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Resident dreams Nurturing the Good in All of Us

I am especially excited about this issue of Giving Magazine. If you've spent any time with the Foundation Team in the last six months, you've probably heard about the Resident Dreams Program. This program is infectious and has put a spring in our step since the first requests rolled in earlier this Spring.

Abbe Buller has done a great job organizing and planning the Dreams you will read about. I became a fly on the wall, watching and listening as she worked with team members to make Dreams come true. I could tell she was bringing life to the requests, and I could also sense she was getting

We received some challenging requests and those landed squarely on my desk. Hugh Davis, CEO and President of Greencroft Communities, gave us our marching orders, encouraging us to find a way to say "yes." Some Dreams were complicated and didn't fit neatly into a package. Others were, honestly, outside the original vision of the program.

But a funny thing happened — those challenging requests became joyful work for me. I loved listening to residents, digging deeper into the heart of their Dreams, and making friends along the way.

Campus leaders and team members joined in, offering insights and imagining creative ways to honor the spirit of each request and still say "yes." I am inspired by the motivation, imagination, teamwork, and generosity of time and resources I witnessed. These Dreams weren't just about residents — they became our Dreams, too!

That's where the magic happened!

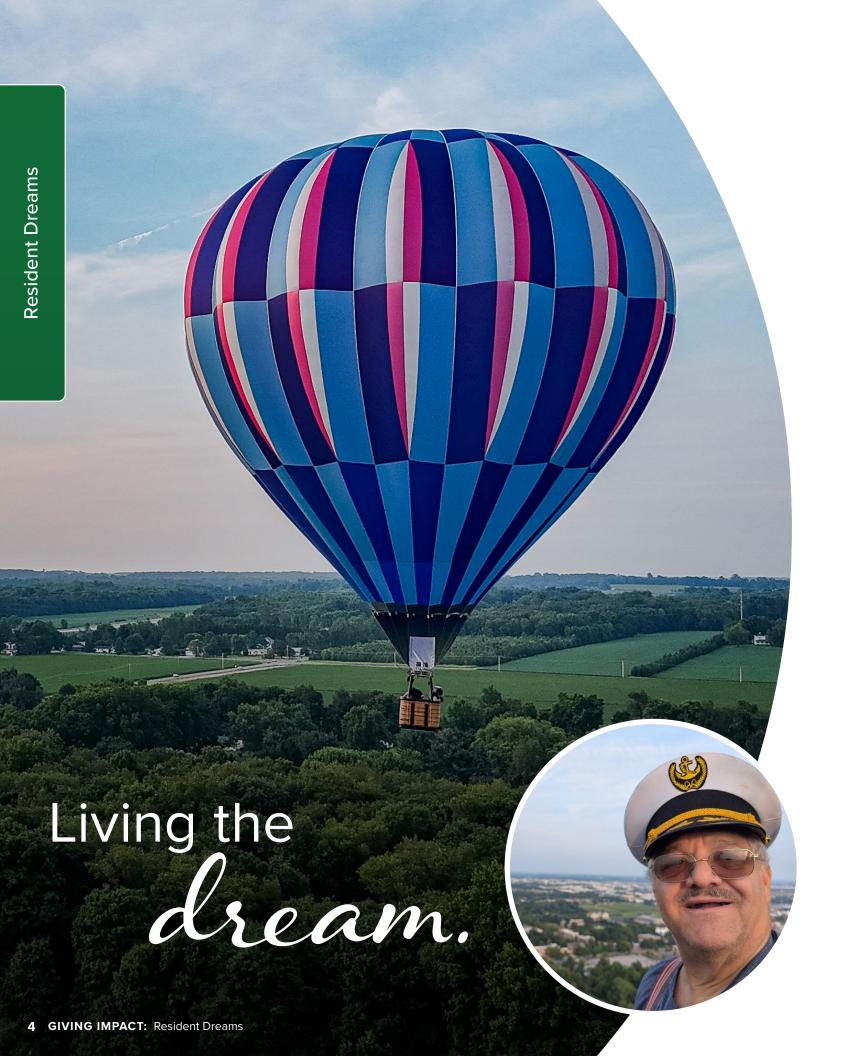
Enjoy reading these stories. With each Dream a resident checked something off their list, surrounded by smiles, joyful tears, and memories.

Thank you to our residents for sharing their Dreams, and for showing trust, vulnerability, and faith. The Foundation is honored to be your partner in keeping the Dreams tradition alive.

