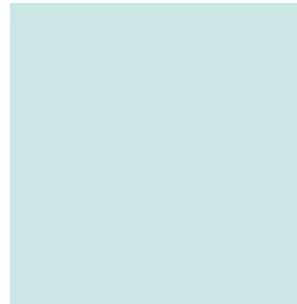




“...there are not enough words to describe the benefit and importance of the UMH Foundation to continue our mission.”



Enriching Lives



 UNITED METHODIST HOMES
Caring. Connecting. *Community.*

2016 ANNUAL REPORT



Mission, Vision & Values

MISSION

United Methodist Homes' communities provide a wide range of senior living services with exceptional care and compassion.

VISION

The vision of United Methodist Homes is to be the provider of choice in lifestyle options for seniors.

VALUES

We believe an effective model of health care delivery reflects these core values:

- Concern and understanding for the whole person
- A focus on education and wellness in pursuit of a full life
- Independence, dignity and a sense of control for all residents
- Caring and compassion in our staff

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Dear Friends of United Methodist Homes



Our lives are enriched by those around us. Nowhere can it be felt more fully than at each of our four campuses.

These welcoming communities—Wesley Village, Hilltop, Elizabeth Church and Tunkhannock Manor—are places where strangers become friends and friends become family. Each place feels like home the moment you arrive. Each is a place where our compassionate staff provide the special touch that makes all the difference.

At United Methodist Homes, Caring, Connecting, Community is who we are and what we do, but it is also something that you—as family, friends and donors—help us deliver to enrich the lives of our residents.

For our residents, we offer a full continuum of expert care and a Live-Better Lifestyle that includes great dining options, unique wellness programs, friendly guest services, daily opportunities for recreation, excursions and fun activities, and on-campus chaplaincy services that honor our faith-based heritage.

For our donors, the touching stories and compelling photos in this annual report show the generosity of spirit that enables us to do all of these things, and much more. They show how your commitment has helped us make a difference in the lives of those we serve, and they show why even the smallest gift is important.

I hope that as you read through this 2016 report you'll find your name already listed as a donor. If not, please consider giving a gift this year. Your kindness will help us continue to fulfill a special mission that began more than six decades ago.

Thank you very much for supporting United Methodist Homes and the UMH Foundation.

Sincerely,

Brian Picchini, President and CEO



Dear Friends



Improving the lives of our residents is truly what we are all about. It is why many of us serve on our Board, to make a difference.

Enhancing the lives of residents and their families is an ongoing endeavor that we take seriously. We witness the shared involvement of family members and our dedicated staff in meeting the unique needs of our residents. We are grateful for those who share their thoughts and feelings with us. This knowledge helps us continue to provide the highest quality of care and fulfill our mission.

Families are not alone. We are a community and provide guidance and support, as well as comfort and assurance, promising that their loved one is always in good hands at United Methodist Homes.

Your continued support makes these illustrated gifts possible and continue to enrich the lives of our residents. Your thoughtfulness and your willingness to connect to our needs with your generous gifts make our community strong and successful.

With gratitude and appreciation,

Calli Berg, Board Chair





Korebalance™ offers countless benefits to Rehab Residents at Wesley Village

Not only is the Rehabilitation Unit at Wesley Village new, thanks to your gifts to the Foundation, there is also a new piece of equipment that is on the cutting edge of technology. The Korebalance™ System uses the latest in virtual and interactive technology, offering high-tech balance assessment and training. Training programs stimulate the brain and nervous system to improve balance, stability, coordination and posture. The interactive 3D games make training programs fun and captivating, increasing positive outcomes for our residents. Korebalance™ exercises visual, inner ear, and the ability to know where the body is in space to find or create new pathways in the brain, improving balance. Therapists enjoy being able to customize the different programs based on our residents' individual ability level.

