

# INSPIRATIONS

News and Insights from Presby's Inspired Life Communities ~ WINTER/SPRING 2008

## Volunteer Leadership In Action

### New Board Members Help Foundation Chart Course for Service and Success

The Presby's Inspired Life Foundation is pleased to announce the appointment of several new members to its Board of Directors. They include:

**Bruce Dearnley**, Retired Senior Vice President and Partner of BVI, Inc; Presby's Inspired Corporate Life Board of Directors;

**Harry "Skip" Dittmann**, Retired Executive, Calibre, a division of Wachovia Bank; current member, Presby's Inspired Life Corporate Board of Directors;

**Rev. Dr. William D. Hess**, Pastor, First Presbyterian Church of West Chester;

**Walter Kubiak**, Executive Director, 1260 Housing Development Corporation;

**Stephen McGann**, Vice President, First National Bank of Chester County, Wealth Management Division;

**Robert Reeves, Jr.**, President, E. Allen Reeves Company, Inc., Construction Managers;

**Thomas Rittenhouse**, Managing Director, The Ralston Center; and

**Jack K. Easton, Jr.**, Retired Banker, PNC Bank; Member, Presby's Inspired Life Corporate Board of Directors;

Endorsed by the Corporate Board of Directors at its January 23 meeting, these new members were recruited as part of an intensive effort to build the capacity of the Foundation Board to serve the needs of the ministry through outreach, advocacy and philanthropy.

According to Bruce Dearnley, Chair of the Foundation Board, the future holds much promise for the Foundation as it strategizes ways to attract community-wide support. "Each of these leaders brings a unique set of skills and expertise to help us expand our ministry and develop greater resources to support the evolving needs of our residents," says Dearnley. "I have every confidence that a new mission statement and a stronger committee structure will put us on a path for progress."

### The Presby's Inspired Life Foundation Mission Statement

*The Presby's Inspired Life Foundation, through outreach, advocacy and philanthropy, will build the capacity of the organization to assist the neediest and most vulnerable members of our communities with financial assistance; offer residential experiences that foster quality, independence and dignity; and uphold benevolence in the provision of care and services throughout our communities.*



*Building a Stronger Foundation: Members of the re-designed Foundation Board of Directors with senior staff: Front row, left to right: Cindy Hoffman, CFO, Presby's Inspired Life; The Reverend Doctor William D. Hess, Pastor, First Presbyterian Church of West Chester; Robert Reeves, Jr., President, E. Allen Reeves Company, Inc.; Lynn Johnson-Porter, Vice President of Philanthropy, Presby's Inspired Life; Walter Kubiak, Executive Director, 1260 Housing Development Corporation; Stephen McGann, Vice-President, First National Bank of Chester County; and Judee M. Bavaria, President and CEO, Presby's Inspired Life; Back row, left to right: Bruce Dearnley, Chair, Foundation Board of Directors and Retired Executive, BVI, Inc.; Harry "Skip" Dittmann, Retired Executive, Calibre, division of Wachovia Bank; William G. Young, Jr., Chair, Board of Directors, Presby's Inspired Life; and Reverend Paul Stavrakos, Vice-Chair, Board of Directors, Presby's Inspired Life.*

## At The Heart

Dear Friends:

The year 2008 ushered in contagious excitement and new opportunities for progress at Presby's Inspired Life. With the values of Honesty, Ownership, Stewardship, Respect, Faith, Integrity and Excellence guiding our plans, we are looking forward to continued quality in the delivery of services to our residents and all who serve as a dynamic part of our ministry.

In this issue of *Inspirations*, we introduce you to several continuing care program administrators. The passion and skills they bring to their work continuously create quality for our residents and a strong sense of pride among team members. We will soon present Excellence Awards to an impressive group of staff. It makes us proud to know that the unyielding talent and commitment of many of our employees bring distinction to our communities and draw applause across the state from our colleagues at the statewide organization, PANPHA, as part of its Distinguished Service Awards program.

Meanwhile, the momentum is building as several new Presby communities take shape. Prospective residents and supportive partners alike are keeping our marketing and community outreach team members busy, while creating a buzz in neighborhoods surrounding the Mantua, Makemie Ridge and Parkside communities.