Dreaming of next year!

Todd Yoder

President | Greencroft Communities Foundation Vice President of Development | Greencroft Retirement Communities



Balloons, Trains, and ... Horses?

By Abbe Buller

Driving through the Greencroft Goshen campus on a warm August evening, it's not uncommon to see residents out and about. But August 4th felt different – it felt like a party. Residents lined the sidewalks and driveways, gathered in their yards or on their patios, and chatted excitedly... all waiting for one very special moment — James' lifelong dream of flight was about to come true!

Greencroft Communities has offered a Resident Dreams Program for more than 20 years – making beautiful dreams happen, often quietly and without a lot of fanfare. This year, the Greencroft Communities Foundation assumed responsibility for stewardship of the program, since it so closely aligns with its ministry of benevolence. Thanks to increased funding, oversight, and energy, this year's Resident Dreams program received a record 43 applications from residents across all nine Greencroft affiliate campuses!

Dream requests this year have been varied and unique: purple hair, a hot air balloon ride, organizing a lifetime of photos/memories, reuniting with family members who live far away,



dinners out with friends, a country western concert, ziplining for an 80th birthday, horseback riding and more.

Hugh Davis, President and CEO of Greencroft Communities, encouraged the Foundation team to say some kind of "yes" to every dream if possible.

Arranging a hot air balloon ride for James was an easy "yes." Another "yes" went to David, a Greencroft Goshen Healthcare resident and lifelong train enthusiast. Chaplain Laura Moshier championed his Dream, and took the lead on research, planning, and assembling a "Dream Team" of passionate staff members to make his Dream a reality.

After months of careful planning, David left healthcare with his "Dream Team" and headed to Coldwater, Michigan, where family members were waiting to join them for a steam train ride on the Little River Railroad. The group enjoyed a picnic lunch together, a ride on the train, and time in the nearby railroad museum. It was a full and tiring day, but also a day brimming with joy. After returning to Goshen, Laura asked David about highlights of his day. He said he loved all of it, but noted "I even really enjoyed just riding in the van (there and back) with you all, and watching the countryside go by. It made me feel human again."

The Resident Dreams Program is more than just fulfilling wishes — it's about enabling residents to age with dignity, agency, and joy. And as the cheering crowd watched James' colorful hot air balloon float up towards the sunset, it was clear that Dreams shared in community are something extra special to behold.

Abbe Buller is Fundraising and Donor Services Manager for Greencroft Communities Foundation





"All our dreams can come true, if we have the courage to pursue them." - Walt Disney



Zip, zip / Coray. Evelyn Takes a Brave Leap





Greencroft Goshen resident Evelyn Miller celebrated her 80th birthday with a thrilling zipline adventure at Camp Timberlake in Huntington, Indiana, made possible through the **Greencroft Communities Foundation** Resident Dreams Program. Turning 80 inspired her to finally take the leap — quite literally – and apply to the Dreams Program in the hopes of Evelyn is living proof that age is making a long-held goal come true.

After some ground training, Evelyn and her two Greencroft staff companions completed a 90-minute more than that!" aerial course, navigating platforms,

bridges, and multiple zip lines high in the treetops. Despite a few sore muscles, she called the experience "wonderful" and was thrilled to share the story with her friends back at Greencroft. Her two children even came to cheer her on while she navigated the course!

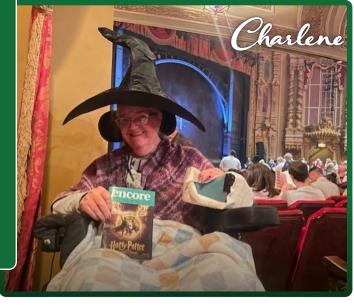
no limit to adventure — and she reminds us, "People think old people just sit around and play Bingo and watch TV. We do a lot



Photography by Daniel Renko, Content Creator for Greencroft Communities

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Walnut Hills

While Charlene wasn't able to achieve her original Dream of traveling to Disney World, Walnut Hills staff members pushed in to the heart of her request and discovered her love of Harry Potter. It wasn't long before a trip was booked for Charlene and two staff members to attend a theater production of Harry Potter and the Cursed Child in Columbus, Ohio. Her smile says it all!



Windsor of Savov

Glenna grew up with horses and always felt free and alive when riding. Her dream was to experience time with horses again – the calm that comes with grooming and feeding, as well as the joy of one more ride. We're thankful to Jamie Gerardi Equestrian Instruction for sharing Bill, the horse, with Glenna!



