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Finding Connections in Community

One of Bluestem Communities’ unique strengths is in its name – **community**! We believe God calls all of us to experience life in relationship with one another and our communities provide opportunities for all ages to find those vital connections.

Recently, at Schowalter Villa in Hesston, I joined a handful of residents from various campus neighborhoods and care levels for an afternoon treat at the Main Street Ice Cream Shop. Children from Hesston Intergenerational Child Development Center also joined us. When the children arrived, they were paired with a “grandma” or “grandpa.” The children quickly bonded with their older friend, climbing onto their laps, exchanging stories, enjoying ice cream, and ending their time together with exuberant hugs. Intergenerational connections blossom organically each day at Schowalter Villa and for that we are all truly blessed.

On a recent visit to the Bluestem PACE day center in McPherson, I spent time in the community room interacting with participants as they arrived from various communities across central Kansas to spend the day together. Many of them have known each other less than a year, but their interactions reflect near and dear friendships. When participants dine, reflect, grow and overcome challenges together, community is quickly formed.

We sometimes assume that our truest friendships are made during childhood, or living in the dorms during college, yet at Kidron Bethel Village we witness deep, meaningful relationships being formed by residents investing themselves in community with one another. Residents of Kidron also build these close relationships with staff members, so close that several staff members consider residents to be as close as family. Those interactions are life-giving and life-changing for everyone.

Deep connections within community provide hope in something greater than oneself. During a time in the U.S. when 50 percent of the population reports experiencing feelings of loneliness, that hope is more critical than ever before. Bluestem Communities is grateful for our residents, participants and staff members who intentionally live in community with one another, spreading hope, love and joy through genuine connections.

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James Krehbiel, President/CEO
A Place for Every Generation

For the Schmidt family, Kidron Bethel Village is where six generations gather to share meals, celebrate and join in fellowship. Seven of their family members either currently live or have lived on campus. For them, Kidron is where many memories have been shared and intergenerational connections have been strengthened.

Eleanor Nickel, wife of the late Bennet Nickel, currently lives in assisted living at Kidron Bethel Village. Eleanor’s daughter, Jean Weber, often brings Eleanor’s great-grandchildren and great-great-grandson to visit.

“My mom’s oldest great-grandchildren are teenagers now, but when they were little they toddled the halls of Kidron Bethel when my mom and dad watched them,” recalled Jean.

When Bennet was living in health care at Kidron Bethel Village, Jean would often bring the great-grandchildren to play games, watch movies and drink root beer floats. Bennet was diagnosed with dementia and Jean recalls how wonderful the intergenerational interaction was for her father’s cognition. She also saw benefits for the children as they learned about life cycles and compassion.

“For the kids, it is amazing to watch them develop empathy for someone whose body is changing. When we would come eat dinner with dad, one of the children, Kaden, would always be the first to go in and help dad put his shoes on and push his wheelchair into the dining room,” said Jean.

Presently, Kidron’s annual Senior Olympics, Mother’s Day Tea and Valentine’s Day are events that Eleanor and her family never miss. They also have a long-standing tradition of renting out the community room for their annual Thanksgiving dinner.

For decades Kidron Bethel Village has been a point of connection for families like the Schmidts. Kidron plans to continue to be that inviting place where all generations meet to make memories and learn from one another.
Annie Watt-Holl, 63, has always had a passion for connecting with people. In fact, she considers it to be her life’s purpose. She and her partner were foster parents for many years, working with teenagers and their families. She also worked in customer service most of her adult life.

“Everything I did was working with people. I always have enjoyed that. I have always had a flare for it,” Annie said. “Particularly foster care was a personal mission for me. I wanted to make a difference.”

Annie has selflessly served many people in need over the years but earlier this year she realized she needed some help herself.

“I was referred to the Department of Aging to assist with some health issues,” said Annie. “They provided me several options but one stood out above the rest. I read through the Bluestem PACE brochure and thought I want to learn more.”

