



Giving

Volume 19, Issue 1 - Spring 2025

Giving is published regularly for donors and friends of the Greencroft Communities Foundation. Printed in the USA. Copyright ©2025 by Greencroft Communities Foundation

Editor: Nancy Miller

Contributors: Abbe Buller, Suzette Davis, Todd Yoder Photography: Daniel Renko

Our Mission

Greencroft Communities Foundation is committed to creating a passion for our communities and inspiring generosity.

Greencroft Communities Foundation includes:

Golden Years Homestead Foundation, Fort Wayne, IN Great Lakes Christian Home Foundation, Holt, MI Greencroft Middlebury Foundation, Middlebury, IN Greencroft Goshen Foundation, Goshen, IN Hamilton Grove Foundation, New Carlisle, IN Oak Grove Foundation, DeMotte, IN Southfield Village Foundation, South Bend, IN The Windsor of Savoy Foundation, Savoy, IL

Greencroft Communities Foundation

Walnut Hills Foundation, Walnut Creek, OH

Board of Directors: Mollie Kieffer, chair

Ken Hochstetler

Angie Eggering

Kate Steury

Susan Weybright

Nancy Hawkins Jim Henning

Jonathan Wieand

Suggestions? Requests?

Email us at foundation@greencroft.org

Follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn to stay up to date on events and news!



GREENCROFT.ORG







Welcome to freencroft!



With a big smile and a friendly dose of southern charm, Hugh Davis greeted me with those words in October on my first day at the Greencroft Communities offices.

I was thrilled to be joining this organization that had meant so much

to our family and to nearly everyone I know. In the months before I started, everyone had the same sentiment when they learned about my new position: love for Greencroft! I heard about the warm care their mother, sister, or grandpa had received and how their families were extremely grateful to know that Greencroft was there as a trusted, valued, and caring part of the family. I was overwhelmed with all the glowing affirmation!

I began to see more of that when I was introduced to the leadership team. I am super impressed with the commitment, body of knowledge, talent, and genuine goodness of soul each of my colleagues brings to this sacred calling. As I've met team members across all Greencroft communities, it was clear that these qualities of character are embodied by all. I've landed in a great place!

In this edition of Giving magazine, you will be introduced to the Foundation Team, a group dedicated to one goal: enhancing the lives of Greencroft Communities residents through encouraging philanthropy and stewarding gifts to the Foundation. I am so pleased to be part of this joyful and thoughtful group! I am also proud of the work we are doing together and how we are gaining ground on the transformational tasks before us.

Engaging with residents about the things they care about and how Greencroft is part of their own legacy has been truly special and rewarding. As you get to know me, you will understand just how transformative this work has been in my own life. God is good!

The Foundation Team is looking forward to meeting residents and community friends and supporters throughout all Greencroft Communities.

I hope to see you soon!

Todd Yoder

Vice President of Development Greencroft Retirement Communities

President

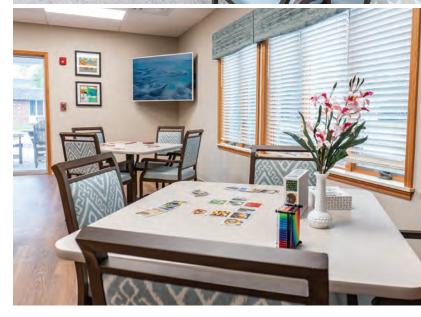
Greencroft Communities Foundation

TABLE OF CONTENTS

Vice President's Message2
Homestead Makeover3
Meet the Greencroft Communities Foundation Team
Supporting the Future of Nursing
Schrock Family Legacy Funding the Future of Dementia Care 8
When Harold met Thelma10
Swing into Action with Greencroft
Gold Leaf Legacy Society Transforms Lives
Gold Leaf Legacy Society
Plan Your Giving for a Bigger Impact 14
Foundation Donors
Honor/Memorial Contributors
Bontrager Ridge Assisted Living Dedication







The Thelma A. Schrock Homestead got a makeover! The living room is pictured on the cover. Above (from top) are the library, entryway, and dining room. The dining room opens to the kitchen and outdoor patio. Read more about the Schrock family gift to Greencroft on page 8.

CARRYING ON A TRADITION OF SERVICE Meet the Greencroft Communities

Foundation *team*

On an overcast day the first week of May, Abbe Buller cruised around the Greencroft Goshen campus in a tricked-out golf cart, with green fringe waving like bangs and orange and purple leis dangling from the canopy. It was Foundation Fun Week on the Guber, and Abbe took the first shift.

It was her dream, after all, for the Greencroft Communities Foundation team to drive the Guber all week.



The Guber, aka the Greencroft Uber, is a golfcart taxi service, shuttling residents from one location on the campus to another, or across the street to the grocery store, bank, or medical offices. The Guber is streetlegal, meaning it's licensed for off-campus driving on neighboring city streets.

What better way to get to know residents than to drive them around campus, Abbe told her boss, Todd Yoder. One of the team's objectives was to promote the work of the Foundation among residents and community friends.

Abbe, the newest member of the team, had been on staff for only five months, filling a newly created position, Fundraising and Donor Services Manager.

She joined Nancy Miller, Fundraising and Donor Stewardship Manager, and Gene Yoder, Director of Donor Relations. The three report to Todd Yoder, President of the Foundation; or, as Gene calls him, "Boss Man."

Todd had been on staff for two months longer than Abbe. He, too, filled a newly created position, Vice President of Development for Greencroft Communities.

Nancy and Gene are the Foundation veterans, with four years and 30 years of tenure, respectively.

To clarify, Gene has been on the Foundation staff for only one year. He retired from Greencroft in 2004 after serving as the CEO for 23 years. He had been hired in 1974 as a manager tasked with converting an Elkhart hotel into senior living apartments. His promotion to CEO came in 1981.

The Retired CEO

Gene and his wife, Fern, live in Magnolia Court on the Goshen campus. He serves on the Greencroft Goshen Board of Directors and the Greencroft Goshen Resident Advisory Council, better known as GGRAC.

As a board member and former CEO, Gene worried the Foundation had been doing its good work so far behind the scenes that not enough people knew what it was or who was doing the work. He came out of retirement in May of 2024 to become a part-time ambassador of sorts, connecting Foundation staff with his neighbors on campus.