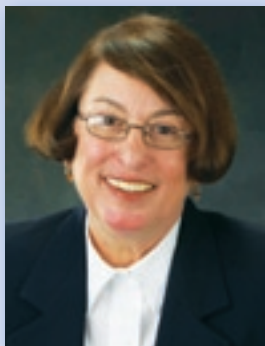
Lastly, we're all familiar with the expression "dog is man's best friend." For residents at Broomall, lovable canines are warming hearts and igniting laughter throughout the corridors. We're thrilled about this enhancement to the therapeutic process. Not only are residents benefiting, but our caregivers seem to be experiencing some enjoyment as well.

I am greatly appreciative to all who contribute to the vibrancy of Presby's Inspired Life. The year 2008 is destined to yield success because of the contributions you make each day. Thank you for being such an inspiration.

God bless,



Judee M. Bavaria  
President and CEO



## Board Celebrates Two New Members

The Presby's Inspired Life Board of Directors is celebrating the appointment of two additional distinguished leaders.

**Rosemary Kuhlman** is an accomplished nursing home administrator, having shared her expertise from 1980 until 2006 at several nursing homes throughout the Philadelphia region. Nine of those years were spent at Broomall Presbyterian Village, where her mother is currently receiving care. Rosemary is a graduate of Neumann College (PA) and resides in Media, PA with her husband, Charlie.

As Presby expands its ministry to Chester County, the Board also is looking forward to working with The Reverend **Donald D. Lincoln** who has served as Pastor and Head of Staff of the Westminster Presbyterian



*Enjoying a New Opportunity to Serve: The Reverend Don Lincoln and Rosemary Kuhlman, the newest members of the Presby's Inspired Life Board of Directors.*

Church in West Chester, PA since 2000. The church will share the landscape with the planned Makemie Ridge community. A graduate of Princeton Seminary, Reverend Lincoln also provided leadership and spiritual guidance to congregations in Maryland, North Carolina and Virginia. Reverend Lincoln and his wife, Linda, live in West Chester, PA.

Chaired by William G. Young, Jr., the Presby's Inspired Life Board of Directors has a total of 15 members.

### *We'd Love to Hear from You*

As you get to know *Inspirations*, please share any comments you may have. You can email us at [inspirations@presbysinspiredlife.org](mailto:inspirations@presbysinspiredlife.org), or mail us at Presby's Inspired Life, c/o *Inspirations*, 2000 Joshua Road, Lafayette Hill, PA 19444.

# Presby Spotlight

## Continuing Care Program Administrative Team

Sound leadership is about more than hearing—it requires listening and understanding. It's about making the tough decisions; clearly communicating expectations to those you're leading; exemplifying Presby's values, day to day. It's about leading by example every day too—like exhibiting respect for your surroundings; being on time for work; knowing the policies of the organization and applying them fairly.

Lora Gomboc, Administrator at Rosemont Presbyterian Village, knows all too well that while leadership may involve paperwork, it's primarily about nurturing relationships. "I had a great mentor," she says. "He knew every staff member by name. He didn't stay in his office doing paperwork. He gave clear direction. From him, I learned to set expectations for people and to make them accountable, to coach them along the way. If I see people struggling, I stop to think how I might help them. Not to do it for them, but to be a support for them," said Lora. "I like to think that is the way the members of the Rosemont team view my role."

Lora is one of six Presby administrators in the continuing care programs who talked openly with *Inspirations* about their styles of team leadership. Their years of experience in senior living and long-term care range from five to 38, and their tenure at Presby ranges from just a few weeks to 20 years. In separate interviews, each of them defined her job as one of understanding, valuing and serving residents.

"Residents are the priority," said **Mildred Butler-Coleman**, the newest of those interviewed and Associate Executive Director at Rydal Park. "And if staff isn't happy, they won't feel dedicated to the residents. Being a team comes easily when you are participative; it is about having shared goals," she attests.

Mildred works closely with Rydal Park's Executive Director **Annie Cantymagli**, who champions customer service and quality in her work. "The leader of the team promotes the mission, the vision, values and goals, and inspires the same commitment in others," said Annie. Every day, she works to embody the personal qualities of integrity, positive work ethic, respect, understanding and tolerance.

