

## From Dan's Desk

Winter is still here, but we have had some sunny days to help lift our spirits. With the snow that we have had, and will probably still receive, it does make the landscape very beautiful. It also creates an opportunity to be outside and exercise even with snow, as one can walk the sidewalks on our campus that you don't even have to shovel yourself.

We are looking forward to spring and the warmer, nicer weather. When the weather is nicer would be a great opportunity to come visit us here at Greencroft Middlebury. We would be happy to show you the homes we have available for you to live in and be part of our great community. We hope to see you soon!

– Dan Wolfer, Community Manager



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A Senior Lifestyle Community

## First Fits Fine



Mary  
Ramundo  
was the  
very first  
resident at  
Greencroft  
Middlebury.

Moving from Illinois to Indiana may not seem like a long journey. From the Chicago area to Michiana is not a long distance. But it can be a different world and requires some adjustments along the way. Mary Ramundo knows that journey. She made it seven years ago to become the first resident of Greencroft Middlebury.

Mary, who turns 90 in March, was born and grew up in Melrose Park, Illinois, and raised a family and worked in the Chicago area all her life before moving to Greencroft Middlebury in 2004. Growing up she wanted to be a nurse. She studied at Wessington Springs College in South Dakota and finished nursing school at Franklin Boulevard Community Hospital (now Sacred Heart Hospital) in Chicago.

She married her husband Thomas shortly after that. She worked for Franklin Boulevard Hospital and then at Gottlieb Memorial Hospital, working between the births of their three sons. Mary worked as an emergency room nurse for 20 years. She also worked several summers as a camp nurse for a program for inner-city children.

Mary's husband Thomas passed away in 1995. He had been in the Navy, worked at International Harvester, operated a gas station and fuel business and was a warehouse manager. Their sons became a minister, a microbiologist and a business person; they live in Kansas, Michigan and Middlebury. There are six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

With her husband, Mary had looked at places for retirement but they had not made any decisions. When it became time to make a move she had to decide where. Her three youngest grandchildren were in Middlebury. Once when their parents were on a trip and Mary was looking after the grandchildren she saw an ad for Greencroft Middlebury and checked into it.

She and her husband had visited several retirement communities. "By comparison they didn't offer what was offered here," she says. "And I liked the idea it had a Christian background." She also liked not being in a real big building.

But there was a problem. No residences at Greencroft Middlebury were finished yet.

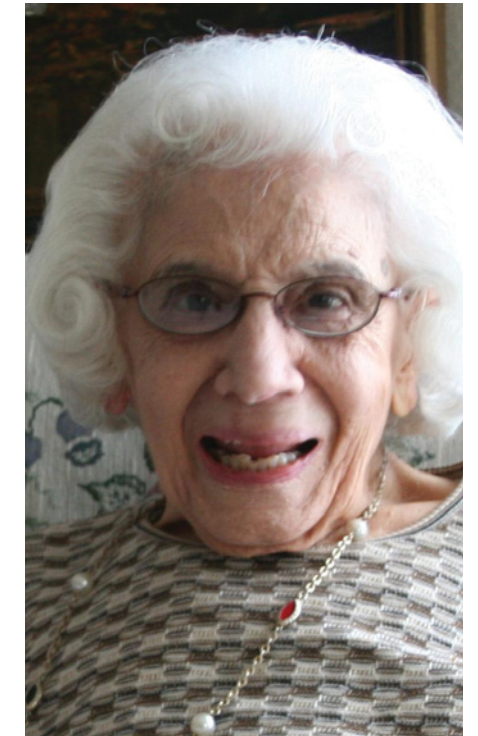
The first homes were being framed. She was able to walk through what is now her home as it was being constructed. She gave one of her daughters-in-law an idea of what the rooms would be like, and she in turn made little drawings of the rooms and Mary's furniture to show how it could be laid out. And, Mary says, "Everything just fit."

Mary had a period of time between leaving Illinois and moving into Greencroft Middlebury. "I told people I was a homeless person," she chuckles. "But I was always welcome at my sons' homes," and she visited each of them during that time.

### First!

Mary moved to Greencroft Middlebury in January 2004. It didn't feel strange to be the first resident. "After waiting so long I was

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Mary Ramundo, who turns 90 in March, moved to Greencroft Middlebury in 2004, becoming the first resident of the brand-new community.

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**What we do/mission** – In keeping with our Mennonite values and high standards of care, Greencroft Middlebury is committed to creating a dynamic community that embraces the creativity, contributions and challenges of aging for all.

**Who we are** – Greencroft Middlebury is a not-for-profit community for people age 55 and older. We are an affiliate of Greencroft Communities, Goshen, Ind. We offer independent living in duplex and fourplex homes of varying sizes. Residents have priority access to assisted living and healthcare services at any of our Indiana Campuses. The Middlebury Senior Center is located on this campus and is available to all area seniors.

**How to find us** – Our sales office is located in the model home at 507 Greencroft Parkway, Middlebury, telephone 574-825-6756. The Middlebury Senior Center number is 574-825-6785. Mailing address: 701 Windridge Drive, Middlebury, IN 46540. Entrance is from Wayne Street, east of Das Dutchman Essenhaus and Conference Center.



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## Thinking About a Move to Greencroft Middlebury?



*Interior photo of a Crystal Ridge home.*

Have you toured our beautiful campus or received information about our independent living homes? Perhaps you've been thinking about moving here for a while and are waiting for the right time. We have eight good reasons for you to consider a move!

Our currently available homes include two Farmhaus models, one Crystal Ridge, one Meadow, and four Dutchess homes (one with a basement). This adds up to eight good reasons to consider a move this year.