Great Lakes

The Dreams application submitted by Christine expressed one humble hope – landscaping work and improvements outside her home so she could better enjoy her view of the pond and wildlife. Her request is proof that even simple Dreams bring great joy!



Greencroft Goshen

Bonnie, a longtime resident at Greencroft Goshen, dreamed of getting out of town to do something exciting! Thanks to partnership with Bonnie's support team from **ADEC** (A life of their own, Dignity, Employment and Community), Bonnie was able to enjoy an overnight trip to the Indianapolis Zoo.



Great Lakes

Dawn's Dream, motivated by a cancer journey, was to live boldly with matching bold hair. The stylists at Oak Grove in DeMotte, Indiana, eagerly got on board, and soon Dawn was sporting a fantastic head of purple hair and a bright smile, too.



Greencroft Middlebury

Since being widowed, Ellen has missed receiving regular bouquets of flowers to mark special occasions her birthday, wedding anniversary, and holidays. Thanks to a generous partnership with local non-profit Joy Blooms, Ellen is now receiving flowers regularly again... handdelivered to her door by Bri, a Middlebury team member.



Greencroft Goshen

Finding the time and resources to attend a country western concert was a Dream just out of reach for Carol during the busy years of career and family. The Foundation made her Dream come true with an evening out – dinner and a John Michael Montgomery concert at the Blue Gate Performing Arts Center in Shipshewana with team member Cameron. Their chauffeurs for the evening? Foundation dream weaver Abbe Buller and husband Patrick.



Golden Years Homestead

One of Tim's joys has always been dining out and trying new restaurants around town, but that pastime became challenging once Tim could no longer drive. Thanks to the Dreams program, Tim was treated to a series of lunches out on the town by Golden Years Chaplain Erick Riddle.



Greencroft Goshen

Chuck submitted a Dreams application with one heartfelt wish – to enjoy one more dinner date with his wife, Kit, who lived in healthcare. Staff members from Assisted Living (where Chuck calls home), Healthcare, as well as the three Greencroft Goshen chaplains, worked together to create a beautiful evening for the couple. Staff set an elegant table in a private room, and Chaplain Greg



Grotbeck serenaded Chuck and Kit while they enjoyed their steak dinners. Thanks to our staff, Chuck was even able to present his wife with gifts – a bouquet of flowers and a box of chocolates.

Kit passed away several weeks after Chuck's Dream date, but we hope the sweet memories of their evening together will be something he can always cherish.

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Members of the Greencroft Communities Foundation Board of Directors (back, from left) Kate Steury, Jim Henning, Jonathan Wieand, and Susan Weybright, pose with scholarship recipients Wendy Hernandez & Magaly Gonzalez.

Greencroft Scholars

Introducing the 2025 Honorees

The two newest Greencroft Scholars, Wendy Hernandez and Magaly Cazabal Gonzalez, were introduced and celebrated during an afternoon reception at Goshen Healthcare on September 10. Both are senior nursing students at Goshen College and recipients of a \$5,000 scholarship from the Gene E. Yoder Legacy of Learning Scholarship Fund, recognizing their academic excellence, dedication to long-term care, and passion for serving others.

"These students exemplify the heart of long-term care," said Todd Yoder, Greencroft Communities Foundation President. "Their compassion and dedication remind us

why investing in the next generation of caregivers is so important. We are honored to support their journey and look forward to the difference they will make in the lives of others."

Wendy, a first-generation college student, has worked as a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) at Greencroft Goshen. In her scholarship application, she shared how her experiences in senior care shaped her calling to serve underserved and Spanish-speaking communities. She said the scholarship will allow her to focus more fully on her education and her goal of becoming a mission nurse.

Magaly, also a CNA, expressed her commitment to long-term care and her desire to continue serving in the field as a registered nurse after graduation. She credited her family—especially her mother—for inspiring her perseverance and success.

Hugh Davis, President and CEO of Greencroft Communities, congratulated both students on their achievements and shared his own story of beginning his career as a CNA while pursuing a college degree. He later earned advanced degrees in nursing and healthcare administration, before becoming CEO of a retirement community.

"There's no limit to what you can do," Hugh told them.

The Gene E. Yoder Legacy of Learning Fund, established in honor of former Greencroft President Gene Yoder, supports students and employees pursuing careers in long-term care. Each year, the fund provides scholarships ranging from \$1,000 to \$5,000 to encourage students pursuing nursing or graduate degrees in healthcare or business administration.