While Broomall Presbyterian Village is miles away, the philosophy is the same. "Each community has a culture that

needs to be nurtured," said **Sherry Outten**, Administrator. "We at Presby are in the people business. It's the focal point of our ministry."

"The way we exceed the expectations of both residents and team members is to do a whole lot of *active* listening. We gather input from staff meetings, sometimes focus groups. Then, when we make decisions, we often go back and ask the team how to make it happen. Synergy is the word," continued Outten. "Somebody has an idea. Others take it to the next level...because we are a team."

The daily meeting, the communication piece, is often mentioned, particularly as an important tool for fostering understanding and mutual respect. Said **Jolynn Carl**,



*Making a Difference:* (Back row, from left) *Sherry Outten, Broomall Presbyterian Village; Sharon Whitaker, The 58th Street Presbyterian Home; Jolynn Carl, Spring Mill Presbyterian Village;* (Front row, from left) *Lora Gomboc, Rosemont Presbyterian Village; Mildred Butler-Coleman, Rydal Park; and Annie Cantymagli, Rydal Park.*

Administrator at Spring Mill Presbyterian Village: "To invite and, ultimately follow up on, ideas and to be consistent about policies and procedures requires genuine sensitivity."

Most administrators—like Jolynn and **Sharon Whitaker**, Administrator at the 58th Street Presbyterian Home, consider it their responsibility to know and illustrate the values of the organization. Whitaker tries to lead by example: "My colleagues would say that I am firm, fair and consistent," said Sharon. "I know there are days when we may not feel our best, days when the business of life, the responsibilities of home get in the way. Modeling a strong work ethic helps team members know what is expected of them. That they need to be here, on time, for our residents. It's my job as a leader to demonstrate how precious our residents are."

# Inspired Lifestyles

## Canine Companions at Broomall

Two little dogs are making a big difference for both team members and residents at Broomall. PJ, a tiny three-pound Yorkie is small, but mighty when one considers the way he warms hearts. His “owner,” Melanie, a nursing unit manager in the memory support unit, saw photographs of Yorkshire Terriers in the room of a resident who was having a hard time getting her mind off her state of health. Melanie obtained permission to bring PJ to work with her the next day, and the furry distraction was an instant success.

The resident immediately redirected her interests toward the “cute little dog,” and soon, PJ became a Broomall mascot. He is protective and has grown familiar with each resident in the memory support unit. They feed him, let him in and out; one lady has thoroughly adopted him. Not only does he entertain, PJ models the more than 50 outfits in his wardrobe, including an “Eagles” jersey, a straw hat and life preserver he wears to outings along the Chesapeake River.

Meanwhile, a Heinz 57-breed puppy named Bentley has worked his way into the hearts of residents, too, according to his owner, Stephanie, one of the social workers at Broomall. Bentley arrived last spring when he was only six months old. Since then, residents have embraced him as one of the family, petting him, holding him, and even falling asleep with the loveable lapdog in their arms.



*Man's Best Friend: Resident Bill Charlton receives a loving embrace from the dogs as well as their “moms” Stephanie Petit (left) and Melanie Gormely.*

The residents, in fact, named Bentley. (He has a crooked tail.) The dogs were only allowed “in house” after they passed an entrance interview with Administrator Sherry Outten.

Sherry was receptive to the idea because she knew of the research findings of Dr. William Thomas. His Eden Alternative Project illustrates what Broomall residents know first-hand: People respond to living things. Animals can significantly enhance a resident’s quality of life by providing reasons to smile and much to look forward to.

“I hear constant, positive feedback,” said Sherry. “One resident said, ‘A house isn’t a home until there’s a dog in it. Since he’s been here, this place is more like home.’ Another resident calls Bentley ‘a little ray of sunshine.’”

Family members appreciate the touching influence the dogs have, too. Continued Sherry: “The daughter of a resident told me, ‘My mother so enjoys watching the dog race around and tumble and play outside from her window. It’s the highlight of her day,’” Sherry added.

## Spring Mill Serves as Backdrop for Lessons on Service for Area Scouts

It was a day for sprucing up the grounds—community service at Spring Mill for eight Boy Scouts ranging in age from 12 to 16. In addition to the outdoor work, the November visit included hearing personal reflections from a 95-year-old resident, Paul Miller, who has been involved in scouting since he was 14. Paul shared some of his life wisdom with the scouts and told them that he is still involved with the Council 65 years later.

