Staying Active Is Rewarding
-Just ask Hamilton Grove residents Richard and Mary Wynder

Richard and Mary Wynder are residents of Hamilton Grove in New Carlisle, Ind., and were awarded the “Excellence in Volunteering — Resident” award for 2009 from the Indiana Association of Homes and Services for the Aging (IAHSA).

Mary and Richard prove that retired people are active. They helped organize the annual fall craft fair and coordinated watercolor classes. The couple regularly hosts campus neighbors, while grilling up hot dogs, hamburgers and more.

Chris Delater, vice president for Chicago Trail Village at Hamilton Grove, notes that, “They have become very popular with their cooking talents. They serve breakfast in the community building two times per week — taking orders restaurant style, and cooking to each one’s specific request; from biscuits and gravy to pancakes, and eggs ordered to each individual liking!”

Money from their efforts has been collected in a resident fund, and they received enough to furnish sit-down Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners to all the residents in the apartments at no cost. Richard also helps the maintenance crew with mowing lawns and doing repairs, while Mary keeps busy with crafts and donating painted gourds for prizes at resident events.

Congratulations to the Wynders on their IAHSA award!

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN FREEING UP YOUR LIFE TO DO THE THINGS YOU’VE ALWAYS WANTED, LIKE VOLUNTEER? WOULDN’T IT BE NICE TO SAY “NO” TO MAINTENANCE AND YARD WORK AND “YES” TO CAREFREE LIVING? HAMILTON GROVE HAS THREE INDEPENDENT LIVING VILLAS AVAILABLE. TO FIND OUT MORE, CALL CHRIS DELATER AT 574-654-2301.
Live Well

You may be familiar with the "Livestrong" motto of the Lance Armstrong Foundation, set up to encourage and empower people affected by cancer. Its Manifesto includes the line, “We believe that unity is strength, knowledge is power and attitude is everything.”

We at Greencroft Communities and each of our communities believe much the same thing about retirement. It is not a time to just sit still and watch the world go by. It is the most wonderful time to become engaged — in the activities you’ve always loved, in those things you never had the time or opportunity to try and to be involved in the things about which you have a passion. Retirement is not a time to “do nothing.” This is a time to be inspired and creative, to be active! Life does not end at retirement. This is a time to live well.

People live well at our communities. Sometimes they continue with the same activities in which they were involved before moving here. Sometimes they try out new dreams. Many of them volunteer on-campus and off-campus. We could fill many pages with the things our residents do outside of residing here. Their lives are not confined or defined by the walls of their villa or apartment. They experience much themselves and also continue to give to others. They do indeed live well.

As you consider the possibilities for life after your work career is over, take a look at our communities. These Continuing Care Retirement Communities (CCRC) — or as we think of them, Continuing Care Living Communities — provide a full range of living options, from independent living to assisted living to skilled nursing care. The level of care you need is available.

WE HOPE THE STORIES ON THESE PAGES WILL INSPIRE YOU TO LIVE ACTIVELY. ATTITUDE IS EVERYTHING. LIVE WELL!

DREAMS COME TRUE

Greencroft Goshen’s Dream program a reality for Shirley Hoover, resident of Greencroft Goshen.

Every year dreams come true for residents of Greencroft Goshen. The “Dream” program provides residents the opportunity to realize a dream they have wanted to do but have not been able to accomplish. The Dream program began in 2005.

Shirley Hoover attended a NASCAR race with her son in June 2009 at the Michigan International Speedway. She also had a pit pass so she could wander around in the pit. Shirley’s favorite driver is Ryan Newman. Though she didn’t get to meet him she did meet a member of his crew. Shirley had a wonderful time and was interviewed by a local South Bend television station prior to the event and after the race.

2010 Dream Winners Announced!

Greencroft Goshen Dream winners have been announced and here is what they will be doing during 2010. The fulfillment of these dreams is possible due to the generosity of the community, Greencroft Goshen administration and a number of Greencroft Goshen employees.

