

# View from the Porch

News from Friends Home in Kennett

Summer 2006



## New Health Center Opens

“Our residents absolutely appreciate the privacy and professionalism the Health Center offers them. It has a reassuring, comfortable atmosphere that conveys the Home’s respect for its residents,” said June Scheffler, RN, Assisted Living Coordinator. “My staff of Personal Care Assistants appreciates the spacious, clean area that gives them appropriate accommodation for providing safe, orderly treatment and comfort. The space allows them to do their work more efficiently.” Professionals, including physicians, physical therapists and hospice providers also appreciate the new Health Center. “The physicians enjoy the efficiency, cleanliness and convenience that the Health Center’s private treatment room gives them.”

In January workers began the renovation which turned an office into the Home’s new Health Center. Formerly called the Nurse’s Station, the new Center was planned to improve upon the excellent care already in place. The Nurse’s Station’s limited space allowed for only one or two residents to be served at a time. Opened in April, the Health Center, with its private treatment room, is able to accommodate more residents at the same time.

“Over the past few years the Board and staff have been engaged in a program of renovations to update the Home, making it more appealing to residents and their families,” said David Carter, Executive Director. “The new Health Center is an essential part of this plan. While we have made changes and updates, we have also retained the homelike atmosphere for which the Home is known.” Other capital improvements include the addition of new heating, air conditioning, fire protection and call bell systems; addition of private bathrooms to resident rooms that previously lacked them; and replacement of equipment in the Dietary Department.

“We have had a wonderful response from the foundation community,” said Brenda Riehl, Fundraising Director. The W. W. Smith Charitable Trust awarded two grants to the Home in 2004 and 2005, providing funding for the renovation of the Health Center, a new call bell system, and several pieces of kitchen equipment. Additional healthcare equipment and furniture for the Health Center were provided by a grant from the Scholler Foundation; and funding for the renovation was received from the Sara Bowers Fund.

An October open house is planned to introduce the community to the new Health Center, and to showcase the Home’s many physical improvements.



### Before

*The former Nurse’s Station, located across the hall from the new Health Center, which has been converted into office space.*

### After

*Right: Personal Care Assistants Sue McGowan and Mary Beck at work in the Health Center’s central room. The Center provides appropriate accommodations for residents and staff.*



*Left: Resident Mary Holmes receiving care from Assisted Living Coordinator June Scheffler in the Health Center’s private treatment room.*

# Life at the Home

## *A resident tells his story*

*The below article has been used in the Home's recent advertising. You may have seen it in the Daily Local News and The Kennett Paper.*



Joe Cloud ran an appliance store directly across the street from Friends Home in Kennett for more than 35 years.

"I always used to look across the street and see the residents sitting and talking on the front porch," Joe remembers. "It looked very nice but I never thought I'd be moving in."

But move in he did: six years ago at the age of 94. And on April 6, Joe celebrated his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday at Friends Home – surrounded by family and friends.

Joe says he "has had a wonderful life with no regrets" but never dreamed he would live to be 100.

"I had polio and was disabled as a little boy," he explains. "They had to operate on one of my legs in 1910 and I had 90 stitches in it."

He recovered but his movement and walking were always affected. Joe says he never felt sorry for himself and he always had a "can do" attitude. In 1916, his family moved to Longwood from Hamorton. He attended school in Kennett and graduated from Kennett High School, where he served as class president in 1925.

Joe laughs that he has "been married his whole life." He was wed and widowed twice. He was married to his first wife Lenore for 32 years and his second wife Lillian for

36 years. He has two children, Jack and Louise, four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

After retiring from owning Cloud Appliance, Joe bought a cottage in Elkside, Maryland and enjoyed fishing and boating on the Chesapeake. He still visits the cottage with his family. At Friends Home in Kennett, Joe is currently chairman of the Residents' Council and enjoys participating in many of the activities offered, such as daily exercise programs.

He has difficulty seeing, so he and his son talk on the phone every morning and Jack briefs him on news of the day and current events. "If we get going on politics, we can be on the phone for hours!"

A lifelong Phillies fan, Joe also enjoys listening to the games and visiting friends when his daughter or son can drive him.

On the occasion of his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday, Joe says he especially wanted to thank the staff of Friends Home in Kennett "for their tender loving care – they are the best."

When asked what advice he would give to others who want to reach the 100 milestone he concludes, "Live a good life and follow the Golden Rule. Take vitamins and don't smoke."

## In Memoriam

It is with deep sadness that we say good-bye to Mary Rhoades, a valued employee and friend, who passed away on August 13<sup>th</sup>. Mary worked at the Friends Home for over 14 years serving residents with a loving heart and caring soul. She will be missed by staff and residents alike.

