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Exciting Progress Continues on *The Suites* at Fellowship Community

Momentum is building on The Suites at Fellowship Community as construction reaches a significant milestone. The foundation is now complete, marking a major step forward in bringing this highly anticipated independent living expansion to life.

With the groundwork firmly in place, attention now turns to the next exciting phase - erecting the steel framework. This visible transformation will soon begin to take shape, offering the first true glimpse of the building's scale and design.

"This is an incredibly exciting time for Fellowship Community," said Mary Kay McMahon, President and CEO. "Seeing the project move from vision to reality

is energizing for our entire team, as well as for future residents who are eagerly awaiting their new homes."

The Suites will offer thoughtfully designed residences, modern amenities, and enhanced opportunities for connection, all while maintaining the warm, welcoming spirit that defines Fellowship Community. As the structure rises in the coming weeks, residents, team members, and supporters will begin to see this vision physically come to life.

Construction progress has been steady and on track, thanks to careful planning and strong collaboration among partners. Each milestone brings The Suites closer to opening its doors and welcoming residents to a vibrant new

chapter of continuing care community living.

The next phase of expansion will include an Arts Center and 48 additional apartments.

Updates will continue to be shared as the project advances. For now, the completed foundation signals not only structural stability, but also the strong foundation of community, care, and commitment that Fellowship Community is known for.

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If you would like to watch The Suites being built, scan the QR code to view the progress on our on-site camera.

FAITH & FREEDOM PROJECT

Celebrates America's 250th Anniversary



Kim Cseh, Director of Activities, organized the project providing supplies and special creative sessions for staff and residents.

Residents and staff recently came together to create a meaningful community art project in honor of America's 250th anniversary. The project, titled the Faith & Freedom Quilt, invited participants to design individual squares that reflected their appreciation for and love of our country.

The result was a beautiful quilt showcasing the creativity, patriotism, and personal stories of those who contributed. The Activities Department supplied materials and hosted sessions to help residents and staff create their quilt squares, making the project an engaging and collaborative experience for all involved.

The completed quilt, with more

than 200 squares honoring this historic milestone, was unveiled during a special celebration featuring patriotic music and festive refreshments. Special guest, Daniel Dailey, the youngest Sergeant Major in the United States Army, shared his outstanding service to our country. Guests enjoyed cupcakes decorated to resemble the American flag.

More than a work of art, the Faith & Freedom Quilt serves as a lasting reminder of the values, memories, and shared sense of gratitude that unite our Fellowship Community family. As America marks 250 years of freedom and opportunity, this colorful display stands as a tribute to the pride and appreciation felt by generations of Americans.



Daniel Dailey, the youngest Sergeant Major in the United States Army, spoke with Fellowship Community residents about his service to our country.



Independent living resident Nancy Handwerk greets the cuddly cows that came to visit.



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WATCH NEWS SEGMENT
FROM WFMZ

Dear Friends,

There's never a dull moment at Fellowship Community as we continue to expand our campus, make improvements in new technologies and update interior decorating to create a fresh, appealing atmosphere.

We're constantly working to make the best continuing care retirement community even better.

Suites ARTS CENTER

The Suites at
Fellowship
Community



Currently, we're developing Phase 1B of our expansion plan which will include an Arts Center and two additional Suites buildings for an additional 48 apartments. The Arts Center will feature a movie theater, performance stage, bistro and art gallery. This meeting place will encourage socializing with friends and neighbors and be the hub for events.

Stay tuned for more details in our next issue of Fellowship Spirit.

With warm regards,

Mary Kay McMahon
President/CEO



THE IMPACT OF CHARITABLE CARE: FROM THE FAMILY OF RONALD C. MAHURIN

Our dad, Ronald C. Mahurin, has devoted his life to serving the Lord and caring for others. Ordained in the Bible Fellowship Church in 1960, he faithfully pastored for decades. After our dear mom, Darlene, went home to be with the Lord in 2001, Dad stepped into a new season of ministry as the first BFC Conference Pastor—a pastor to the pastors—serving in that role for fifteen years until his retirement in 2016.

Fellowship Community has long been part of our family's story. Both his mother and our mom's mother were residents there, and over the years Dad spent countless hours visiting and ministering to them, to residents from Cedar Crest BFC where he served as senior pastor, and to many missionaries, pastors, and Bible Fellowship Church families and friends throughout the conference. In 2020, after a brief respite stay, he sensed it was time to make Fellowship his permanent home.



From the very first day, even as his body and mind have gradually slowed, Dad's desire has remained the same: to look for "divine appointments"—opportunities to encourage staff and fellow residents. Now at 90 years old, each passing year brings new challenges, yet he continues to be a blessing to so many.

It has been an unspeakable joy for our family to see him so tenderly cared for and ministered to—especially by Fellowship's pastoral staff, some of whom he once served alongside and mentored, and who are now faithfully serving him. What a beautiful full circle of God's goodness.