The fund's namesake, Gene Yoder, attended the reception and added his congratulations to Magaly and Wendy. Also in attendance were members of the Greencroft Communities Foundation Board of Directors, who selected the scholarship recipients, along with Greencroft staff, and friends and family of the honorees.



Hugh Davis presents award certificates to Greencroft Scholars Wendy Hernandez and Magaly Gonzalez.



Wendy Hernandez meets Gene Yoder.



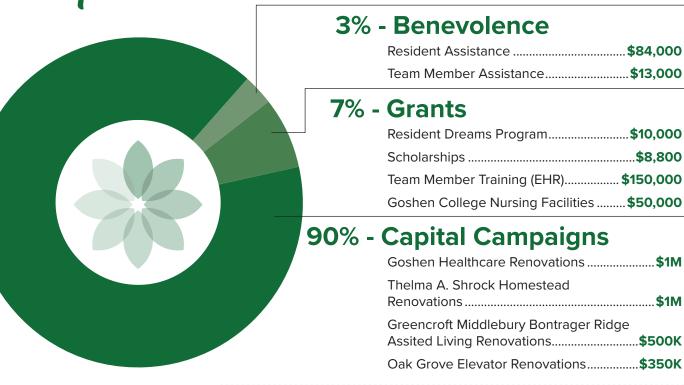
Magaly Gonzalez chats with Hugh Davis (left) and Todd Yoder (center) about nursing opportunities at Greencroft Goshen.

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Supporting the mission at all affiliate communities: Golden Years, Great Lakes Christian Homes, Greencroft Middlebury, Greencroft Goshen, Hamilton Grove, Oak Grove, Southfield Village, Windsor of Savoy, and Walnut Hills



Total Impact Value \$3,165,000+

Engagement The Foundation connecting with residents and our communities.

Resident Dreams Program Applications

43

Foundation Events

Thelma A. Schrock **Homestead Golf Outing** (September 2024)

\$210K raised

Golden Years Gala (June 2025)

\$34K raised

Greencroft Communities Foundation Total Assets* *After distributions, earnings, & gifts received

\$19,977,476

End of FY 2024

End of FY 2025 \$20,357,474

Gold Leaf Society

Households





Wilb and Peg Hamstra (center) hold shovels at the groundbreaking for an exterior elevator at Oak Grove in 2024.

The Hamstra Family: Building Faith, home, and Legacy at Oak Grove

By Nancy Miller

Wilbert "Wilb" Hamstra has lost count of the houses, churches, clinics, supermarkets, and office buildings his company designed and built over the years. The Hamstra Group website keeps track of current numbers — 67 properties, 49 construction projects, and 214 spaces to lease. Even a golf course shows up in the mix.

With 60 years of projects behind him, the one Wilb talks about the most — the one he considers his legacy and the one he calls home — is Oak **Grove Christian Retirement** Village in DeMotte, Indiana, just a few miles from his hometown of Wheatfield.

The inspiration for Oak Grove sparked when Wilb's father became ill and moved into a nursing home.

"The place he was in was not a great place for older people to live," Wilb remembers. "That motivated me to do something."

Do something, he did.

He asked his church, First Reformed Church, and its sister church,

American Reformed Church, to consider donating land for a building site. They both agreed, so Wilb took the next steps: organizing a board, visiting facilities to learn best practices, and leading fundraising efforts.

"We have to do better by our older people," he told donors.

The DeMotte community responded, and \$3.5 million poured in to begin the project. Wilb put together plans for a retirement center modeled after the Grand Floridian Hotel at Disney World.

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"I tried to design the building after that, so the people have, not only a clean and service-oriented atmosphere, but also a beautiful place where they can live," Wilb wrote in his memoir. "I wanted these people, who had given so much to their families and communities over the years, to have a wonderful place to spend their final years."

Wilb held one of the shovels at the ceremonial groundbreaking in 1997. Oak Grove opened to residents in January of 2000.

A full circle moment

Twenty-five years later, on January 4, 2025, Wilb and his wife, Peggy, moved into an apartment at Oak Grove. They had become "these people," the older folks Wilb pictured living at Oak Grove.

Asked if he ever thought he would one day be a resident when he was designing the village, Wilb answered, "I guess I never even thought about that. I wasn't thinking about living here one day. I can't believe I'm old enough to be here now."