*Would You Like to Increase Your Gifts to Friends Home in Kennett?*

*Will you need all of your IRA?*

Many IRA owners pass away with a major part of their IRAs remaining.

If you are over age 70 1/2, you can make an "over and above" charitable gift from your IRA up to \$100,000 this year. Since this IRA rollover is not included in your income, the gift will be tax-free and have no impact on your regular charitable gifts. Contact your IRA custodian to make a direct transfer to charity.



For more information, contact Brenda Riehl, Fundraising Director at (610) 444-2577 or [briehl@kennett.net](mailto:briehl@kennett.net).

## Executive Director's Update

by David B. Carter

Once again we are proud to report that our skilled nursing home, Linden Hall, received top commendation during our annual licensure survey early this summer. The Pennsylvania Department of Health conducts inspections, or surveys, annually at each of the state's 734 licensed nursing homes. There is no advance notice of the survey, and the inspectors review every aspect of Linden Hall's operations – from meals and activities to the quality of our nursing care. Once again, Linden Hall received no deficiencies in any aspect of resident care; this year we received only one minor deficiency in ancillary services. Friends Home in Kennett is maintaining its status as a leader in the provision of top-notch services for older adults.

Remember those brutally hot days and weeks this summer? While other organizations and businesses struggled to keep their air conditioning running, and many had to cut back their cooling or lost it altogether due to equipment limitations, Friends Home consistently maintained its "cool." Our maintenance staff was diligent in their efforts to ensure our HVAC system was properly adjusted and ran efficiently, even when temperatures peaked at 100 degrees and above. Their skilled attention to the system prevented equipment breakdowns and any interruptions in service. Trays of water and cool drinks were placed in convenient areas throughout the Home, and were offered on a regular basis to residents, visitors and staff. When the heat wave finally ended, residents gladly returned to the comfortable rocking chairs in the shade of our spacious front porch and the view of State Street.

Since April six people have stayed at the Home for respite care for periods of 5 days to three weeks. Some have returned for multiple stays, and two people enjoyed their visits so much they are considering moving into the Home permanently. Respite stays give an older adult a break from their routine, and allow them to experience firsthand the care and hospitality that make Friends Home in Kennett a special place to live. They also give caregivers a chance to go on vacation or take a break from *their* daily routine. Some people who come for respite are totally independent, and want to take a vacation at the Home, while others utilize the services of our professional nursing staff. All enjoy our delicious meals, lively activities programs, opportunities to meet new people, and friendly atmosphere.

Recently we welcomed into our community several residents who will be living in the apartments in the two buildings adjacent to the Friends Home complex. These buildings contain seven one-bedroom apartments and offer older adults the opportunity to be totally independent within the supportive, secure environment of the Home. Some residents take advantage of our meals and activities, and all receive housekeeping and laundry services. A couple of apartments are now available; for more information contact Helene Quiñones at 610-444-2577. For a full listing of our programs and services, please visit us on the web at [www.friendshomeinkennett.org](http://www.friendshomeinkennett.org)

## Treasurer's Report

by Scudder G. Stevens

The Friends Home in Kennett's Finance Committee meets monthly to provide oversight and guidance for all aspects of the Home's finances.

As the Board leads the organization into the future, the committee helps to ensure the Home is fiscally responsible, while providing top quality care for our residents, which is our long-standing tradition and mission.

Each fall the committee assists staff in creating the operating budget for the coming year, including establishing a capital budget to plan for equipment purchases and significant renovations and repairs.

The committee has also adopted a policy of Socially Responsible Investing which guides how the Home's endowment is invested. The policy ensures that these funds are invested according to Quaker values, while also providing appropriate growth and income to support the Home.

With Executive Director David Carter's leadership, the staff has been diligent in adhering to the Home's operating budget, reducing expenses whenever possible and seeking more cost effective ways to maintain the Home.

Larry Coppock, our Business Manager, and David work well with our Finance Committee, keeping us abreast of day-to-day financial details, and providing input and their professional expertise.

Please see page 5 for a financial summary of the year ended December 31, 2005.

