing are all equally important and worthy to be celebrated. This COG program is designed to recognize staff and celebrate excellence with meaningful gift certificates, coffee, meals, time off with pay, significant yearly award and possible year-end bonus; all of which takes money.

We have heard from so many our of residents, their family and friends and community members who wish to show DRV staff their appreciation and thankfulness for acts of kindness and a job well done and in response have created a way for you to do so through our COG program. Enclosed you will find a special gifting envelope for just this cause, and remember your gift is tax-deductible to the extent the law permits. You can use the envelope for a one-time gift or contact the Foundation office if you wish to make monthly or quarterly gifts for staff. Thank you for helping us to celebrate our wonderful staff!



Featured Residents

The Wall Family

This year Dallas Retirement Village celebrates our 70th year since opening the doors in 1947! We have a family who has been with us since the very beginning - The Wall Family! Jim & Carolyn Wall now live here on campus in one of our new beautiful Lodge Residences. This couple and their family have embraced and supported every expansion project, have served unselfishly on various committees, the Executive Board and both Jim & Carolyn currently serve on the Dallas Retirement Foundation Board.

The Legacy of a Family

To do this story justice and truly shine a bright light on this family one must go back to the beginning; when 70 years ago Jim's parents, Art & Molly Wall, were entrusted with \$5,000 cash money to be used for the purchase of the very first home. Jim recalls as young lad the box that held the cash had to be kept secure over a long weekend before his Dad could take it to those in charge. Jim said his Dad kept a vigil over the box that weekend knowing the money represented hard-earned cash donations. One must recognize the financial commitment 70 years ago from the humble members of the church and community that served to help the very first home get its start; the beginning of a tremendous legacy and a debt of gratitude for our beginnings.

Vision for the Future

Jim's sister Betty Lu Wall created a remarkable legacy here at Dallas Retirement Village as well. She tirelessly served on the Executive Board for over 20 years expertly guiding the footsteps and well-planned growth of this campus. Betty Lu had the vision and fortitude to see what needed to be done so the future of this campus could be what it is today. In fact



Betty Lu signed the Articles of Incorporation for the Dallas Retirement Foundation and helped draft the first set of bylaws September 21, 1992. She exemplified the attributes of commitment, loyalty and faithfulness. Dallas Retirement Village celebrates success today because of the legacy of Betty Lu Wall; another debt of gratitude!

Serving Others

Jim served on the Dallas Mennonite Retirement

Community Board for 10 years, serving as Board Chair more than once. Jim stepped up to help the Foundation Board get off the ground seven years ago and still serves today. He has guided the Foundation Board through the re-drafting of bylaws, board development, the creating of important gift acceptance and naming policies, through several worthy campus projects such as the Pavilion and restrooms and the capital campaign for The Lodge expansion project. His love and care for those who call Dallas Retirement Village home is seen clearly by his commitment and foresight as he supports implementing projects and programs that enhance the quality of life, bringing joy and satisfaction to our residents.



Carolyn serves on the Dallas Mennonite Retirement Community (DMRC) Board of Directors and has for over 20 years. She too recalls fond memories from as far back as 1952 of helping the ladies of the church put up preserves for the Dallas Home for the Aged. Back when these humble, homemade canned goods and donated beef or pig provided meals for the residents. Carolyn continues the legacy of moving Dallas Retirement Village in a positive direction. She brilliantly offers insight and suggestions that come from years of fully knowing the operation, understanding staff roles and a keen eye on the bottom line. She has a heart for Dallas Retirement Village like no other. She willingly does the hard work and heavy lifting of sub-committee work. She chaired the Advancement Committee for years leading up to the biggest expansion experienced yet – The Lodge. Carolyn has served as the Secretary/Treasurer for the last seven years on the Foundation Board, bringing a wealth of wisdom from her years as Polk County Treasurer.

Family Tradition

In 2015 Dallas Area Chamber of Commerce awarded “family of the year” to the Wall Family. It is no wonder that the community of Dallas wished to recognize this outstanding family. With Jim & Carolyn at the helm and providing a strong example their daughters clearly embrace the same values of their parents. Our community of Dallas and the community of Dallas Retirement Village is blessed beyond words to have this couple, this family so dedicated to our core values and mission. The amount of gratitude we have for this family is more than a simple article can truly express.

I consider them both my friends, my mentors, best supporters and cheerleaders – thank you for all you do for Dallas Retirement Village and the Foundation!





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DAVE'S CORNER

I hope you enjoy this newsletter that shines a bright light on a couple whom I dearly love and admire – Jim & Carolyn Wall. They embody all of what is “great” about Dallas Retirement Village. I can count on them to give me valuable history and over the years have helped me with kind words and great advice.

You will also find information about the Celebrate our Greatness (COG) program that gives you a vehicle by which you can financially recognize and celebrate employee excellence right alongside of us. In response to so many requests from residents, family and friends who have enjoyed our dining venues and their desire to “thank” staff for a job well done we are placing Celebrate our Greatness stations near each dining venue and will have COG envelopes available for your convenience.

If you haven't had a chance to stop by please do; enjoy a cup of coffee or plan to eat in our amazing restaurant.

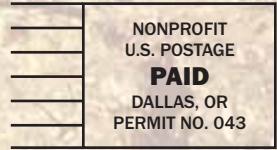


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