Wilb is 87. But even he needed convincing that it was time.

"It took some persuading," his daughter, Donna Hamstra, shared.

All four of Wilb and Peg's children—Donna, Dee Terborg, and sons Greg and Gary Hamstra—sat down with Wilb to make their case for the move. Peg's health had declined, and she could no longer take care of herself, much less take care of a home. Even with a full-time caregiver, the toll on Wilb and his daughters had become too much.

> "It took some persuading," Wilb admits with a smile.

> > Dee calls the move to Oak Grove "a full circle moment."

Wilb's glad they moved when they did. Sadly, four months later, on May 4, 2025, Peg died from complications of Alzheimer's.

- Wilbert Hamstra

"My heart is in Oak

Grove. It will always

mean a lot to me and

my family."

More Ministry than Project

"I like living here," Wilb says. "Everyone's kind, the staff are friendly, and you can feel the Christian influence."

He can also feel the influence of his family. The Hamstra name shows up on dedication plaques all over the building and grounds.

For several years, Wilb and Peg provided annual support to keep operations flowing when revenues declined. They even used their own resources to cover a significant shortfall in Medicaid reimbursement. The Wilbert & Peg Hamstra Fund, established in 2021, will ensure that no residents will lose their home if they outlive their financial resources.

For the Hamstra family, Oak Grove became more ministry than project. Wilb served as Board Chair for 13 years. Daughter Donna Hamstra began serving on the board in 2019 and continues in that role today.

The family participated in hymn sings every week at Oak Grove, and Peg delivered homemade baked goods to the residents every single day, instructing her daughters to continue the practice when it became too much for her. They did until new healthcare regulations prohibited homemade treats.

The Hamstra Group, now run by son Greg, built two campus additions: the Oak Leaf Rehabilitation Center in 2013 and the Oak Street Memory Care Unit in 2020.

In 2023, Wilb led a fundraising campaign to add an exterior elevator to Oak Street, so the second floor would be more accessible. He and Peg both held shovels at the elevator groundbreaking in 2024, preparing the way for their move a few months later into one of those second-floor apartments.

"My heart is in Oak Grove," Wilb says. "It will always mean a lot to me and my family."

> Wilb's family has grown as rapidly as his building projects. His children, grandchildren, and close extended family number 48, with his first

great-great grandchild due in December.

Five generations.

Wilb has not lost count. Building his family has been his greatest achievement.

"The smartest decision I ever made was to marry Peg," he says. "She was the best thing that ever happened to me. She was a gem."

What's next for Wilb at Oak Grove?

"I want a corner room," he says, smiling.

Nancy Miller is Fundraising & Donor Stewardship Manager for Greencroft Communities Foundation









Peter Barrett (fifth from left), welcomes golfers from the Barrett and Smoker Craft teams.





35th Annual Thelma A. Schrock Homestead Golf Benefit

A team from Marquee Health won first place at the 35th Annual Thelma A. Schrock Homestead Golf Benefit September 8 at Elcona Country Club. Golfers from as far away as Minnesota came together and helped raise more than \$225,000 for the adult day program at Greencroft Goshen.

"In 35 years, this event has raised about \$4,000,000," Hugh Davis, President and CEO of Greencroft Communities, told golfers before sending them out on the course to play 18 holes. "I want to thank Harold and Thelma Schrock's family for dreaming of this golf outing

and keeping it running strong for 35 years."

The Schrock family and Smoker Craft have been the event's presenting sponsors for each of the 35 years.

Peter Barrett, grandson of Thelma and Harold, chairs the golf benefit planning committee. "Record fund raising, beautiful weather, great attendance, and the course in immaculate condition made for one of the best outings I can remember," he said, thanking fellow committee members, Elcona, and Greencroft for an extraordinary day.



Jim Ridenour (left) and Hugh Davis, golfing with the Greencroft Communities team, enjoy a moment on the green.



Golden Years Gala:

Laughter, Friendship, & generosity.

Over 150 residents, friends, and supporters of Golden Years Homestead gathered to celebrate their ministry of benevolence at the second annual Golden Years Golden Gala on June 19, 2025, at the Fort Wayne Event the ministry. Center. The evening event raised \$33,851 for

the Resident Assistance Fund at Golden Years, a 21 percent increase over last year's total.