In his first year on the job, he introduced the Foundation staff to almost all of the Greencroft Goshen resident groups. The casual presentations occur in conference rooms, chapels, game rooms, outdoor picnic areas, and once in a resident apartment.

Each of the four team members tells a little about themselves and the work they do for the Foundation.

Gene shares the history and mission of the Foundation. Nancy talks about the ministry of benevolence. Abbe promotes events and the Resident Dreams program, a new undertaking for the Foundation. Todd explains how a foundation operates and how the Greencroft Communities Foundation oversees fundraising for all nine Greencroft affiliates. He touches on the importance of aspirational and legacy gifts and answers questions at the end.

"I just love this place," Gene says when it's his turn with the microphone. "Taking care of our people, taking care of each other; that's what the Greencroft Communities Foundation is all about."

The Writer

Nancy joined the Foundation staff in August 2021. Even though her last name is Miller, she is not from Elkhart County. Nancy grew up in Vero Beach, Florida. Bored

with only one season year-round, she headed north for college, graduating from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1982 with a degree in English. She lived in that state for about 10 years before moving to Elkhart.

Nancy got to know the nonprofit agencies in Elkhart County while writing their stories for *The Elkhart Truth* newspaper. It was a natural transition for her to jump out of the newsroom and into nonprofit communications and fundraising for the second half of her career.

Before landing at Greencroft, she worked for ADEC and Big Brothers Big Sisters in Elkhart County, and LOGAN in St. Joseph County.

Nancy and her husband, Jim, live in Elkhart with a German shepherd named Sweetness and a dog of questionable pedigree named Bonzo. Their blended family includes three adult children and five brilliant grandchildren.

"Working at Greencroft is a calling, and I know God directed my path here," she tells residents.

The Connector

Todd grew up in West Liberty, Ohio. As his name suggests, he grew up in the Mennonite church, with Amish roots in Nappanee.

He graduated from Goshen College in 1984 with a degree in biology and secondary education. He married his college sweetheart, Kathleen Schertz, and moved with her to Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, in 1986.

When Hugh Davis began his tenure as Greencroft's new CEO in February of 2024, he realized someone was missing on his executive team. He did not have a Vice President of Development to lead the Foundation.

Hugh and his wife Suzette met Todd and Kathleen through mutual friends at the Yoders' Super Bowl party. They became friends, and Hugh soon realized Todd would be a great fit at Greencroft. After several conversations, Todd agreed.

Todd's mother, Rebecca Sommers, and his in-laws, Ron and Leanne Schertz, all live on the campus of Greencroft Goshen, so he was a regular visitor here long before accepting the job.

In his college years, he and Kathleen would visit her grandmother, Lena Frick, who lived on the Goshen campus. Todd enjoys sharing Lena's story when he speaks to resident groups.

"She turned 65, retired, and moved to Greencroft all on the same day," he shares. "She lived on this campus for 35 years, moving through the levels of care until she died in Healthcare at the age of 100."

The experience which carved a place in his heart for Greencroft was the "sending ceremony" for Lena before she died.

"Everyone knew her—staff, administrators, and residents; and they all came by to pay their respects," he remembers. "That's when I realized, Greencroft is not just a place, it's a family."

Taking care of our people, taking care of each other; that's what the Greencroft Communities

Foundation is all about.

Todd worked for 25 years in sales and sales management in Pennsylvania and Georgia before returning to Goshen in 2012 to join the advancement team at Goshen College, serving most recently as Vice President for Advancement. "I have always enjoyed my work, but the invitation to engage with individuals and families as they consider their philanthropic priorities and legacies has been the most joyful and fulfilling part of my career. I am grateful that my path has brought me to this sacred calling at Greencroft."

He and Kathleen live in Goshen. They have two adult daughters, two sons-in-law, one adorable grandson, and a grand dog, Finley.



The Foundation Team (from left):
Gene Yoder, Abbe Buller, Todd Yoder, Nancy Miller.



Abbe Buller and the Guber.

The Dream Maker

Besides driving golf carts, Abbe loves planning events and fulfilling dreams. At a previous job, she was nicknamed Fairy Godmother because one of her tasks was granting wishes for children.

Abbe grew up in a small town, Pioneer, Ohio, graduating from Bluffton University in 2000 with a degree in business administration. She and her husband. Patrick. lived in Seattle before moving to Goshen in 2011.

They live with two exceptional children, ages 10 and 12, and a clever cat named Storm.

Abbe came to Greencroft from Bethany Christian Schools where she worked as an Advancement Associate for five years. Prior to that, she served as an administrative assistant to the board of directors for Michiana MEDA. In that role, she worked with Kathleen Yoder, Todd's wife.

When Todd told Kathleen about the job opening on his team, she told him he should talk to Abbe. He did, and as usual, his wife had been right.

Abbe recalls, "After learning more about the Greencroft Communities Foundation, it became clear that the values of joyful stewardship, service, and benevolence were things I could really get behind.

"It's been a joy to support the work of the foundation and the mission of Greencroft Communities these last five months!"

The Guber

The team provided 17 rides during their week on the Guber, more than most rides recorded in a given month by the transportation department. Four board members from the Greencroft Communities Foundation each took a shift as co-pilot.

The experience was so much fun for riders and drivers, it will be repeated next year.

For more information about the Foundation or to schedule a team presentation, contact Abbe Buller at 574.537.4066.



Ken Hochstetler, a Foundation board member, co-piloted the Guber with Gene Yoder. One of their passengers was Ken's mother, Arie.

Supporting the Future of nursing

Greencroft Goshen and the Greencroft Communities Foundation have partnered with Goshen College to invest in the next generation of healthcare professionals. Their financial support helped create the largest classroom in the college's new Center for Nursing and Public Health, unveiled during a public open house and ribbon-cutting ceremony on May 7. The new 18,000-square-foot facility includes classrooms, exam rooms, labs, offices, and study areas designed to prepare students for impactful careers in nursing and public health.

Hugh Davis, president and CEO of Greencroft and a former nurse, emphasized the importance of the collaboration.

"One of the greatest public health challenges we face is the aging of America," he said. "Having a top-tier nursing and public health program next door benefits both Greencroft and the students, who gain firsthand experience in geriatric care."