Annie toured the Bluestem PACE day center in McPherson and was convinced this was the place that could help her manage her aging needs and be a place of community for her. “The more I learned the more excited I got,” she said. “None of the other options could hold a candle to this place.”

After a few months of being a Bluestem PACE participant, Annie still feels the same way. “I never feel like I am imposing. They have helped me with my medical care, dietary needs and much more,” she said.

Since her discovery of Bluestem PACE, Annie is using her gift of connecting with others to tell people in need about the Bluestem PACE program.

“I think about all the people out there that don’t know this exists who really need it. We really need to get the word out there. It is my mission to help do that,” said Annie.

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— Annie Watt-Holl, on Bluestem PACE
Bill and Mary Armfield say it is never too late to find love. After eight years of marriage, their eyes light up when they look at one another and they’re always smiling ear-to-ear. They remind us that growing old can be a time of discovery, of joy and of true love.

After each lost a spouse, Bill and Mary found themselves lonely and trying to keep busy in an effort to stave off thoughts of self-pity. Bill says marrying Mary was the best thing that could have happened to him during that difficult time. Their experience of finding love late in life has been made sweeter by the freedom that comes with growing older.

“It has been the happiest eight years I have ever had. It is a different life for Mary and me. We don’t have the responsibilities that we had in our previous marriages like making a living and raising children, so we just kind of do what we want,” explained Bill, smiling.

The couple met while in their eighties at Schowalter Villa in Hesston, where they have continued to live together. Mary admits she played a little hard to get at first.

“It was exciting when we started seeing each other. We just enjoyed each other and started having fun together. That part is the same as when you’re young.”

With over 120 years of marriage between the two of them, Bill and Mary are experts on love and what it means to be husband and wife.

“The most important thing is to learn to love and take care of your spouse,” said Bill. “And don’t sweat the small stuff.”
For her birthday this year Mary Jantz asked her Facebook friends to forego traditional gifts and instead give a gift to Schowalter Villa’s Good Samaritan Caring Fund. Using Facebook’s Fundraisers, Mary exceeded her goal of raising $200. “I wanted to pay it forward and get more people involved in supporting the fund,” explained Mary. Her passionate support of the fund stems from the many residents she has seen blessed by the fund over the 25 years she worked at Schowalter Villa, including her own mother and father. “A Facebook Fundraiser is really easy to do and giving to the Good Samaritan Caring Fund is a way that we can care for people who have cared for us in the past.”
**Bluestem Happenings**
**June-December of 2017**

**Bluestem PACE**  
**McPherson and surrounding counties**

- Bluestem PACE celebrated their first anniversary with a barbeque on Aug. 23. Bluestem leadership was in attendance and each PACE participant was given a t-shirt to commemorate the event.

- In October, PACE leadership attended the National PACE Conference in Boston and brought back new ideas to implement at Bluestem PACE.

- On Nov. 30, Bluestem PACE celebrated National Family Caregivers month with Friends and Family Day. Friends and family of PACE enjoyed refreshments, tours, videos and activities at the day center.

**Kidron Bethel Village**  
**Newton**

- In September the 11th annual Senior Olympics was made possible with the help of close to 100 volunteers, including students from Bethel College.

- October was a busy month as Kidron hosted a booth at Taste of Newton, had their first Gathering in the Garden event and served Country Breakfast as a part of the Bethel College Fall Festival.

- Friends of Kidron exceeded their 2017 goal of $12,000 by raising $12,619 for the Health Care Benevolent Fund.
Schowalter Villa
Hesston

Villa Days

• For the first time, Villa Days was held in conjunction with Home Sweet Hesston. The community-wide celebration brought food, fun and friends to the Schowalter Villa campus.

MULLET PLACE AT SCHOWALTER VILLA

• Concrete was poured and walls were raised as Mullet Place at Schowalter Villa began to take shape. The new addition is set to open in the fall of 2018.