The Korebalance™ was designed to aid in the following treatments: post orthopedic surgery, post acoustic neuroma (rare growth tumor in the brain), resection, inner ear disorders/vertigo,

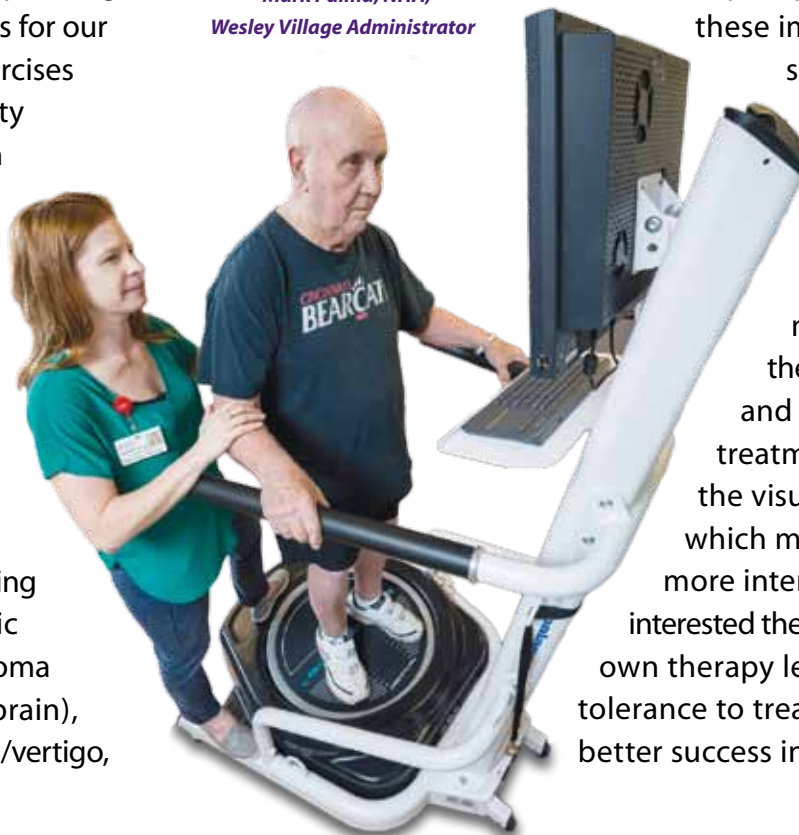
migraines, closed head injuries, multiple sclerosis, ataxia (lack of muscle coordination), Parkinson's disease, stroke, neuropathy and age-related balance deficiencies.

“The Korebalance™ machine is a great example of how important donations are to our residents.”

*- Mark Palma, NHA,
Wesley Village Administrator*

The machine allows therapists to address balance deficits in a variety of our residents. The equipment aids the therapist in assessing and improving balance in a more objective manner. Objective assessment and documentation of balance improves reimbursement and helps support the need for these important therapy

services. Therapists modify the difficulty of the activity to best suit the resident's needs and can become more challenging as the resident progresses and improves through treatment. Residents like the visual feedback too which makes their therapy more interesting. The more interested the resident is in his/her own therapy leads to longer tolerance to treatment and much better success in recovery.



Shadow Boxes on The STAR Memory Unit at The Hilltop Campus Capture Memories

Dan and Cheryl Rathmell were married April 11, 1970, 47 years ago. God blessed them with 3 daughters followed by 3 sons and today they have 16 grandchildren, "and counting," as Dan puts it. Dan works as Assistant to the President at Davis College, Johnson City, NY and has held various jobs at the college over the last 38 years. Cheryl 'diagnosed hearts' as a cardiac diagnostic sonographer at Guthrie Hospital, Sayre, Pa. "We were a team and she was a wonderful wife and mother" says Dan. Dan quotes Proverbs 18:22, "He who finds a wife finds what is good, and receives favor from the Lord."

On Sunday, June 13, 2010 Cheryl, only 59 years young, woke up crying. Dan said that she walked out of the room for a moment and then came back in saying "I'm sorry", neither knowing what was happening. That Sunday morning Dan and Cheryl's lives changed forever. "It was a dreadful time" Dan says as he recounts the last 7 plus years. "In 15 months, Cheryl went from attending our last child's wedding on June 11, 2010 to residing in a nursing home. Cheryl

// We were a team and she was a wonderful wife and mother. //

was home for 60 days with what was thought to be depression, admitted to the hospital for 150 days and then returned home with Dan being the primary caregiver. He hired someone

to watch her Monday through Friday as he continued to work and was with her evenings and weekends. After many tests and trials with medication she was diagnosed with Frontal Temporal Dementia, FTD. Today there are over 70 kinds of dementias, over 5 million people diagnosed with Alzheimer's, but only

around 250 thousand diagnosed with FTD. Caregivers must deal with loneliness, being overwhelmed and resentful, grief is exhausting (mourning the death of a relationship), absence and presence, physically here, psychologically absent, here but not here. You both wish it was over and wish that they kept living.