### Friends Home Finance Committee

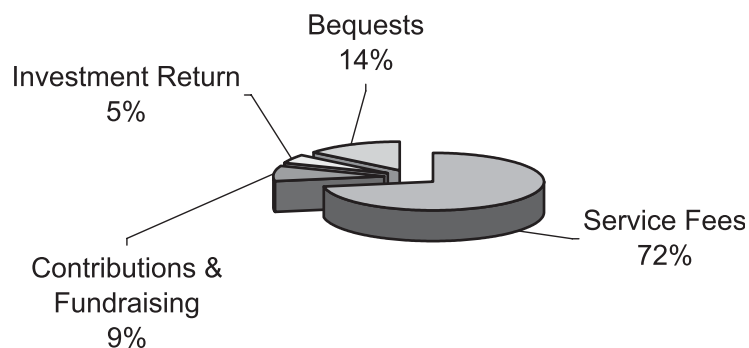
Charles Jackson  
Bob McKinstry  
Bill Powell  
Chip Smedley  
Scudder G. Stevens, Esq., Clerk

# Financial Summary

for the year ended December 31, 2005

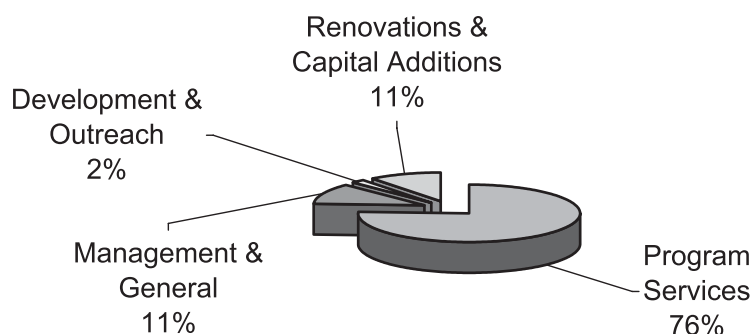
## Revenues & Support

Service Fees	\$2,399,068
Contributions & Fundraising	\$289,007
Investment Return	\$164,261
Bequests	\$469,441
<b>Total Revenues &amp; Support</b>	<b>\$3,321,777</b>



## Expenditures

Program Services	\$2,572,924
Management & General	\$388,650
Development & Outreach	\$67,476
Renovations & Capital Additions	\$360,972
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$3,390,022</b>



## Many Thanks to our 2005 Donors

The following individuals and companies made donations to the Friends Home in Kennett in response to our Annual Appeal or to one of our newsletters between January 1 and December 31, 2005

Evelyn V. Andrews  
 Elaine & Francis Anglim  
 Shirley Annand  
 Jane Barth & Family  
 Marilyn R. Becker  
 Barbara G. Beddall  
 Kenneth L. Berry  
 Charles & Jane Brosius  
 Thomas & Tamara Brosius  
 David Carter  
 Alfred & Georgia Conard  
 Bob & Janet DeVry  
 Leonard DiFilippo & Aida Stainback  
 Astrid Dorsey  
 Rick & Barbara Draper  
 Elizabeth H. Dunbar  
 Linda & George Edlin  
 Alice R. Erb  
 Peter & Suzanne Franck  
 George A. Freytag  
 David & Christine Gibian

Robert Goddu  
 Dorothy F. Godwin  
 Susan J. Goldsworthy  
 Horace A. Hemenway  
 Margaret D. Hicks  
 Hockessin Monthly Meeting  
 Mary Hopkins  
 Steve & Ann Hutton  
 Charles E. Jackson  
 Emery Jones  
 Peggy & Pownall Jones  
 Charles Jones & Jill Cowperthwaite  
 Jones Brothers  
 Kendal Monthly Meeting  
 Kennett Square Inn  
 Paul & Bonnie Kerr  
 Jean Kirkaldie  
 Pat & Bill Kotkin  
 D. Gary & Jann Lamborn  
 James Lehr  
 Joanne Lewis

London Grove Monthly Meeting  
 Low-Rise Elevator Co., Inc.  
 Ann Lytle  
 Thomas & Brenda Macaluso  
 Robert & Janet Mancill  
 William & Ellen Marsden  
 Thomas & Ruth Marshall  
 Rebecca Matos  
 Margaret & James McCaskey  
 Mary Eliza McDaniel  
 Robert B. McKinstry  
 Kenneth J. Melchiorre  
 Doug & Pat Mooberry  
 William & Sara Moore  
 Alfred & Dorothea Morse  
 John & Anne Moss  
 Barbara M. Mounts  
 Mark & Anna Myers  
 New Garden Monthly Meeting  
 Larry & Hannah Parrish  
 Mary Porter

*Continued on page 5*

# Memorial and Honor Gifts

*Memorial and honor gifts may be made to Friends Home in Kennett at any time.  
An attractive card is sent to notify the honoree of your generosity.*

*Names of honorees are in bold type with names of donors listed under them.*

This is a list of memorial and honor gifts made to Friends Home in Kennett from March 14 to August 15, 2006. We strive for accuracy, but sometimes make errors. If you notice a mistake or omission, please contact Brenda Riehl at (610) 444-2577 or [briehl@kennett.net](mailto:briehl@kennett.net).