Cora Asken
Guitar lessons

Sharon Babine
South Shore ride to Millennium Station for a day in Chicago

Carlyle Frederick
A professional recording of vocal solos

Elbert Groves
Local behind-the-scenes financial tour

Leroy Helmuth
Open cockpit plane ride

Rosie Hersherger & Sue Rock
Hot air balloon ride

Betty Kaufman
Write her own biography and create the book of her stories as a foster child

Jean Moyer
Five hours of computer assistance and purchasing recommendations for laptop

Naomi Patton
Tour and visit of WSBT television stations and lunch in South Bend, Ind.

Sarah Roeder
Round-trip plane ticket to San Antonio to attend granddaughter’s wedding in July 2010

Audrey L. Yoder
Visit to Fort Wayne Zoo in Fort Wayne, Ind.

Suggestions? Requests? On/off the mailing list? E-mail us at info@greencroft.org.
Greencroft Communities and each of our affiliated communities experienced another good fiscal year, provided through careful board direction, strong management leadership and excellent work of staff at our communities. We provided significant training to our staff, improved our facilities and services, are treading through a difficult economic situation and continue to work at meeting the needs of current and future seniors.

Greencroft Communities and its affiliated communities are operated as non-profit corporations. These corporations are designated by the Internal Revenue Service as 501(c)3 organizations. With this designation, they are expected to provide no private inurement, or insider benefit, to any individuals.

A non-profit provides a “benefit to the community in which it serves.” In this way a non-profit corporation is different from a for-profit corporation, whose main purpose is to provide a profit to its owners. Both types of businesses are key economic engines for a community. Each has a valuable purpose and role in the community.

At the national level there is a debate about the value of non-profit versus for-profit healthcare providers. We believe there is room for both, and that each type of organization adds value to a community. For-profit healthcare providers are often, though not always, the early innovators. They are effective and efficient business owners. Non-profit healthcare providers push the quality of care for a community and strive to elevate the care to higher levels in a community. They look to enhance the quality of life for clients and employees.

Each year Greencroft Communities and its affiliates strive to be good neighbors in the communities where we serve. We have a long history of adding value to our residents, to seniors living outside of our communities and to the broader communities we serve. We strive to improve the quality of care by celebrating the lives of the seniors living in our communities, working with them to ensure they have opportunities to live life out to the fullest and to work together to address the challenges of aging. We do this without regard to a person’s economic means.

This year our boards have been intentional about defining “community benefit.” These are among the components of what we call community benefit:

• Charitable care includes free or reduced-cost services and care to indigent seniors not reimbursed by other sources.
• Free or reduced-cost services are when a resident/client is not able to pay for the full cost of the services provided. Areas include services offered in our affordable housing, assisted living, adult day programs, healthcare, independent living areas and Senior Centers.
• Care to indigent not reimbursed by other sources are services where our communities provide care when we do not receive full reimbursement from the impoverished resident/client because they do not have the financial means to pay for the services they receive.

Other community benefit areas identified by our boards include:

• Unreimbursed services from third party payers, for example Medicare and other private insurance.
• Rent savings residents experience from living in HUD housing provided by our affiliates. These residents would have to pay more out in the community to receive the quality of senior housing provided at our communities. This savings allows them the dignity to be able to pay for living expenses for the remainder of their life because of our partnership with them and the Federal housing program they are eligible to use.

The Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) reports that there are significant differences between for-profit and non-profit, long-term care providers. CMS notes that non-profits provide significantly more staffing and medical insurance coverage than their for-profit counterparts. CMS reports that:

• Non-profits provide 20 percent more CNAs, LPNs and RNs on staff to provide services.
• Non-profits provide medical insurance for twice as many employees.
• Non-profits also typically pay a higher portion of the cost of employee health insurance.

In addition, Greencroft Communities provides community benefits in the form of:

• The cost of chaplaincy and counseling services.
• The value of volunteer time that residents provide off our campuses as they are involved in a wide range of activities in the wider community.
• Events at our campuses that are open to the entire community, such as health and wellness fairs, seminars, concerts, etc.
• Donations made to other non-profit organizations in our local communities.
• Contributions made to governmental or other agencies.