Paul’s troop, from Bryn Mawr, is one of the original scout troops in the United States. While speaking with the young volunteers, Paul shared stories of how, as a boy, he achieved the rank of Life Scout, and as an adult, he was awarded both the Award of Merit and the Silver Beaver Award. Paul loves to teach merit badges—especially the one on safety—and has served as everything from Cub Master to Scout Master to District Officer for the Cradle of Liberty District.

The day’s journey by the scouts also included a tour of Spring Mill led by Nancy Craig, Director of Marketing at Spring Mill and Chair of their Troop 443 from Boothwyn. The tour helped them earn the Disabilities Awareness Badge, said Nancy, “The scouts learned firsthand the intricacies of adaptive devices such as large print reading materials and hearing therapy equipment that help people overcome physical challenges. They also learned about the

digital emergency response system that connects to a ‘life line.’ Perhaps one of the most profound aspects of the day, however, was a conversation about the importance of respect of individual differences, privacy and the confidentiality every resident deserves.”

Nancy believes that a return visit to Spring Mill is on the horizon for Troop 443. Until then, the scouts are sure to share how they have grown from the practical knowledge they received during their visit and the lessons about volunteer service by Paul and his neighbors at Spring Mill.

*Work and Wisdom: Local area boy scouts visit Spring Mill to work on their Disabilities Awareness Badge and to learn from resident Paul Miller, a lifelong leader in scouting.*



## Like Mother~Like Daughter Two Generations of Love

Mary Congleton first walked down the hall of Riverside Presbyterian Apartments as a resident just three years ago. Many felt that the former classroom administrator was beginning a new chapter in her life, but to her, the pages were all very familiar.

In times past, Mary frequently walked down the same hallway to apartment 700 to visit her mother, Naomi. Naomi passed away a few years ago. Today, Mary calls apartment 700 at Riverside Presbyterian Apartments “home.” Serendipity or the grace of the Holy Spirit? Either way, Mary believes it’s a blessing.

When her mother was a resident, she and Mary often talked about the school children who were “Reading Buddies.” Through this program, Naomi and other residents volunteered to assist inquisitive young minds acquire necessary skills with the written word. Throughout her mother’s many years as a tutor, Mary befriended the children. As many of them grew up, they continued to write Mary to share stories of how the Reading Buddies program helped to advance their progress in the classroom.

“My mother loved helping young people,” said Mary. “She raised 10 of her own, but she always had someone else’s child in her kitchen, in her heart.”



*Learning to Love Books:  
Riverside Resident Mary Congleton spends  
time each week with her two reading buddies.*

The Reading Buddies program, which had its beginning at Riverside in 1982, was the perfect fit for Naomi’s big heart. Now every Monday morning, Mary and her two reading buddies, Patricia and Mecca, meet in the 10<sup>th</sup> floor cafeteria, to continue a mother’s legacy and provide a foundation for success in learning long into the future.

“Mother’s buddies had more challenges in learning to read,” shared Mary. “They didn’t have as many good books as they have now, but that didn’t matter. Reading Buddies has always helped children get a good start.”

## A Wish Come True

Inspiration comes in many forms. Recently, a very deserving resident and long-time member of the Auxiliary was the beneficiary of the inspired determination of our Presby team.

Eleanor DeJoseph was a resident of Rosemont Presbyterian Village for many years. Both before and during her residency, Eleanor served in the Presby’s Inspired Life Auxiliary. “Eleanor did the devotions for the monthly meetings of the Auxiliary, as well as the usual volunteer activities, but writing the devotions was her special contribution,” said Lucy Burns, Rosemont resident and fellow member of the Auxiliary. “She wrote them through her last days at Rosemont. You always left with something you wanted to remember.”

This summer, a decline in Eleanor’s health led to a move to the nursing care center at Broomall Presbyterian Village. Sherry Outten, now Broomall’s Administrator, has fond memories of Eleanor. Sherry had been the

Administrator at Rosemont in the 1990’s, and had grown to know and respect Eleanor through her work with the Auxiliary. At Broomall, Sherry, along with Crossroads Hospice, was able to make one of Eleanor’s last wishes come true.