## Memorials

### **Edith Cauffman**

Betsy T. Turner

### **Marian & Barnard Darlington**

Karen D. Halstead

### **Virginia and Edward Darlington**

Karen D. Halstead

### **Harriet Eastburn**

Anne Lutz

### **Harold E. Groves**

George Hughes

Jennifer Joyner & Family

Jeanette & Charles Nigro

Pat & Bill Pierson

Jeff Pierson & Family

Ted, Peg & Ed Spahn

Victor, Colleen, Victoria &

Louise Zunino

### **Janet W. Heist**

Jack & Anne Waldron

### **Thelma Huber**

Carole Howell & Mildred Pfisterer

### **Estelle Leaf**

Anthony & Ann Caruso

### **Mary Lofland**

Richard C. & Sharon R. Baumbach

Paul & Susan Frederic

Margaret C. Graham

Elizabeth S. Ilsemann

Alan & Heather Lauder

Eleanor P. McKinstry

Helen Menges

William J. & Kathleen D. O'Donnell

### **Martha Lomax**

Alice R. Beltz

John and Kathy Bishop

Emily and Dave Broadfoot

Ruth Campbell

Margaret W. Empet

Ruth E. Evans

Rich & Janet Graham

Annie L. Hammond

### *Martha Lomax memorials, continued*

Eleanor W. Hawthorne

Graham O. Lomax

Ann Lytle

Elizabeth Musgrave

Larry & Hannah Parrish

Wills Passmore

Charles & Joanne Patton

C. Dilworth Pierson

Kathryn S. Pierson

Donald S. Pratt

Chip & Julia Smedley

Elva C. Stevens

Vivian Timmons

Bioresources Engineering Dept.,

University of Delaware

Alan T. Whiteman

Albert J. & Joan Zverina

### **Charlotte W. Maule**

Peter & Elizabeth J. Collins

### **Mary Regina McCaffrey**

Joan O'Mara

### **Don McKay**

Burton's Barber Shop

### **Marjorie Nugent**

Carol J. Murphy

### **Grace M. Turner**

Joseph & Kathyne Mitchell

### **Erna Weygandt**

Peter & Maria Weygandt

## Honoraria

### **Pete Bodine**

Anne Lutz

### **Charles Engel**

C. D. Rudershausern

### **Betty Rittenhouse**

Martha Jean Moffett

### **June Scheffler & Her Staff**

Anonymous

### **Joel Strawn**

Anonymous

John V. Postles *Continued from page 4*

Jeremiah W. Powell

William P. Powell

Carroll & June Pratt

Donald & Bertha Pratt

Richard & Nancy Pratt

Louise H. Price

Donald & Barbara Pusey

Philip & Dannelle Pusey

Frances R. Pyle

James Reamer & Michele Sullivan

Jeffrey Rickerman

Brenda J. Riehl

Christopher & Jane Sanger

Robert & Trish Scott

Wilber & Ann Scott

Jody & Chuck Shoemaker

Sue & Barry Sipes

Chip & Julia Smedley

Dr. L. Peter & Mrs. Susan Soraruf

Southern Chester County Durable

Medical Equipment

Scudder & Mary Claire Stevens

Allen & Barbara Stuppelbeen

Christine R. Taylor

Howard & Jean Tennent

Carl Trice

Nancy Truitt

Elisabeth Y. Walker

Katharine B. Way

Dorothy F. Wessel

West Grove Monthly Meeting

William T. Wickersham

Suzanne Williamson

Moyer & Elizabeth Wood

William & Abigail Wylie

C. James & Barbara Yeatman

Kathe & John Yerkes

## Did you know?

**The Friends Home in Kennett  
"family" includes:**

- 42 Assisted & Independent Living residents
- 17 Skilled Nursing residents
- 12 Board members
- 51 Full-time staff
- 29 Part-time staff
- 42 Volunteers

# Friends Home in Kennett

*Friends Boarding Home of Western Quarterly Meeting*

147 West State Street  
Kennett Square, PA 19348

[www.friendshomeinkennett.org](http://www.friendshomeinkennett.org)

address correction requested

Presorted  
First Class Mail  
U.S. Postage  
PAID  
Permit No. 147  
Kennett Square, PA

## Save the Date

for our

# Open House

Thursday, October 12<sup>th</sup>

11:00 am - 1:00 pm and

4:00 pm - 6:30 pm

### ***Mission Statement***



The Friends Home in Kennett is dedicated to providing quality care for the aging in a homelike atmosphere at a reasonable cost.

We encourage independence and respect the individuality and dignity of all in keeping with the concerns of the Society of Friends.