• In 2017, Villa Partners raised $32,612 for the new Main Street Gift Shop and Good Samaritan Caring Fund along with other resident-centered projects.

Bluestem Communities

• Nearly 300 individuals gathered to support the mission of Bluestem Communities on Nov. 14 at the Bluestem Communities Gala, where award-winning artist Angela Parrish was the featured entertainment.

• The 4th annual Innovations in Living with Dementia community forum was hosted by Bluestem in July.

• Party on the Prairie, Bluestem’s annual employee appreciation event, was a success this year. Staff and their families enjoyed food trucks and games.
North Newton’s Campus Woods Estates neighborhood is expanding. Kidron Bethel Village, a Bluestem community, announced the expansion of the senior living neighborhood earlier this year. The expansion will include new home lots, a community recreational facility and a new entrance on Anderson Avenue.

The expansion will double the lots available by adding nine new duplexes — a total of 18 homes. The expanded neighborhood will also include a new recreational area, which will have a pickleball court and a rest area along the planned expansion of the North Newton Trails. Construction is expected to be complete by early September.

Once the expansion is complete, there will be a total of 49 homes in the neighborhood. The homes will offer a new floor plan option along with choices for different square footages and price points.

For more information on the available lots call 888-388-7445.
Generous support from each donor helps Bluestem Communities carry out its mission to provide personalized care with Christian compassion to each resident and participant. Bluestem Communities continues to be grateful for your financial support, along with your volunteer time and prayers, which are vital to its communities. Thank you for your investment in Bluestem PACE, Kidron Bethel Village, and Schowalter Villa.

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Bluestem PACE, Kidron Bethel Village, and Schowalter Villa gratefully acknowledges gifts and tributes in memory and in honor of these loved ones and friends in 2017.

In Memory - SV
Floyd Bartel
Allen Bitikofer
Marie Buller
Rod Buller
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Walter Fenton
Jacob Goossen
Nettie Graham
James Jindra
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Cheryl Lichti
Betty Love
Betty Rader
Pearl Rodgers
Ella Schmidt
Howard & Frances Smith
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Kaye Thomas
Duane Unruh
Milford Weaver
Helen Williams
Lloyd Zook

In Memory - KBV
Leonard Buller
Edythe Entz
Mildred Franzen
Bonnie Goering
Hilda Graber
Roberta Martin
Paul Oswald
Lois Regier
Ruth W Schmidt
Dolores Schroeder

In Memory - PACE
Pam Davis

In Honor - SV
Del & Gerry Reimer

In Honor - KBV
Rosella Goering

In Honor - PACE
Cherilyn Dahlsten

*Denotes Bluestem Visionaries
†Denotes deceased
2017 Financial Report

As Bluestem Communities continues to grow and thrive, it has been front of mind to stay committed to our mission of being good stewards of our financial resources.

Bluestem Communities increased net assets $658,000 in 2017. Operationally, Kidron Bethel Village and Schowalter Villa ended the year with an excess of revenues over expenses of $664,000. This is almost $550,000 more net revenue than the previous year. Bluestem PACE completed its first full year of operation and stayed within budgeted financial projections.

Cash and investments remain strong for Bluestem, ending the year with over $9 million on the balance sheet. Bluestem Communities continues to put resources back into our campuses, with the age of our Life Plan Communities’ facilities averaging 14.3 years. Industry average for our region is 17.5 years. Net assets without donor restrictions increased $1,190,000 from the previous year, ending with over $4 million. Net assets with donor restrictions decreased $530,000 as funds are being used to construct Mullet Place at Schowalter Villa.

Maintaining outstanding facilities and keeping our quality of care high have allowed Bluestem Communities’ occupancy to remain strong throughout 2017, averaging at least 95 percent for each level of care. Health Care occupancy averaged 97 percent, compared to the regional average of 87 percent. Assisted Living occupancy averaged 96 percent, compared to the regional average of 79 percent. Independent Living occupancy averaged 95 percent.
Kidron Bethel Village & Schowalter Villa
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