Together, these areas demonstrate the kinds, quantity and quality of benefits that Greencroft Communities and our affiliates provide to our residents, other seniors in our local communities and to the broader communities in which we are located. This is an inherent and important part of our mission as a non-profit organization.

Sincerely,

Mark T. King  Dale Weaver
President/CEO  Chair, Board of Directors
Greencroft Communities  Greencroft Communities

Mark T. King (left), President and CEO of Greencroft Communities, and Dale Weaver (right), Chair of the board of directors at Greencroft Communities.
Southfield Village
South Bend, Indiana
Southfield Village is constructing new independent living villas. Tours of the new model home, as well as pricing and floor plan information, are now available. There are also specials for new move-ins to assisted living. Call Southfield Village at 574-231-1000.

Oak Grove Christian Retirement Village
DeMotte, Indiana
Oak Grove is a place where genuine loving Christian care is given to the senior citizens who reside there and to all people who enter our doors. Let Lynn Ooms assist you in your planning; call her at 219-987-7005.

Greencroft Middlebury
Middlebury, Indiana
Call or drop in at the model home to see how your dream for an engaging, resident-focused, secure community can come true. Call Lori Vanslager for an appointment or for more information at 574-825-6756.

Walnut Hills
Walnut Creek, Ohio
Nestled in the rolling Ohio countryside, Walnut Hills provides a range of independent living, assisted living and healthcare options, in addition to the Memory Support Household providing assisted living care for individuals with Alzheimer’s or related dementia. For a visit or more information call Betty Miller at 330-893-3200.

Hamilton Grove
New Carlisle, Indiana
A full service Continuing Care Retirement Community, Hamilton Grove offers housing options from independent living villas to assisted living to healthcare in a country setting. To learn more or to tour the campus call 574-654-2200.

Greencroft Goshen
Goshen, Indiana
The Goshen campus offers the full range of living possibilities, with a variety of independent options to assisted living apartments to skilled nursing care, as well as adult day services at the Thelma A. Schrock Homestead. To learn more or to tour the campus call 574-574-4010.

Greencroft at Home
Whether it’s maintenance, housekeeping, home companion services or yard work, Greencroft at Home has a capable staff that is ready to help persons throughout Elkhart County, Ind. Hourly charges range from $17 to $20, depending on the service. You can continue to stay at home while still benefitting from Greencroft’s high reputation for care and service. Call 574-537-4006 for a free initial consultation.

Making Service a Habit
Greencroft Middlebury resident Dana Snider has made a habit out of service. In the 1950s he worked at White’s Institute (now White’s Residential & Family Services), a social service agency in Wabash, Ind., focusing on children and families. There he discovered that he liked to work with teenagers, which led to a career as a teacher and guidance counselor with Middlebury Community Schools.

At his church he is involved with Stephen Ministries, a system for training and organizing lay people to provide one-to-one Christian care to people in and around one’s congregation.

And he has also been actively involved with the Church of the Brethren’s Disaster Ministries and Habitat for Humanity. He has gone to numerous disaster recovery sites. “As long as I’m capable and have interest, I feel I should respond,” he says.

He has been to Minnesota, Florida, Texas, Georgia, Kentucky, Alabama, Louisiana and Mississippi, as well as sites in Indiana, including clean-up from Tippecanoe River flooding in Winamac and flood recovery work in Hammond.

Dana, a resident at Greencroft Middlebury with his wife, Nelda, feels it is important as one gets older to stay active. He advises to, “Find something for which you have a passion.”

GREAT NEWS! GREENCROFT MIDDLEBURY CURRENTLY HAS FOUR PREVIOUSLY OCCUPIED HOMES READY AND WAITING FOR YOU. CONSIDERING A MOVE? GIVE US A CALL FOR A FREE TOUR AT 574-825-6756, AND BE SURE TO SAY HI TO DANA SNIDER WHILE YOU ARE THERE.

Dana Snider (second from left) poses with the volunteer team in southwest Mississippi while on a trip with the Church of the Brethren’s Disaster Network. They were repairing a mobile home that was damaged by Hurricane Katrina.

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT ANY OF THESE COMMUNITIES VISIT US ONLINE AT WWW.GREENCRoFt.oRG.