On September 28, 2011, at 60 years of age, our STAR Memory Unit became home for Cheryl and an answered prayer for Dan. "I was at the end of myself and by God's grace and the kind people of United Methodist Homes my dear wife Cheryl was admitted to Hilltop and my family and I will be forever grateful." According to Dan she is receiving "excellent and loving care." Of the many ways he sees the care given he shared an example that was meaningful to him. It was a

story about a doll. His wife would carry around a doll, thinking the doll was a real baby. Dan decided to buy her a new doll for her own. "When I took the doll to her she didn't want anything to do with it." The doll was quite expensive, Dan had already labeled the doll so he couldn't return it. The staff suggested that when Cheryl was resting they would change the doll's clothes from the old doll to the new one. It worked and Cheryl now carries around her "Jenny."

The shadow box idea was another example of "loving care" according to Dan. Three family pictures and a small Bible placed in the shadow box helps her identify her room and in that way it gives her a sense of independence, of which because of her illness most independence is taken away. "It breaks my heart to see such a wonderful and once very intelligent person be so reduced by such a devastating illness. I couldn't make it through this journey without the help and love of



"...I couldn't make it through this journey without the help and love of others."



others." Thanks to the generous gifts from donors the purchase of these memory boxes was made possible.

Dan gains strength from his faith in God. In the Psalms David says that he was sustained by God's word and that is where Dan finds his comfort and he shared the following: "Look to the Lord and His strength, seek His face always", Psalms 105:4. Dan would go on to say "tough times come to all of us, which is part of life." Dan would quote the words of Jesus, "In this life you will have trouble, but be of good cheer for I have overcome the world," John 16:33. Dan said that, "when tough times do come, we can choose our attitudes. We can choose the right thoughts and these two verses help me, Proverbs 23:7, "As a person thinks in his heart, so he will become," and Colossians 3:2, "set your mind on things above." Dan also journals every day, 'today is my 1,184th visit with Cheryl', Dan reveals on the day of the interview and photo shoot.

Dan wears his wife's wedding ring on a gold chain around his neck. There is a story around this ring that he shares. Before Cheryl took ill she had lost her diamond ring. Dan told her that he would buy her

another one; however before he had a chance to buy her one she took ill with dementia. Knowing that she might lose the ring he still kept his promise and bought her another one. Cheryl wore it in the nursing home proudly for about five years then recently lost it. Fortunately a short time later Dan found the ring and now wears it on the gold chain. "The ring reminds me of our love for each other and I don't want to lose it again," Dan would say. To replace it I have bought her several sterling silver rings that please her and are inexpensive to replace. Dan finds it a bit hard to do this as he feels somewhat guilty about her not knowing it is not the real ring. "This is just one of many numerous emotions the caregiver goes through" he would say. "This illness is so hard."

Some people tell Dan, 'that God wouldn't have given this situation to Dan if God knew that Dan couldn't handle it'... Dan's response is "God knew

I couldn't handle it well and without Him helping me—that's what makes God real!"

One of Dan's favorite quotes that he shares with congregations and other caregivers is from Nishan Panwar, "You can miss someone who died, you can miss someone who moved away but the worst is when you miss someone you see every day."

// You can miss someone who died, you can miss someone who moved away but the worst is when you miss someone you see every day. //



Foundation

recognized
remembered
and rejoiced

with Lighting the Way!



All of our campuses were beautifully illuminated during our 1st Lighting the Way luminaria event. More than 600 lights decorated all of our locations including the village of Tunkhannock during their respective Christmas celebrations. At St. Louise Manor's event, SUNY Broome Student Nursing Association's Freshman Class volunteered as part of their cultural assessment requirement. Nursing student, Maureen Bock wrote a beautiful summary of her experience lighting the luminaries:

"We placed bags with little battery operated candles on the sidewalk and throughout the facility grounds. This project didn't give us much face time with the residents or community, but hearing the amount of money raised in memory or honor of a loved one was incredible. Once I thawed, it hit me—each of those bags put on display was somebody's mother, father, brother, sister, etc. While our time was brief, it was well invested, the bags glowed proudly from the sidewalk, a sign from those gone but not forgotten!"