Greencroft's commitment to nursing education also extends through the Gene E. Yoder Legacy of Learning Scholarship Fund, established in 2003 in honor of longtime CEO Gene Yoder, who retired in 2004. Each year, the Foundation awards scholarships to senior nursing students at Goshen College, encouraging them to pursue careers in long-term and geriatric care.

Having a top-tier nursing and public health program next door benefits both Greencroft and the students, who gain firsthand experience in geriatric care.



Visitors to the Open House at the new Center for Nursing and Public Health at Goshen College check out the Greencroft Classroom.

(Photo provided by Goshen College Communications and Marketing Office)

2024 Greencroft Scholars

In the fall of 2024, the Greencroft Communities Foundation awarded each of four Goshen College senior nursing students a \$2,200 scholarship from the Gene E. Yoder Legacy of Learning Scholarship Fund. The four recipients (from left): Yesenia Hernandez-Agustin, Laura Shoemaker, Jasmine Medina, and Sofia Vasquez—graduated from Goshen College in May 2025.

(Photo provided)



A DONOR PROFILE

SCHROCK FAMILY LEGACY

Three decades. Three generations. More than \$3 million donated.

Funding the Future of dementia care

By Nancy Miller



Peter Barrett

When Thelma Schrock was diagnosed with Alzheimer's in the late 1980s, her husband, Harold, began a campaign of generosity to ensure everyone had access to dementia care. Three decades and three generations later, the fundraising he inspired continues with more than \$3 million donated in Thelma's name.

The campaign started small with a golf fundraiser in 1991—the very first Thelma A. Schrock Golf Benefit. Harold's children and grandchildren got involved, recruiting friends, family, and business associates to support the cause. Funds raised in those early years supported the Goshen Area Adult Day Care Center at Goshen City Church of the Brethren.

After Thelma died in January of 1995, Harold endowed a fund at Greencroft Goshen to create the Thelma A. Schrock Homestead Adult Day Center, which merged with the church program.

Harold shared his vision for the facility with Gene Yoder, a fellow Goshen Rotarian who was the Greencroft CEO at the time. Harold wanted the Homestead to feel like a home, with a large kitchen, dining area, living room, and library.

"The purpose was to provide an opportunity for families to bring a loved one for several hours or for the entire day," remembered Gene.

The Thelma A. Schrock Homestead opened in early 1995, as part of an expansion plan for Greencroft Goshen Healthcare.

"An adult day care was a new concept for the Goshen community," Gene said. "At first, most participants came from the independent living apartments at Greencroft. But soon, people started coming from the greater community."

Chris Graff, a grandson of Thelma and Harold, served on the boards for both the church-based program and the Greencroft Goshen Foundation. He was instrumental in bringing the two together.

"It was really a great transition to see Greencroft take this over, and serve a lot more people in a lot better way than we were able to in the basement of the church," he recalled.

Golfing for a cause

By then, the golf benefit had become an annual event, raising enough money to subsidize the day program. Homestead participants paid a daily fee based on a sliding scale and their ability to pay. The Greencroft Goshen Foundation provided financial aid for anyone who could not afford the fees.

Chris chaired the golf planning committee for about a dozen years before moving out of state and turning the leadership over to his cousin, Peter Barrett.

Under the direction of Peter and Chris and a dedicated committee of friends and business associates, the golf event grew from a social outing into a highly successful fundraiser.

"I remember when we hit a million dollars cumulatively," said Chris. That was in 2008. "We really pushed the envelope on the amount of money we were asking for. We were probably pretty brash and aggressive asking people for a lot more money than they were used to donating."

The appeal worked because the family led by example, supporting the golf event as the presenting sponsors each year. Harold and Thelma's son, H. Douglas Schrock, and their three daughters, Susan Graff, Sara Barrett, and Cinda McKinney, all contributed generously.

So did the family business, Smoker Craft. A nephew, Rick Hetler, joined the committee and brought his own company, Indiana Wood Products, in as a sponsor.

Harold died in 2012, but the movement he started in his late wife's name continues.

To date, the Thelma A. Schrock Homestead Golf Benefit has raised a cumulative total of \$3.8 million. Peter hopes to top \$4 million with this year's 35th annual event on September 8.

Sadly, Harold and Thelma's three daughters developed Alzheimer's in their senior years. Cinda died in 2023. Susan and Sara, mothers to Chris and Peter, require daily care.

"The impact hits home for people," Peter said. "Almost every family has somebody dealing with dementia, and the toll is not only on the loved one struggling, but also the caregiver. That's why the Homestead is so vital. It provides care for the whole family by giving the caregiver a much-needed break, a respite."

From one Homestead to another

In June, Greencroft Goshen completed a major renovation project, moving the Homestead into a new wing of the Healthcare building. The modern design

stays true to Harold's vision of a homelike setting, with an airy kitchen, a dining room open to a spacious outdoor patio, a living room with a fireplace, and a library furnished with recliners for quiet afternoons.

A covered portico at the entrance to the Homestead gives caregivers a more convenient and accessible location for drop-offs and pick-ups.

Money from the golf event paid for the upgrades.

Peter and the golf committee got a first look at the new space in May.

One decorative touch stood out. Workers had hung a 4-ft cast-iron filigree letter "S" on the living room wall.

Peter smiled when he saw it.

The "S" had hung on the exterior of Thelma and Harold's home in Goshen.

Hugh Davis, the new CEO for Greencroft Communities, had purchased the house, not realizing its history. Hugh and his wife, Suzette, were renovating and didn't know what to do with the "S."

After meeting Peter at the 2024 golf event and learning his connection to their house, they knew exactly where the "S" needed to go.

They moved it from one homestead to another.



Harold and Thelma Schrock with their children and grandchildren in front of their Goshen home in 1984.

When Harold Met Thelma

Thelma Hochstetler met Harold Schrock at Goshen College. She was a Mennonite who grew up in Middlebury. He was a Lutheran and a lifelong Goshen resident. They married on Sept. 3, 1938, a year after his college graduation.