"The deep commitment to benevolence, especially for retired church workers and ministers, is something that really sets Golden Years apart. It's deeply woven into the fabric of who we are, and it's an honor to see the level of commitment folks have to this part of our work," said Executive Director Shauna Shafer.

Gala attendees enjoyed dinner, a comedy act, and a silent auction. The highlight, they all agreed, was the fellowship and hearing stories about the impact of

> Coleen Arribasplata, Director of Marketing at Golden Years, said one of her favorite parts is the "mostly friendly" bidding wars over favorite entries in the silent auction. Artwork and crafts from residents took top dollars.

> > Many thanks to all who sponsored and attended this year's gala!







How to Become a foundation donor

Join us in Mission

Every gift tells a story of generosity. Become part of the Greencroft story by joining us in our mission to support residents, uplift team members, and improve our campuses.

Give by credit card

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When you give, you become part of something bigger. Together, we ensure care, comfort, and community now and into the future.

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End-of-Life Planning

Eliminates Guesswork

Throughout life, you often plan for major milestones – retirement, buying a home, or sending your kids to college. End-of-life planning is another important step, focused on organizing your financial affairs so your assets are distributed according to your wishes. It also helps reduce stress for your loved ones during a difficult time. In addition to asset distribution, your estate plan should include planning for your care and decision-making if you become incapacitated.

Here are a few things to consider when planning for the end of life:

1. Estate documents

A good estate plan typically includes a will and/ or revocable living trust, durable power of attorney, living will, and health care power of attorney. These are documents you create with your attorney to help navigate the legal ramifications of your estate plan. A durable power of attorney is especially important if you're incapacitated, though it becomes invalid upon death. Your will, which may work with a revocable trust, would then come into play to carry out your wishes and instructions.

2. Beneficiary designations

Accounts like IRAs and life insurance policies can be passed directly to beneficiaries, bypassing a formal court process, also known as probate. By designating beneficiaries, you can be sure your assets are transferred quickly and accurately. Currently, donations of an IRA to a charity may allow the charitable organization to avoid income tax, which is a good way to make a larger donation.

3. Transfer on death/payable on death

Certain other assets may allow you to designate beneficiaries. Your bank accounts, investment accounts, and real estate are examples of resources you may choose to convey to heirs through transfer on death (TOD) or payable on death (POD) designations. Utilizing these methods can be valuable in efficiently directing your assets to heirs or charity.

4. Communication with your team

When creating your estate plan, be sure to include professionals – such as an attorney, financial consultant or accountant – as well as a close family member or friend who may be asked to act as your power of attorney or executor. Clear communication with this team will help ensure your plan is legally sound and aligned with your goals.

5. Communication with family or heirs

Discussing your estate plan with loved ones can prevent confusion or conflict after your death. Clarify your intentions and roles and consider involving members of your professional team to help explain details.

6. Charitable giving

Many plans include a charitable giving component, allowing you to leave a lasting legacy after you've passed. Estate planning provides numerous opportunities for you to support causes you care about – whether that be through donor advised funds, charitable trusts, or bequests.

Everence Financial can help you plan with confidence, ensuring your wishes are fulfilled and your assets are managed wisely. To learn more, visit everence.com or by calling (800) 348-7468.





Foundation Hosts 1st Education Seminar

Three local financial and legal advisors joined the Greencroft Communities Foundation in August for an Estate Planning Seminar at the Greencroft Goshen Community Center.

Todd Yoder. President of the Greencroft Communities Foundation, served as moderator for the panel discussion.

"The thirst for information is out there," he said. "Our goal at the Foundation is to be a trusted educational resource for our residents and stakeholders, helping them navigate complex topics like estate planning with clarity and care."

Lauren Maxson, a partner with the law firm of Yoder Ainley Ulmer & Buckingham (YAUB) in Goshen, emphasized the importance of planning ahead because, as she put it, "Someday could be any day." She outlined four key functions of a well-designed estate plan:

- Ensures someone you trust can make decisions for you if you are incapacitated.
- Allows someone access to your financial, health, and legal information.
- Streamlines the orderly transfer of your assets at death.
- Preserves assets for your chosen beneficiaries.

Scott Pucket, a financial advisor with Edward Jones, and **Todd Holsopple**, a financial consultant at Everence, teamed up to present additional considerations. Their discussion included beneficiary designations, long-term care planning, asset consolidation, and charitable giving opportunities that can help create a lasting family legacy.

The discussion offered practical advice—and a timely reminder that thoughtful planning today can bring peace of mind tomorrow.

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