Thanks to all donors, staff, musicians and board members who made our 1st Lighting the Way event so successful.



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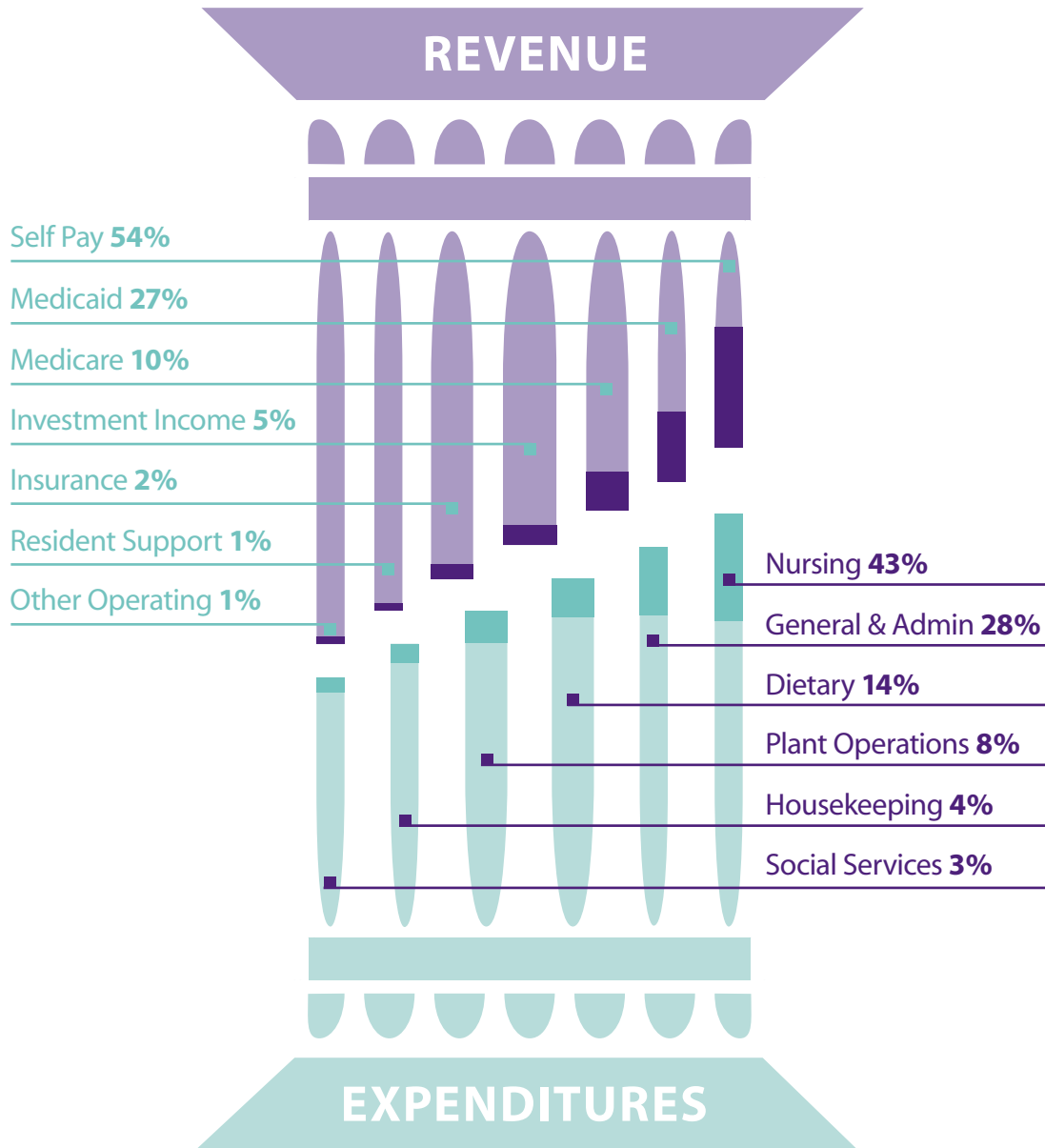
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