Entrepreneurship ran in Harold's family. His father, Arthur Schrock, founded the Star Tank Company in 1903, the forerunner to the Starcraft Corporation. Harold owned and operated Starcraft until the late 1960s. He re-entered the boat business in later years by buying Smoker Craft and Sylvan Marine in the 1970s and Starcraft in the 1990s. The three companies were merged together in 2006. His other business ventures included Goshen Sash and Door, Earthway Products Inc., Ivy Terrace, and Goshen Iron and Metal.

Harold and Thelma were active in the Goshen community, serving on several boards and donating to many local organizations. They were charter members of both Maplecrest and Elcona country clubs.

Thelma's 16-year struggle with Alzheimer's prompted Harold to donate funds to endow an adult day services center at Greencroft Goshen. She died at Greencroft Goshen Healthcare on Jan. 28, 1985. Harold died May 12, 2012, at the age of 97.

"When my grandfather needed a place for my grandmother to go during the day to get a break from caregiving, he worked with officials at Greencroft Goshen and the Goshen City Church of the Brethren to start an adult day services program," said grandson Peter Barrett.

"My grandfather saw a need in the community for such a service and gave many hours of his time and money to start what is now called the Thelma A. Schrock Homestead at Greencroft Goshen."

The inscription on a plaque hanging in the Homestead details the couple's generosity:



Throughout their lifetimes, Harold and Thelma A. Schrock have exemplified philanthropic leadership by making significant contributions to institutions and organizations within the Goshen Community. Following Thelma's death, Harold made another such gift in her memory to underwrite the Homestead Day Activity Program.

In memory of Thelma A. Schrock and in appreciation of the philanthropic support of the Schrock family, this innovative and award-winning facility was officially dedicated and named The Thelma A. Schrock Homestead on May 5, 1996.

Swing into action with Greencroft!



What's better than spending a day on the golf course?

Doing it in support of individuals living with memory loss—and the families who love them.

Join us for the 35th Annual Thelma A. Schrock Homestead Golf Benefit on September 8 at Elcona Country Club. This popular event raises crucial funds for the Thelma A. Schrock Homestead, an adult day program on the campus of Greencroft Goshen, where compassion, dignity, and care come together.

For 35 years, proceeds from the Golf Benefit have driven innovation, expanded access, and provided financial assistance for families who otherwise couldn't afford care. This year is especially meaningful as we celebrate the completion of a transformative renovation enhancing accessibility and creating an even more welcoming, comfortable environment for all who walk through our doors.

As one family caregiver shared:

The Homestead is truly one of the most significant services Greencroft provides.

Call the Greencroft Community Foundation at 574-537-4708, email foundation@greencroft.org, or scan the QR code to see how you can be part of this impactful event.

Your support is more than appreciated—it's powerful.





Peter Barrett and golfers with the Smoker Craft teams pose for a photo at the 34th Annual Thelma A. Schrock Homestead Golf Benefit.

Greencroft's Gold Leaf Legacy Society

transforms lives

By Suzette Davis



Suzette Davis is Managing Director for MHS Consulting. Her husband, Hugh, is the CEO of Greencroft.

At Greencroft Communities, compassion and community are more than values—they are a way of life. For over six decades, our mission has been carried forward by individuals whose generosity has created a lasting impact on our residents. As we relaunch the Gold Leaf Legacy Society Appreciation Event, we are reminded that the heart of our mission beats strongest through the

generosity of those who envision a future where every resident lives with security, dignity and grace.

Gene Yoder, former CEO and a current Greencroft resident, recalls how his passion for Greencroft's mission led him to include the Foundation in his estate plans. "It's part of who we have been and who we continue to be," Gene shares. "The commitment to serve all older adults, regardless of their financial ability, is in Greencroft's DNA."



Fern and Gene Yoder



Del and Lou Ann Good

It is this deep-rooted belief that continues to inspire many others, like Lou Ann Good and her husband, Del, who together committed a portion of their estate to Greencroft. Having worked for Greencroft for many years, LuAnn understood firsthand how crucial benevolent care funds are to ensuring no resident ever has to leave their home due to financial hardship.

The collective generosity of Gold Leaf members has already made transformational differences: maintaining benevolent care, supporting housing for those with limited means, and nurturing a community where faith, service, and love flourish. Legacy gifts provide a critical foundation for Greencroft's future, enabling us to plan boldly, steward wisely, and dream bigger for the generations to come.

In September, we will host an appreciation event to honor the faithful stewards of Greencroft's mission as Gold Leaf Legacy Society members and invite others to continue this legacy of compassion. By choosing to include Greencroft in your estate plans, you leave behind more than a gift—you leave a legacy of love that lives on for generations.

Greencroft Communities Foundation

GOLD LEAF LEGACY



The Gold Leaf Legacy Society honors, memorializes, and thanks those friends who arranged to leave a charitable/planned gift or a bequest. Membership is open to all who wish to make a lasting gift. There is no minimum donation for society membership. This includes gifts through wills, retirement plans, and insurance policies, as well as life income and other deferred gifts.

To join the Gold Leaf Legacy Society, a prospective donor informs the Greencroft Communities Foundation that the affiliate foundation of their choosing has been included in their estate plans.

Please call the Foundation for more information at 574-537-4066.

GOLD LEAF LEGACY

SOCIETY MEMBERS Donna Andresen John and Martha Bender **Ruth Benner** Roger and Jayne Boer Kathy and Claude Brewton Debi Copeland Richard Craig Rod and Gwen Diller Susan Fisher Connie Fulmer Connie and Donald Garber Joan Gary Gary and Lorraine George Jane Glendening Lou Ann and Delmar Good Chris and Monica Graff Anna Mae Graybill Wilbert Hamstra Greg and Dorie Hartzler Robert and Nancy Hawkins Jennifer Hayes Naomi Helmuth Roger Hippsley Melissa Hughes Myrtis Justiniano Mark and Pushpa King

Myrl and Phyllis Nofziger Frieda Oetting R. Crews Perkey Lester and Dawn Putney Anne Raftree Robert W. Ranta Veva S. Reid Richard and Jo Snyder Richard and Shirley Stambaugh Edna Thomas **Everett and Barbara Thomas Burl and Rhoda Troyer** Levi and Lillis Troyer Dale Weaver **Kevin Whitmore** Gene and Fern Yoder Sandra and Jim Yoder IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Bill Andresen Miriam and Harley Birky Ilva Bontrager Elizabeth Bowman Darell Bowman Alma Brubacher Mabel Brunk Wilkie L. Sr. and Betty J Bush Charlotte Ann Calhoun Sel and Frances Copeland Richard Craig Agnes L. Cripe Jack G. Cripe