The annual Auxiliary Gala was scheduled for October of 2007. Eleanor loved thinking about galas of the past, but last year, it seemed impossible to her that she could get there, as she was living in Broomall and oxygen-dependent due to lung disease. “Eleanor would just say: ‘Too much bother,’” Sherry said.

But Sherry would not give up. As the Gala neared, Sherry knew that Hospice had a way of making the wishes of its clients a reality, similar to the work of the Make-a-Wish Foundation for kids.

Dressed in her finest, Eleanor joined more than 302 other attendees at the Gala event for a lovely afternoon of fellowship and fun.

“They made it happen,” said Sherry, who posed for a photo with Eleanor during the Gala. Eleanor died on December 26, enriched by the memories of her final Auxiliary Gala.



*A Wish Come True: Eleanor and  
Sherry enjoying the Auxiliary Gala.*

# Anticipation Builds for Mantua Presbyterian Apartments

It was a clear, sunny Monday, warm at nearly 60 degrees on November 5, when groundbreaking ceremonies were held for Presby's Mantua Presbyterian Apartments, a new HUD 202 affordable housing community for older adults.

Philadelphia City Councilwoman Jannie Blackwell joined a host of other political dignitaries and community leaders in celebration of the new community, to be located at 34<sup>th</sup> and Haverford—just a few miles from esteemed universities and some of the region's most popular arts and cultural venues.

It was a momentous occasion for Blackwell and all others in the audience who had so strongly promoted her vision of a quality affordable housing community in Mantua. Presby lauded Councilwoman Blackwell for her support of this project, and she, in turn, commended Presby's effort to join her in fulfilling her vision and continuing the legacy of her late husband, Lucien, to address quality of life issues for her constituents.

"This neighborhood will greatly benefit from this new community," said Councilwoman Blackwell. "Mantua Presbyterian Apartments is an answer to many prayers."

Judée Bavaria, President and CEO of Presby's Inspired Life, affirmed that this community will breathe new life into an area of need. The apartments will transform a long-vacant lot in the Mantua neighborhood, turning it to more productive use. The four-story building, appointed with a brick façade, will resemble Presby's existing Jackson Place community in the heart of South Philadelphia. The building will feature 65 apartments—each offering comfortable, modern living spaces for individuals or couples.

Construction should be complete for an opening in the fall of 2008, according to Mary Kender, Vice-President of Affordable Housing and Community Outreach. Applications for residency will be accepted 90 days prior to the opening of Mantua Presbyterian Apartments.

"We are proud to be partnering with area legislators and members of the Mantua community," said Mary. "This endeavor has been a long time in the making. It offers renewed hope and peace of mind for so many."



*Digging In: Presby leadership joins Philadelphia City Councilwoman, Jannie Blackwell, in celebration of the groundbreaking of a new affordable housing community at 34th and Haverford in Mantua.*

## Parkside Update

Construction continues for the Parkside expansion to Rydal Park. A relatively mild December and January had a positive effect on the construction process. Every day, the building moves a little closer to its opening, planned for fall 2008. For more information about how you can be part of the Parkside neighborhood, call Debbie Eppler at the Rydal Park Information Center at 215-885-6800.

*Parkside*  
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## Makemie Ridge Update



The new year began with members of the Makemie Club—those who are interested in becoming part of Makemie Ridge, Presby's new community planned for West Chester—being invited to a series of focus groups. The focus groups were designed to gain input from future residents on a variety of subjects including design, financial options, dining services and other elements of potential services for residents of Makemie Ridge. Michele Parent, Director of Community Outreach for Makemie Ridge, was delighted with the outcome of the sessions. "The Makemie Club members have so much energy and enthusiasm for the new community," said Michele. "They have shared a lot of wonderful ideas." To find out how you can join the Makemie Club, call Michele at 610-399-3217.

# Social Service Coordinators Wear Many Hats

Emilie Harris put down the phone. A resident was knocking at the door of her office in Mary Field Presbyterian Apartments on The 58<sup>th</sup> Street Presbyterian Campus.

Even with a case load of 93 residents, Emilie knew the resident well and knew how to help. “This resident received a bill from a hospital,” said Emilie, “but didn’t know how to get it paid. This morning, another person needed help with paperwork for Social Security. And then someone needed help getting food.” Emilie knew where to turn for each of these needs.