The Charitable Care program has been an extraordinary gift, allowing this faithful servant of God to remain in a place he has loved for so many years, surrounded by compassionate care and deep community. We are profoundly grateful—for the care, the love, and the dignity shown to our dad each and every day.



From Poland to Pennsylvania

Basia Baran,
PT, DPT, Director of Rehabilitation

A dedicated member of the Fellowship Community team for 23 years, Basia was recently promoted to Director of Rehabilitation. Her appointment reflects both her extensive clinical expertise and her longstanding commitment to excellence in care for older adults.

Baran brings more than 30 years of experience in the healthcare field, having begun her career as a physical therapist in 1994 and earning her Doctorate of Physical Therapy in 2015. Throughout her career, she has demonstrated strong leadership and a passion for mentorship, serving as a Center Coordinator of Clinical Education, where she guided and inspired future therapists.

In her new role, Basia looks forward to fostering a culture of collaboration, accountability, and professional growth across the rehabilitation team, continuing Fellowship Community's tradition of compassionate, quality care.

Basia's journey is equally inspiring beyond her professional accomplishments. Originally from Poland, she and her husband, Peter, moved to the United States in 1995 when Basia accepted a contract position as a physical therapist in Tennessee. They eventually settled in Pennsylvania in 1998, where Basia continued her career as a physical therapist.

Basia joined the Fellowship Community rehabilitation team in 2003, the same year the Barans became citizens of the United States.

Together, they have built a life centered on family and shared interests. Their son, Victor, earned a master's degree in aerospace engineering, and will be married in July. Their daughter, Gabriela, is a senior at Penn State studying environmental science and actively involved in the performing arts. While a student at Parkland High School, Gabriela won a "Freddy" award for her dance performance in *Oklahoma*. Basia was the "costume Mom" for the performance which also received a "Freddy" award for costumes.

The Barans have an adorable 14-year old shih tzu – bichon mix puppy, Bella, who Basia says is her soulmate.

Known by colleagues for her energy and positivity, Basia is passionate about healthy living and staying active. She enjoys gardening, reading, and cycling with her husband -interests that reflect her holistic approach to wellness, both personally and professionally.

From Poland to Pennsylvania, Basia's career focus has been rehabilitation that provides results and a safe return home for her patients. We're happy to have Basia as part of the Fellowship team.

SHORT-TERM REHAB:

Care You Can Trust, Results You Can Feel

After a hospital stay, surgery, or illness, getting back to your normal routine can feel overwhelming. That's where short-term rehabilitation at Fellowship Community comes in. Our team is here to support you every step of the way, helping you regain strength, rebuild confidence, and get back home safely.

Care That's Built Around You

Everyone's recovery is different, and we believe your care should reflect that. From day one, our team works with you to create a personalized plan focused on your goals. Whether that's walking independently, getting back to daily routines, or simply feeling like yourself again, you can trust us to help you reach your goals.

Therapy That Makes a Difference

Our experienced therapists provide the support and encouragement you need to keep moving forward:

- **Physical Therapy** - Helping you improve strength, balance, and mobility so you can move with confidence again.
- **Occupational Therapy** - Focusing on everyday tasks, like dressing and bathing, so you can return to the routines that matter most.
- **Speech Therapy** - Offering specialized care to support communication, cognition, and swallowing.

A Team You Can Trust

At Fellowship Community, you're more than just a patient—you're part of a caring community. Families choose us for our strong reputation, experienced staff, and commitment to helping each person succeed in their recovery.

Focused on Getting You Home

Our goal is simple: to help you feel stronger, more confident, and ready to return home. Every therapy session and every interaction is designed to support a smooth transition back to the life you love.

Thinking about short-term rehab for yourself or a loved one?

We're here to help you take the next step toward recovery - with care you can trust and results you can feel.

Please contact Chelsea at 610-769-8111 or clowery@FellowshipCommunity.com



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PLANNED GIVING



A man has made at least a start on discovering the meaning of human life when he plants shade trees under which he knows full well he will never sit.

—D. Elton Trueblood

Gift planning is like planting seeds that will reap a future benefit for Fellowship Community. If supporting Fellowship's mission and ministry is important to you, consider these simple gift vehicles that won't spread your finances too thin.

- **Beneficiary designation.** Adding Fellowship as a beneficiary of your retirement plan or other assets is simple and can usually be completed entirely online. Since the funds are granted after your lifetime, you can maintain your family budget today.
- **Gift in your will.** With as little as one sentence, you can create a brighter tomorrow at Fellowship Community without parting with assets today. You can designate Fellowship Community as the beneficiary of a specific asset or as the recipient of a percentage of the total estate.
- **Grant from your donor advised fund (DAF).** This popular one-stop giving solution lets you care for multiple causes and organizations with minimal paperwork. Consider it a charitable savings account where money waits until you're ready to distribute it. And, when you use your existing DAF to recommend a grant to Fellowship, it means you can invest in our future without impacting your budget today.
- **Distribution from your IRA.** Beginning the year you turn 73, you are required to begin taking your required minimum distribution. You can use a gift (qualified charitable deduction) from your IRA to satisfy all or part of your required minimum distribution.