Mary K. Dieter George Dupree **Evelyn Dust** Lola M. Kauffmann Agda S. Farber William and Katherine Follett Vera Galindo Wilda and Paul Goering Mary Graber Elbert and Marion Groves Abram P. Hallman Peggy Hamstra Annie Laurie Hardie William and Mary Hartman Lois Holcomb Laurence Horst Edith Huber Margaret Huff Jane Hufft Catherine Marguerite Inbody John and Pauline Jennings Gladys and Dewayne Johns Albert and Christine Jones Vercoe and Berdean Jones Ray and Mary Kalbfleisch Verda and J. Howard Kauffman Maxine Kauffman Hazel Kinzer Albert and Dorothy Lane Russell Lehman Robert E. Lundberg Helen Catherine Mann Alice G. Martin

Betty Jean McKeever Patricia W. McKinney Edwin and Louise Meek Ed and Irene Mercer Bertha Miller Pat Darling Miller **Doris Oakes** Mildred Odchodnicky Jo Perkey Harold Platt Leslie and Jean Reid Mary Richey Irene Riegsecker Helen Rinehart Earle and Nadine Roose Raymond and Romaine Sala Jane Schroeder Paul W. Shank Betty W. Springer Kathryn Steckly Marianna Stutzman Raymond and Ruth Tyson Virginia Van Nuys Gertrude Warkentin Eugene S. Weaver A. Lois Weaver Edgar Weldy John and Rebecca Wetzel Marie Yoder Esther E. Yoder Edith K. Yoder Ruth E. Yoder Martha V. Yoder Gordon R. Yoder

Matthew and Connie Lentsch

Robert and Gail Martin

Rebecca Miller

Jim and Kelly Neff

Margaret Nelson

The commitment to serve all older adults, regardless of their financial ability, is in Greencroft's DNA.

Plan your giving for a bigger impact

With retirement comes the opportunity to spend more time and resources supporting the causes that mean most to you.

But it's no secret that the world of charitable giving can be confusing. Numerous acronyms, requirements, and deadlines – these can all be hurdles that prevent you from meeting your charitable giving goals.

As your trusted guide in giving, Everence® is here to help you break through the clutter and confusion of charitable giving, so you can make an impact for generations to come.

We'll start by breaking down common acronyms related to charitable giving:

RMD (Required Minimum Distribution) – You are required to start taking distributions from your retirement accounts in your early 70s, even if you don't need the money for your living expenses. When you receive those RMDs, you must pay taxes on the distributions.

QCD (Qualified Charitable Distribution) – Are you currently required to take an RMD? Do you give regular gifts to your church or a charity? If you answered yes to both questions, a QCD is likely the best way for you to make your gifts. QCDs take the place of your RMD and, by directing them to church and charity, you'll avoid paying any taxes. You can give more effectively with your retirement savings going tax-free directly to the charities that are important to you.

DAF (Donor Advised Fund) – Both a checking and savings account for giving, DAFs are a popular way to maximize your income tax deductions by timing your

giving to get the most tax savings. If you have stock that has risen in value, you can donate it and essentially "give away" the tax bill associated with your capital gains. When you do that, you'll get a double benefit of avoiding taxes while also receiving a tax deduction for the full value of the stock.

CRUT (Charitable Remainder Unitrust) – Another popular charitable giving tool, CRUTs are a type of charitable trust that allow you to donate assets (such as cash, stocks and bonds, real estate, etc.) to a charity while receiving income for a set timeframe – usually your lifetime or a fixed number of years. Once the payout period ends, the charity receives the remaining assets.

If you still have questions about charitable giving and the resources available to you, that's OK. To help guide your journey, Everence will feature a series of articles about charitable giving tools in upcoming issues of Giving magazine. In the meantime, you can contact an Everence financial representative at everence.com/michiana to get started today.



Everence is a preferred partner of Greencoft Communities Foundation.

To learn more about Everence Charitable Services, please contact your local team:

Indiana: 800-348-7468 | michiana@everence.com Ohio: 800-986-9988 | northeastohio@everence.com



FOUNDATION Donors

We thank and recognize those who have helped provide for the benevolent needs of the residents and staff of our communities. Contributors during calendar year 2024 are:

GOLDEN YEARS HOMESTEAD

Nichole Antonsson

Coleen Arribasplata

Carol Augsburger

Barnes & Thornburg LLP

Joan V. Bredemeyer

Dr. George and Martha Bullion

Margaret E. Campbell

Roy and Florence Carlson

Michael and Diane Carpenter

Lori and Jay Carson

Mohogany Carson

Carter Hearing Clinics

CCL Hospitality Group

Cedar Creek Church of Christ

CFS Inc.

Christ's Church

Christ's Hope Ministries

and Church

LaVerne Coates

Colonial Homes Inc.

Vonda Coverstone

Elaine Cowen

Nicole Crabtree

Janette Crews Hawkins

Hugh and Suzette Davis

Dale and Janet Dean

Connie Dickey

Didier Meats LLC

Larry Doehrman

Cynthia M. Elick

Essential Healthcare Academy

James and Ruth Evans

FairHaven Funeral Home

Lynetta J. Fish

Flint & Walling Inc.

Gardant Management

Solutions Inc.

Rebecca and Barry Grable

Laurie and Michael Hamm

Danny Harper

Doug and Kay Holley

David and Agnes Hurley

Sylvia Hyman

In Touch Pharmaceuticals Inc.

Nancy Keller

Kevin Steury Management LLC

Shona Kirkpatrick

Erwin and Doris Kittner

Koler Law Office

John David Laird

Lake Area Christian Church

Alan and Patricia LaRue

Michael and Mary Beth Lauer

Joseph and Maxine Linderer

John and Sybil Love

Sharon K. Martin

Candice Maxwell

McIntosh Energy Company Inc.