“Senior housing is more than bricks and mortar,” continued Emilie. “It can be fostering a home filled with caring and sharing. Residents know you care, you are interested, you have activities to offer. I think of these

Often, the Social Service Coordinators serve a coaching role, helping residents learn to better problem-solve on their own. “Sometimes we just need to resolve conflicts between residents, or in their relationships with others,” said Gloria.

Gloria and Emilie frequently rely on members of the tenant council to let them know when a resident is struggling with an issue. “Many of them are shy,” Gloria said. “It’s always important for me to reinforce that my office is a place for confidentiality and privacy. What is said there, stays there,” she said.

Some of the Social Service Coordinator duties are more activity oriented, like setting up educational programs, arranging rides to church or to shopping.

Both Emilie and Gloria bring years of training to their positions. Emilie, who has been with Presby for 13 years,



*Emilie Harris (left) and Gloria Mack (far right) work with residents Nettie Toler-Handy (center left) and Elouise McGee (center right) on preparing packages for the Food Share program.*

residents as an extended family. That’s the best reward of the job for me.”

On the same campus, at Greenway Presbyterian Apartments, Emilie’s counterpart, Gloria Mack, was facing many of the same needs from residents. Gloria also serves residents at Ann Thomas Presbyterian Apartments. Between the two communities, Gloria maintains responsibility for 143 people.

Residents bring questions, needs and conflicts, but they also bring with them appreciation and thanks for these Social Service Coordinators at The 58<sup>th</sup> Street Presbyterian Campus, who always seem to know how to navigate through complex regulations and an abundance of bureaucratic challenges.

has a master’s degree in gerontology from St. Joseph’s University. Gloria joined the Presby staff two years ago and has a master’s degree in social services from Temple University.

“Social Service Coordinators fill many roles,” said Ruth James, Manager of Affordable Housing at The 58<sup>th</sup> Street Presbyterian Campus. “They are advocates for residents, as they bridge the gap between our residents and a multitude of organizations to provide support. They offer guidance. Sometimes they act as referees. We’re blessed to have them.”

# Distinguished Service Award

## Recognizing Talent Among Team Members

“Team member” is a term we frequently use to describe the wonderful staff members who share comfort and skills to make Presby’s Inspired Life a leader in the care of older adults. To lift up the excellence in our midst, Presby’s Inspired Life began its Team Member Excellence Awards program last year as an annual opportunity to recognize outstanding performance. The nomination categories match those used by PANPHA for its Distinguished Services Awards and are designed to identify the top community nominees and organization-wide nominees in the following categories:

- Staff Member of the Year
- Caregiver of the Year
- Nurse of the Year
- Leader of the Year
- Leadership Team of the Year

Staff, residents, family members and friends offer the nominations which are ultimately evaluated based upon how well the nominees exemplify the Values of Presby’s Inspired Life—Honesty, Ownership, Stewardship, Respect, Faith, Integrity and Excellence—day to day.

Winners will be announced at a ceremony in April. The results will be published in the next edition of *Inspirations*.

## In Memory of a Friend

In late December, Presby’s Inspired Life lost a dear friend and tireless supporter, The Reverend Doctor Jason Jerome Cooper. A program for Dr. Cooper’s memorial service contained this epitaph: “May his works and his life speak for him.”

Rev. Dr. Cooper’s work and life speak volumes and tell the story of a man who was a true servant of God. After he received his Master in Divinity from Lincoln University, Rev. Dr. Cooper continued to enrich his education in both theological studies and in marriage and family therapy, eventually receiving a Ph.D. in Marriage and Family Therapy from the Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary. Rev. Dr. Cooper also held an Honorary Doctor of Divinity Degree from Mary Holmes College and an Honorary Doctor of Public Affairs Degree from Temple University.

In his pastoral career, Rev. Dr. Cooper served as Senior Pastor at the Berean Presbyterian Church and the New Spirit Community Presbyterian Church, both in Philadelphia.