Supporting Fellowship Community doesn't have to mean giving up assets today. Contact Tracy Bozik at tbozik@FellowshipCommunity.com or (610) 769-9198 to learn more and find the gift that works for you.

Situations vary, so please contact your financial advisor, legal counsel or tax consultant prior to making a gift or change to your estate plans. For beneficiary designations, please use our legal name, Bible Fellowship Church Homes, Inc.

RECIPE

Orange ALMOND BISCOTTI

Ingredients

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 tsp baking powder
- ¼ tsp salt
- 4 tbsp unsalted butter, softened
- 1 cup sugar
- 2 eggs
- ½ tsp vanilla
- ¼ tsp almond extract
- ¾ cup almonds, toasted and chopped
- 2 tbsp orange zest

Directions

Preheat oven to 350F

Cream sugar, butter together until smooth. Beat in eggs one at a time. Add extract and mix.

Fold in orange zest and almonds followed by the dry ingredients.

Divide the dough in half and shape into loaves on parchment lined baking sheet. Bake until gold brown and begins to crack.

Remove from oven and allow to cool. Slice and place on cookie sheet.

Return to oven and bake for an additional 5 minutes until golden brown on both sides.



Gift of Peace:

Nancy Schaadt's Quilt Finds a Global Home



Nancy Schaadt with Dr. Bautista, Assistant General Secretary for the United Nations and International Affairs.

Fellowship Community independent living resident Nancy Schaadt, 89 years young, is proving that creativity has no age limit and that a single act of generosity can reach far beyond one's hometown. Through a handcrafted quilt donated to the General Board of Church and Society at the United Nations and International Affairs office, Schaadt has shared a message of peace, faith, and unity with an international audience.

Nancy spent many years as a music educator before discovering another creative outlet in quilt design. "Music imitates art, so it was a natural progression for

me to transfer my creativity to designing quilts," she said. Her artistic journey eventually led to the creation of a quilt that would become part of an international effort to promote cooperation and understanding.

The quilt was unveiled during the 12th annual international symposium held at the Church Center for the United Nations in New York City. The event brought together faith-based organizations, advocates, and global leaders committed to advancing human dignity, peace, and sustainable development. As the symposium's closing event, the unveiling of the "Peace Quilt" served as a symbolic reminder of the importance of collaboration in addressing global challenges.

"I was honored the United Nations accepted my donation and truly understood the universal message I portrayed," Schaadt said. For her, quilting is more than an artistic pursuit. Each piece is carefully designed and stitched with purpose, reflecting the values of patience, care, and connection.

While quilts are often associated with comfort and tradition, Schaadt's work demonstrates their ability to communicate deeper meanings. Much like the relationships and partnerships needed to build a stronger world, quilts are created one piece at a time. Through her donation, Schaadt offers not only a work of art but also a message that individual acts of kindness and intention can inspire broader change.

Now displayed in a setting dedicated to international dialogue and cooperation, Schaadt's quilt stands as a testament to the power of faith, creativity, and service. Her gift reminds us that lasting change often begins with simple acts of compassion woven together over time to create something meaningful and enduring.



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WATCH NANCY EXPLAIN THE SYMBOLISM OF HER QUILT.



Fellowship Community

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BENEFICIAL Bargains

Join Fellowship Community for the 4th Annual Beneficial Bargains, a sale to benefit Fellowship's Spirit Fund for charitable care for our residents! Last year's event raised close to \$5,000, and with your help, we plan to exceed that amount this year.

Through the years, charitable care has been a hallmark of the Fellowship experience. Today, Fellowship annually provides charitable care to 28% of our residents who have outlived their funds. Contributions support residents in personal care who are not eligible for government programs, and help to cover shortfalls in reimbursement for those in skilled nursing care.

The sale is open to the public, and will feature a wide

The sale will be held in Zentz Community Center on the Fellowship campus:

October 2 8 am-1 pm and 4-7 pm

October 3 8 am-1 pm

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variety of items, like holiday décor, collectables, books, artwork, puzzles, children's toys and cookware. Breakfast and lunch food items will be available for purchase, and you can satisfy your sweet tooth at our bake sale.

This is the perfect event for furnishing a first-time apartment, adding to your collection or stocking up on activities for the little ones who come to visit.

Please see our website, FellowshipCommunity.com, for additional information including donation drop off times and dates.

Questions? Contact Tracy Bozik at (610) 769-9198 or tbozik@FellowshipCommunity.com.