Michael and Linda McNeal

Dawn Meek

Sally Miller

Donna and David Misner

Palm Trails Properties LLC

PBS Fort Wayne

Catherine G. Pebley

Aaron Phillips

Thomas E. Phillips

Abbey Polanco

Monica Poole

James and Alice Pyle

Carmen Rangel

Beth and John Reimbold

Lisa K. Rogers

Rosewood Staffing

Steve Schaaf

David and Linda Scherer

Don and Pam Schmidt

Ron Schnipke

Gayle Schrock

Brittanie Shaw

Ruth Steiner

Nancy and David Steinhofer

Kevin Steury

Stroh Church of Christ

Andrea and David

Van Wyngarden

Steve and Kacey

Van Wyngarden

Jeannine Villarreal

Waste Management Inc

Judith Whitman

Grace Wilcoxson

Shakeela Woodard

Woodlawn Health

Duane Woods

Gina Yonkman

Max Zimmerman

GREAT LAKES CHRISTIAN HOMES

Dawn Davis

Frances G. Donbrosky

Betty L. Fitzpatrick

Rachel Gould

Mary K. Green

Linda Lamka

David and Theresa Laurell

Phillip Laurell

C. Patricia Leon

James Mahon

Bruce McConnell

Lewis Schnabelrauch

Letha Shorna

Merita M. Smith

Barbara Wade

GREENCROFT COMMUNITIES

Abe Graber Memorial Fund

Audrey Alderfer

Debra Brubaker

Community Foundation of

Elkhart County

Hugh and Suzette Davis

Melinda and Scott Debusk

Estate of Mary K. Dieter

Estate of Marjorie Freed

Estate of Florence Hower

Estate of Lola M. Kauffmann Estate of Mary P. Darling Miller

Fatata of lamat F Vada

Estate of Janet E. Yoder
Carol and Donald Ebersole

Angie Eggering

Terry and Melody Ernsberger

Jim and Linda Evans

Everence Association Inc.

John Fidler

Jonathan Geiser

Jillian GunderKline

Callie Hartung

Sarah Herr

Wes Herschberger

Eric Hershberger

Jeremy and Christy Kauffman

Sanford and Linda Kauffman

Suzanne and Dan Kincaid

Erika Lesta

Peter and Jenna

Liechty Martin

Doug and Mary

Liechty-Caskey

Jinny Longbrake

Angela and Dave Marshall Nancy S. Miller

Myrl and Phyllis Nofziger

John and Dorothy Yoder Nyce

Ilia Quinonez

Radiology Inc. Foundation

Aimee Riemke

Dale Shenk

Byron and Gail Shetler

David Weaver

Dr. William and Susan

Weybright

GREENCROFT GOSHEN

1st Source Bank

61 Marine and Sports

Dawn V. Akins

Jerry Albrecht

Jerry Albreet

Alliance RV

Carolyn Bach

Peter and Christine Barrett

Sara and William Barrett

Theresa L. Barrick

Barney and Marcia Bell

Bennington Marine

Florence Benoit

Sharon Bilger

Virginia L. Birky

Blue Island Investments

John C. Bohn

Clara Bontrager

Kathy and Claude Brewton

Brinkley RV

Marian Brock

Fern L. Brunner

Myrna R. Burkholder

Clarann Campbell

Cheryl Carlton-Deal

and Mark Deal

Donna Caskey

Jim and Lisa Caskey

Mary Alene Cender

Champagne Metals

Cinda McKinney Trust

Community Foundation

of Elkhart County

Kylee Coquillard

Davis & Roose

Delta Dental of Indiana

Debra Dietrich

Discovery Cargo Trailers Inc.

DJ Construction Company Inc.

Donald R. Driver

Karen and Jim Dunn

Carol and Donald Ebersole

Robin and Marcus Ebright Zehr

Pamela Kay Eldridge

Estate of Erma Lou Yoder

Estate of Jacob H. Flisher

Everence Association Inc

First State Bank

Jim and Kerri Fisher

Steven and Susan Garboden

Ruth Ann Gardner

Mary Lou Garratt

David and Fern Gerber

Tampa Gerber

Ruth Getz

Gloria and Milton Gibson

Gibson Insurance Agency Inc.

Lou Ann and Delmar Good

Goshen Health

DeLane Graber

Chris and Monica Graff

Susan Graff

Grand Design RV LLC

Anna Mae Graybill

Linda K. Grewe

Randall Grewe

Daniel and Sherri Grindle

Gregory Grotbeck

Brock GunderKline

Mariellen Gunderson

Troy and Karla Handrich

R. Brian Hartman

Greg and Dorie Hartzler

Helgeson Steel, Inc.

Harold and Esther Helmuth

Anna Henderson

Julie Hertzler

Clifford and Eldora

Hochstedler

Ken and Susan Hochstetler

Martha Holderman

Carl Horner

Glen A. Horner

Gordon and Phyllis Hostetler

Jeptha and Joyce Hostetler

Michael Hurst

In Touch Pharmaceuticals Inc.

Indiana Wood Products Inc.

Interra Credit Union

J.A. Wagner Construction

David Janzen

Norene Kanagy

Ann Kauffman

Duane and Dottie Kauffmann

Jeanine Kaufman

Kelley Automotive Group

Suzanne and Dan Kincaid

Vernon King

Kopf Logistics Group

Lake City Bank

Elizabeth Gunden and

Geof Landis

Susan Lanning

Melissa Lantz

LaVanture Products

Company Inc.

Meribethe Lawton

Vickie Layman

Grace Leatherman

Marjorie S. Liechty

James Lind

LionsHead Alloys LLC

Lippert Components

Rosina Litwiller

Jinny Longbrake

Heather Loomis

Sharon and William Magurany

Peggy Malott

Manor IV Gift Shop

Mary Martin

Pat Massanari and

Arlin Hunsberger

Wesley and Elsie Mast

Niki Mays

Janet McFarland-Idema

Anita Miller

Donald C. Miller

Evelyn Miller

Jeff Miller

Judith Miller

Margaret Broni Miller and Kenton Miller

Ruby and Wayne Miller

Nancy S. Miller

Rebecca Miller

Ruby Miller

Ruth Miller

Sheldon Miller

William and Phyllis Miller

Miller Poultry

Angel and Lora Miranda

Ruth Moist

Nina Newburn

and Don Mishler

Myrl and Phyllis Nofziger

Patricia Nofziger

Phil Nusbaum

Oaklawn Psychiatric

Center Inc.