*The Reverend Doctor  
Jason Jerome Cooper*

A devoted pastor and an avid community advocate, Rev. Dr. Cooper’s passion had a lasting impact throughout the city of Philadelphia. He served in leadership positions within the Presbytery of Philadelphia, Synod of the Trinity and within the General Assembly. He founded and co-founded several community organizations, such as the People’s Community Development Corporation and the Prison Relate Program with the House of Corrections. A proud member of the community-service focused Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Rev. Dr. Cooper served on the board of directors for many organizations, including the Board of Presby’s Inspired Life. He was a frequent guest on local radio and television shows and received many awards and honors at the local and state levels. His influence

was revered on a national level as well. The United States House of Representatives provided a tribute to Rev. Dr. Cooper, published in the Congressional Record on behalf of the entire Congress.

He was a devoted supporter of Presby’s Inspired Life, particularly for The 58<sup>th</sup> Street Presbyterian Campus. In March, Rev. Dr. Cooper was one of the featured speakers at the first Presby Clergy Circle, a forum established to encourage ongoing dialogue and strengthen relationships with local faith communities. We were blessed to have known and worked with the Rev. Dr. Cooper, and his presence in the life of Presby, its residents and team members will be missed.

# Life Insurance

## *A Creative Tool For A Meaningful Legacy*

When Rosemont Presbyterian Village resident, Joyce Malott began considering ways to meet her financial objectives while supporting her favorite charities, she decided upon life insurance as the most appropriate gift vehicle.

Joyce chose to name Presby's Inspired Life and Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church as beneficiaries of a policy for which she will make payments and ultimately assign all incidents of ownership to these two charities.

As a result of this creative gift vehicle, many donors are able to receive tax benefits based upon a value of the insurance policy which the insurer can assist in determining.

The versatility of life insurance makes reviewing its uses a prudent step for many. Those who purchased policies originally to provide for spouses now deceased or to educate children now grown, for example, may also benefit from using this "hidden asset" for charitable purposes.

Joyce maintains that she gains great joy and fulfillment from making such a commitment to ministries that hold special meaning in her heart.

"I was made aware that I could purchase a life insurance policy at my age and I could choose to make my church

and Presby's Inspired Life beneficiaries of the policy. It would benefit them at a level that was a surprise to me. Maybe there are others who would like to know of this method of leaving a legacy and providing the donor with a sense of satisfaction," said Joyce.

The Office of Philanthropy at Presby's Inspired Life would be happy to help you design a legacy—large or small—which represents your personal interests. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Lynn Marie Johnson-Porter by calling 610-260-1108, or via email [lynn.johnson-porter@presbysinspiredlife.org](mailto:lynn.johnson-porter@presbysinspiredlife.org).

### SHARE GOOD NEWS

If you have made the decision to support the ministry of Presby's Inspired Life by including us in your will, trust, retirement plan, life insurance, or other plans, we hope you'll remember to inform us and tell your friends. Your gift may inspire others to consider similar contributions.

*A copy of the official registration and financial information may be obtained from the PA Department of State by calling toll-free, within Pennsylvania, 1-800-732-0999. Registration does not imply endorsement.*

## Our Apologies

In the last issue of *Inspirations*, the article about Ruth Blair referred to Mrs. Blair's husband, who has been deceased for some time. In addition, it said that she had moved to Richboro, PA. In fact, Mrs. Blair still lives in Ivyland. She moved her church membership to the Addisville Reformed Church in Richboro.

We offer our apologies to Mrs. Blair. The production team members for *Inspirations* work diligently to maintain accuracy in their coverage of material that matters to our readers. If you have questions or concerns related to any article, please share them with us by calling, Lynn Johnson-Porter at (610) 260-1108.



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We honor life in all its fullness and seek to reflect God's love in all we do. We *commit* to creatively meeting the needs of older adults in a wide range of economic circumstances. We *cultivate* excellence in our residential and supportive care communities and programs. We *celebrate* diversity and promote health of body, mind and spirit among residents and staff.

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### Rydal Park

215.885.6800

### Spring Mill Presbyterian Village

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### Ann Thomas Presbyterian Apartments

215.726.3232

### Bensalem Presbyterian Apartments

215.352.1000

### Diamond Park

215.765.6626

### Greenway Presbyterian Apartments

215.689.0518

### Interfaith House in Germantown

215.438.9779

### Jackson Place

215.599.0445

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215.551.1395

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215.365.1828

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