



PUTTING THE GOLD BACK INTO THE GOLDEN YEARS

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Dear Supporters and Friends of Fairview Haven:

Roughly one year ago we wrote to you seeking your prayers and support during a difficult economy. We reiterated our firm resolve to continue to make improvements that our residents need and desire. In addition, we asked you to pause a moment and to marvel with us at the provision of our loving God.

The year 2009 has been no less remarkable. God continues to provide funding for us and we have focused on building renovations, as well as improvement in services, which our residents truly deserve.

Since that time, we have finished redecorating all of our hallways and are continuing to upgrade resident rooms. New energy-efficient windows, freshly-painted walls and beautiful floor coverings are making our resident rooms look more like home. Our Board of Trustees has been extremely supportive in the renovation of Fairview Haven. Our goal was and continues to center on our residents' needs and wishes.

A faithful supporter of Fairview Haven once shared a comment of encouragement with me. He related that his uncle (an original Board member and former resident) would have said, "make it nice for the people," regarding environmental improvements for our loved ones here. This has been, and continues to be our goal: to make it nice; to make it home.

Our Board of Trustees has been very supportive of past enhancements. Furthermore, with an eye to the future and the responsibility to provide appropriate oversight, the Board has directed us to establish a new fund, which will assist us in our ongoing mission. This fund will set the foundation for a potential new retirement community. In addition, it will undergird the continuing improvements of existing structures and programs. All expenditures of this fund will be at the direction of the Board of Trustees.

Some of you listened last year at the Fellowship Hall as we shared our vision of the future for long-term care. It includes tailoring services and programs to create a person-centered environment that truly transforms into our residents being at home. In addition, we spoke of environmental changes that would translate into households, neighborhoods and eventually, small residential "group" homes, which would become home to 10-12 loved ones. This is the future of long-term care, not only for Fairview Haven, but nationwide.

We also explored the increasing demand we are experiencing for an Alzheimer/Related Dementia Unit. It is heartbreaking for us to not be able to adequately serve the host of loved ones and their families who suffer from this debilitating condition.

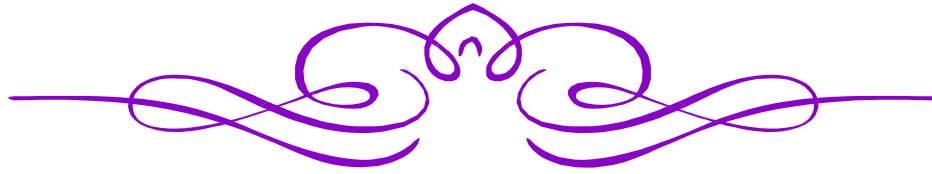
What should we call a fund such as this? We considered the following names: Golden Fund, Ensuring Fund, Future Fund, Provision Fund, Vision Fund, and even a Bricks and Mortar Fund. Then it became clear. We will establish a **Transformation Fund**. That is really what we are striving for, not an improvement fund (We have a Building Fund) or a supportive fund (We are thankful for our Good Samaritan Fund), but a fund that truly will assist us in *transforming*. We hope to move from a traditional "nursing home" (be honest, does anyone really want to live in a nursing home?) to a *home* that really puts the seniors in charge. We dream for the day that our residents can eat what they want, where they want, when they want, and with whom they choose. Schedules and care will revolve around them, not staff. In addition, they can host their family and friends like they always enjoyed. We aren't just in search of what is home-like, but a transformation into a true *home*.

Would you consider partnering with us in this quest? We have been thankful for God's provision and direction in the past and we surely solicit your prayers and support as we look ahead to 2010 and the days beyond.

Sincerely,

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Donation Opportunities at Fairview Haven

Memorial Fund/Special Occasion Fund

The **Memorial Fund** receives donations in memory of loved ones who are deceased. Donations may be made to the **Special Occasion Fund** in honor of a loved one or in lieu of a gift for a special occasion. Supporters have utilized this opportunity on special occasions such as Christmas, anniversaries and birthdays. Upon receipt of donations to this fund, Fairview Haven sends a congratulatory card notifying the honoree of the donation. The person's name is also printed in the Fairview Haven newsletter in honor of his/her special occasion (unless requested otherwise). Donations to both these funds are used for special purchases that enhance the lives of a number of our residents (i.e. medical and therapy equipment, or weather-proof furniture for the front patio).

Building Fund

The **Fairview Haven Building Fund** was set up to provide for the maintenance and remodeling of our building and possible future building projects. The original building was built in 1962 and this fund has provided valuable assistance in necessary upkeep. New windows, maintenance improvements, hallway and room remodeling are examples of some recent uses of this fund. Also, from time to time, the State of Illinois requires modification and installation of various systems which can be achieved by this fund.

Good Samaritan Fund of Fairview Haven

The **Good Samaritan Fund of Fairview Haven** was established to assist Fairview Haven with the shortfall that exists between what the state Medicaid program pays for care and the actual costs incurred by Fairview Haven. Currently the state is two months late on payments. When the payments arrive, they cover roughly two-thirds of the cost of actual care. Donations to this fund allow us to provide for all our dear residents regardless of their ability to pay.

Transformation Fund

The **Transformation Fund** is being established to assist Fairview Haven in its mission of creating *home*. It will be used at the direction of the Board of Trustees. The fund's goal is to transform programs and services to create person-directed care, putting our residents in charge of their own lives. The fund will also be used to lay the foundation for a future retirement community and for current environmental and programming improvements.

Whether you support our **Transformation, Memorial/Special Occasion, Building, or Good Samaritan Fund**, you are assisting us in fulfilling our mission of 'Putting the Gold Back into the Golden Years.' May God bless you for your support!

**Donations may be made by check, Mastercard or Visa or online via our website
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