Shana O'Dell

Linda O'Neill

Overhead Door

Palmer Funeral Homes Inc.

Patrick Industries

Mary F. Peachey

Cynthia and Layton Pergrem

Dr. Michael and Amy Phend

Brad Podoiil

David and Karen Powell

Debra and James Powell

Jo Ann Preheim

PWI Charitable Foundation R. Yoder Construction

Janet Reedy

Robert and Pamela Reedy

Mark and Janet Rosenbury

Arnold and Lucille Roth

RSM US LLP

Lydia Samatar

Doug and Jeannine Schrock

Janice Schrock

Schrock Homes Inc

Schwartz Electric Inc. Cheryl Seaman

Byron and Gail Shetler

Jonathon Short

Cheryl Shreiner

Robert Shreiner II

Chuck Simmons Rebecca J. Slough

Douglas and Sally Smoker



Smoker Craft Inc. Karen Spencer Elizabeth Stauffer Beth Stoltzfus-Ball Chandra Stradling Earl L. Sutter The Papers Inc. Lorna Troyer Osee Tshiwape **USI Insurance Services LLC** Viaggio Marine Gertrude Warkentin Dr. William and Susan Weybright Kevin Whitmore Amy Willhelm Daniel and Carol Wolfer Kathleen and Todd Yoder Leroy and Maxine Yoder Yoder, Ainlay, Ulmer & **Buckingham LLP**

GREENCROFT MIDDLEBURY

Karla and Jared Beasley Wilbur and Sarah Bontrager Bertha Bontrager-Rhodes Joseph and Karyn Doran **Dutchman Hospitality Group** Everence Association Inc. First State Bank Elizabeth Gunden and Geof Landis Richard and Jackie Hinckley Kim and Roger Huffman

Roger and Evelyn ZumFelde

Interra Credit Union Patricia Kotcher Lowell and Lee Miller Robert and Sue Miller Mary Raifsnider Aimee Riemke Paul and Edie Trover Patti Weirich

HAMILTON GROVE

Flizabeth Bonebrake Carol Bonsignore and Carl Ackermann F. Peter and Durleen Braasch Chet Waggoner Trust Susan Dove H & B Plumbing & Heating Inc. Marcy Kauffman Evelyn Kirkwood Jennifer L. Kress Lambert Trust — Rita Sue Redden David and Vera Litchfield Barbara and John Low David and Renee Millar Tomme Owens Red Hen Turf Farm William and Mary Welsheimer Elizabeth West Pamela Zaner

OAK GROVE CHRISTIAN RETIREMENT HOME

Cecelia and Dale Bell Timothy and Marta Belstra **Bethel Christian** Reformed Church

Sharon Bierma Norman and Donna Bingham Molly Ciancanelli Christopher Daly Arie and Julie De Jong Dr. Gerrit and Dianne DeVries David and Connie Fieldhouse Ron and Rhonda Fieldhouse First Christian Reformed Church Stephanie Fogarassy Greg and Janet Hamstra Wilbert and Peggy Hamstra Richard and Tabetha Heemstra Jenny Jesko Robert and Tara Kaper Susanna Koedyker Randy and Diana Kooy Kevin Korth Jerry and Carol Lagestee Jacqueline Parker Phillip and Patricia Roodzant Roger and Kathleen Saxon Joel and Barbara Schurman David and Carol Terbora The First Reformed Church of DeMotte Karl VanKeppel VNA of Porter County Von Excavatina James and Sharyl Walstra Walstra Landscaping

SOUTHFIELD VILLAGE

Dolores Britton Cyril and Judith Cole William Coleman Jr. Joseph and Karyn Doran Monica Eaton Mary Anne Kepschull Gail and Joseph Mancini Candice Maxwell Shauna McWilliams Robert Shreiner II Lindsay Vanderpool **Brittany Wisler** Porcia Worley

WALNUT HILLS

David and Karen Alexander

Barbara Ankrim Karen Benfield Terrence and Sandy Burkhalter **Dutchman Hospitality Group** Everence Association Inc. Darlene Finzer David and Debra Jones Brenda and David Miller Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Co Ohio BWC Garrett and Nikki Roach Estate of Richard F. Schubert Richard and Shirley Stambaugh Eddie and Jane Steiner Levi and Lillis Troyer Warner Watson Sandra and Jim Yoder Teresa and Todd Yoder





We gratefully acknowledge the following individuals and organizations who made a gift to the Foundation during calendar year 2024 in honor or in memory of a loved one:

Golden Years Homestead IN MEMORY OF:

Marjorie Colicho

Steve and Gloria Meyer Roger and Marsha Peter William and Beverly Peters

Gloria Laird

Donna and Erick Riddle

Betty Jane Perry

Jillian Kirby

IN HONOR OF:

Joe Heins

Greencroft Communities

Great Lakes Christian Homes IN MEMORY OF:

Barbara Ried

Bessie Cadwell

Clara Crozier

Doris Graham

Dorothy Bickert

Ethel Johnson Gailen Wortley

Helen Caudell

Jerry Shorna

Kenneth Smith

Levine Bennett Maxine Wortley

Norman Kempf

Patricia Cox

Richard Bacon

Richard Stokes

Rose Langhart

Russell Rivet

Sharron Spenny

Thomas Knox

Dan Johnson

Eloise L. Lucas

Dan Johnson Philip Young

Lenora Stanaway

Dan Johnson

Mary and Russ Powell

IN HONOR OF:

Dan and Stephanie Johnson's wedding

Kathy Doyle

Linda Fish

Donald Fisher

Betty Fogle

Gertrude R Green

Leonard & Marie Gyles

Barbara Lamke

Phyllis Monroe

Lester Norton

Mary Tellier

Greencroft Communities

(Campus of Greatest Need)

IN HONOR OF:

Amy Floria

Byron Shetler

Greencroft Communities

Gene and Fern Yoder

Scott and Lisa Puckett

IN MEMORY OF:

Doneta Burkhardt

Larry and Gloria Ziegler

Julia Leatherman

Myrl Nofziger

Marion Hathaway

Kris and Robert Klein

Robert and Goldie Lambright

Ernsberger Family Gift Fund

Greencroft Goshen

Luke Birky

Virginia Birky

Allen Garboden

Gladys Geiser

Mary Dryer

Shirley King

Gene and Fern Yoder

Alma Bontrager

Becky Christner

David Kindy

Sue Myers

Enrique Ortiz

Nancy Thomas

Manor III Gift Shop

Ann Fredericks

Robert W. Ranta

Arlene Julien

Randall Grewe

Bernice Bachman

Joy and Rick Hostetter

Clayton Sutter

Sem Sutter

Barbara Lilly

Danny Hanshew

Darlene Stothers

Delores Detwiler

Evelyn Simmons

Judy Gerzeski

Wendy Sheline

LaVonne Yoder

Mabel Wortinger

Manor II Gift Shop

Darrel Hostetler

Pat Darling Miller

Myrtis Justiniano

Delores Miller

Goshen College

Helene Hoover

Nan M. Hummel

Marsha and John King

Dorothy Pruitt

Brian Hooley

James and Nelda Miller

Edward Benoit

Manor IV Residents

Emma Koerner

Charles and Dianne Hanley

Norma J. Slagell

Roger and Bonnie Stucky

Esther Cender

Manor III Gift Shop

Jane Sears

Geraldine Love

Lu Ann Richardson

Glenda Hurst

Carl and Mary Hurst

Grace Pletcher

Carol J. Heuer

Gregory Hartzog

Gary and Juanita Rassi

Harold Platt

Roger and Bonnie Neal

Shannon and Florann White

Gene and Fern Yoder

John Preheim

Shannon and Florann White

Marjorie Freed

Juanita Shenk

Shannon and Florann White

Mary Ann Shreiner

Steven and

Margaret Goldberg

Larry and Kelly Kissinger

Hesston and Jean Lauver

Tracey and Michael Noe

Lynda Olinski

Barbara Thomas

Rebecca Unternahrer

Eric Yordy and

Kristy Shellenberger

Stanley Reedy

Joan Griffith Tina Bohn

Kathleen R. Patty

Veva Garber

Rebecca Sommers Gene and Fern Yoder

Warren Vance

Cindy Vance

Greencroft Middlebury IN MEMORY OF:

Iva Jean Kauffman

Gordon Kauffman

Hamilton Grove IN MEMORY OF:

Anne Marie Nicholson

Stephen and Sharon Gumz

Deanna Devereaux

John C. Devereaux

Daffard and Carmalee Tanksley

Elizabeth Tanksley

Margaret Masepohl

Joanne Hodor

IN HONOR OF:

Glen and Nina Carlson

Christopher Carlson

Rev. Vickie Van Nevel

Greencroft Communities

Oak Grove Christian **Retirement Home** IN MEMORY OF:

Joann Niehoff

Flona and Robert Rhoda

Joyce Fieldhouse

Janet D. Eby

Brian and Kelli Jonkman

Bob and Bonnie Jonkman

Jon and Diane Kingma

Thomas and Sandra Post

Robert and Shirley Schlarp

Kathryn and Edward

Tillema

Marian R. Hathaway

Molly Ciancanelli

John and Ruth DeKock

Shirley A. Glade

Christopher and

Betty Jo Hathaway

Marian R. Hathaway

Gwen Howell Klein

Donald and Terri

McCracken

Darla and Matt McKim

Graham H.

and Darlyne Peterson

Pat Nuss

Donna and Mark Adam

Jean and Bob Nuss

Southfield Village IN HONOR OF:

Gail Mancini

Paul Crowley

Greencroft Communities

Walnut Hills IN MEMORY OF:

Paul Ankrim

Charles and Claudyne McAuley Living Trust

Carol Ann Dickes

Charles and Carol Hamm

Lynn Jones

John and Theresa King

Cindy Beachy

Paula Miller

Richard Schubert

Carol Ann Dickes

Carole Lee Swain

IN HONOR OF:

Garrett Roach

Greencroft Communities

The Windsor of Savoy IN MEMORY OF:

Clara Frey

Ina F. Troyer

How to Become a

Foundation Donor

Your Gifts Make a Difference—Every Month

At Greencroft Communities, we care for one another like family. When there's a need, we find a way to meet it. Rooted in faith, we believe serving others is our calling.

Through the Greencroft Communities Foundation, generous donors like you support residents, team members, and campus improvements across all our affiliates.

Now, we invite you to take the next step:

Make your gift a recurring, monthly donation.

Your monthly support sustains our benevolence ministries vear-round, ensuring residents who have outlived their resources continue receiving the care, dignity, and community they deserve. Even a modest monthly gift provides steady, reliable funding that helps us plan ahead and respond with compassion when needs arise.

It's simple to set up—and you can change or cancel anytime. Most importantly, your ongoing generosity helps carry forward our mission of care and kindness every day.

Become a monthly supporter today and make a lasting impact all year long.

To give online, scan the QR code and use the drop-down menu to select the affiliate you wish to support. Click on the "Recurring gift" tab to give monthly.



Prefer to give by mail?

Please make your check payable to Greencroft Communities Foundation and note the affiliate or fund you're supporting in the memo line.

Mail to:

Greencroft Communities Foundation P.O. Box 819 Goshen, IN 46527-0819



PO Box 819 Goshen, IN 46527-0819 www.greencroft.org

Greencroft Middlebury Dedicates Bontrager Ridge Assisted Living

We the Bontrager family and Jayco have been blessed and supported by the Middlebury Community for many years. As God has blessed us, we with joy are able to give back to our community.

— Bertha Bontrager-Rhodes



Hugh Davis (center), President and CEO of Greencroft Communities, cuts the ribbon officially dedicating Bontrager Ridge at Greencroft Middlebury. Standing beside him are Bertha Bontrager-Rhodes, whose family served as the lead donor for the \$5.3 million building project, and Darrin Miller, Executive Director of Greencroft Middlebury. Pictured with them are Bontrager family members and friends who supported the campaign to bring Assisted Living services to the campus: (from left) Kim Huffman, David Hawkins, Derald Bontrager, Rev. Terry and Julie Diener, Wilbur Bontrager, Nancy and Bob Hawkins, Joel Miller, and Todd Yoder, Vice President of Development, Greencroft Communities.

"