Once you move to Greencroft Middlebury, you will no longer have to worry about snow removal, yard work or even washing your exterior windows. We do that for you. Appliance breakdowns? We take care of that, too. All the hassles related to home maintenance and repairs are no longer a burden to you. In addition, the safety features in each home give you peace of mind that help will be there when needed.

Most importantly, Greencroft Middlebury is a continuing care living community. What does that mean? It means you have priority access to assisted living or skilled nursing care should it ever be needed. You can also access Greencroft at Home for in-home assistance including housekeeping, home companionship or just to run errands for you. What a wonderful feeling to know these services are available to you should

you ever need them.

We have two options for those interested in moving to one of our eight homes, a refundable entry free and non-refundable entry fee (see below).

Homes	Available sq. ft.	Refundable Entry Fee	Non-refundable Entry Fee
<b>Farmhaus</b>	1052	\$123,500	\$95,000
<b>Crystal Ridge</b>	1267	\$145,900	\$99,000
<b>Meadow</b>	1253	\$159,900	\$106,000
<b>Dutchess II</b>	1434	\$174,900	\$110,000
<b>Dutchess II w/basement</b>	1434+	\$184,900	\$120,000

Waiting for your house to sell? We have a plan for that, too. You can pay a portion of the entry fee and an additional rate added to your monthly service fee until your home sells. Once your home sells and you pay the outstanding entry fee balance, your monthly service fee is adjusted accordingly.

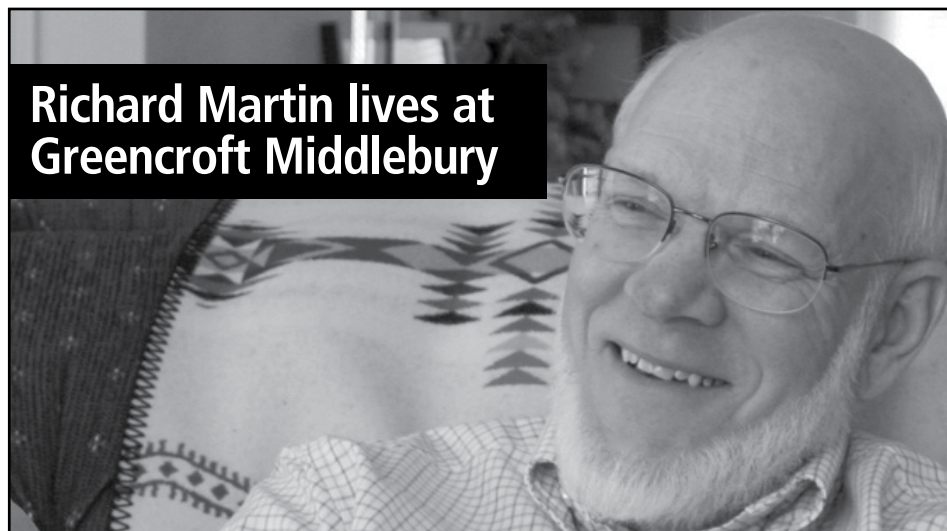
To appreciate all that Greencroft Middlebury has to offer; call our senior living consultant at 574-825-6756 for a personal visit. Once you are here, you can ask our residents how they like it here; they will be happy to tell you! Be sure to attend our March 14th Meet and Greet event at 6 p.m. to learn more! See the invitation on the next page for details.

## Tell Us Your Story!

Many people's lives have been touched by Greencroft Middlebury. How has your or a loved one's life been affected by the mission and services of Greencroft Middlebury?

These stories need to be told! Please help us share the stories of our communities by sending us your story or a note asking us to talk with you. Send it to Matthew Lentsch at the Greencroft Communities Foundation, PO Box 819, Goshen, IN 46527-0819 or by e-mail to [matthewl@greencroft.org](mailto:matthewl@greencroft.org).

## Richard Martin lives at Greencroft Middlebury



### Please join the residents of Greencroft Middlebury for a Mid-Winter "Meet and Greet"

Our residents will tell you why they enjoy living at Greencroft Middlebury. Share some refreshments and attend a free presentation about our continuing care living community.

Monday, March 14 at 6 p.m.  
No charge to attend. Please RSVP to 574-825-6785

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ready!" Mary exclaims. And new neighbors moved into other residences shortly after. Because hers was the first one completed it also served as the model home for awhile.

The moving process went pretty well for Mary. Her sister and husband and church friends helped her prepare to move. Downsizing was not a big problem. "I knew I had to move," she says. "I knew I had to do something." She gave her piano to a granddaughter who has used it well.

Another change was church. Because there is not a Free Methodist church in town Mary attends Middlebury Church of the Brethren.

Her advice to others looking at retirement communities is first to "be oriented to what goes on at the community." Mary appreciates the many activities at Greencroft Middlebury. Second, "Know what kind of local community it is." Mary says people in Indiana are friendly and treat you with respect. And third, she advises to "Make sure it's the environment you want." Only one person can be the first resident, but everyone should find an active, friendly community to call home.

## A Wonderful, Worry-free Winter

There are no winter worries here! What a pleasure it is to live in Greencroft Middlebury. After a snowfall, the roads are always plowed and the walkways are shoveled right up to the front door threshold. There's no need for a snow blower or shovel. Just stay indoors and curl up with your favorite book or immerse yourself in your favorite hobby.

An array of beautiful homes to meet every budget is available in the serene Greencroft Middlebury Community. Floor plans range in size from 1052 square feet to 1606 square feet and are maintenance free.

Visit [www.greencroft.org](http://www.greencroft.org) for a virtual tour. Call 574-825-6785 for more information or to schedule a visit. Or just stop by and take a look. You'll be glad you did!