



Legacy

The love that you give is the legacy that you leave.

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Fund Development News and Updates

Gifts from the Heart: Memorial Gifts Make a Difference



Pictured above left to right: Alice Bones, Jean George

Across all of the Redstone campuses, there are several residents who faithfully give gifts when one of their fellow residents passes away. These memorial gifts serve as a loving memory of days and years spent together as part of a very special community. In Greensburg, Alice Bones and Jean George are two of our regular “memorial givers.”

Alice, a West Newton native, retired after teaching English and Latin for 36 years. She has lived at Redstone since 2005. Giving has always been a part of her life. “I was raised to give a portion of my salary to the church,” she explains. “Once I came here and heard about Benevolent Care, I started giving to Redstone. One of my first gifts was in honor of someone who was turning 90. Since then, I’ve given in honor of other friends, and in memory of those who have passed away who were special to me.”

Jean, from Greensburg, worked throughout her life as a legal secretary and in the trust department of a bank. Her donations to Benevolent Care began when she moved to Redstone in 2000. “I was always willing to make memorial gifts because I knew that they would help those who would receive Benevolent Care,” she explains. “I wanted to support the families who were grieving, and also encourage them to perhaps give, too.”

Both Alice and Jean make it clear that when that day comes for each of them, they would like to be remembered with memorial gifts to Redstone. Both have already spoken with their families about their obituaries, and have asked that their churches and Redstone be designated as gift recipients. Alice and Jean agree that it is important to discuss such things while one is active and well. “We don’t stop to think about these things while we’re able,” said Alice. “That’s why it’s important to talk about these things ahead of time.” “I would hope that anyone who has lived at Redstone would be happy to see memorial gifts offered to support Benevolent Care,” adds Jean.

Memorial gifts such as these provide a valuable source of support for Benevolent Care. We are grateful for those who offer these gifts as a loving tribute to those who have touched their lives in many ways.

Spring Appeal Provides Opportunity to Honor our Fathers and our Mothers

Watch your mailbox for the annual spring appeal mailing! This year, the appeal will provide a special opportunity to make a gift in honor or in memory of someone special to you: fathers, mothers, grandparents, aunts, uncles, teachers, and friends. If your gift is made in honor of someone, we will be happy to send a special card to the address you provide. Names of those being remembered or honored will also be displayed on each campus. We hope that you will give as you are able and help us to end the fiscal year on a strong note for Benevolent Care!

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Let every man and woman count himself immortal. Let him catch the revelation of Jesus in his resurrection. Let him say not merely, "Christ is risen," but "I shall rise." ~Phillips Brooks



Throughout all of my life, Easter has been my favorite holiday. As a little girl, I loved the new Easter dresses, but what I remember most of all were the sunrise services celebrating Christ's resurrection as the sun peeped over the hillside behind the church. When I was a pastor in a local church, I loved planning the Easter services

more than any other. What a privilege it was to sing and worship to celebrate this glorious day. Every year the shout continues... **Christ is alive, and we shall live, too!**

Basking in the promise of Easter, it is no coincidence that this issue of our Legacy newsletter focuses on memorial giving. Sometimes, people are reluctant to talk about such things. But as Easter people, we needn't be afraid. As we think about the end of our earthly lives, we are blessed with one more opportunity to "leave a legacy" that will make a difference in many ways.

If you would like someone to talk with and pray with about your legacy plans, I would be honored to have an opportunity to meet with you. Together, we can celebrate that Christ is alive, and we shall live also!

Grace & Peace –

Lisa Dormire

Toman Legacy Society Members to be Honored at Annual Luncheon

Grateful for the care that she had received at Redstone, Dorothy Toman made a substantial estate gift at the time of her death. The Toman Legacy Society was established to recognize those who have the foresight to help others through planning an estate gift to Redstone Highlands.

On Thursday, May 12, new members will be inducted into the Toman Legacy Society during the annual Chairman's Appreciation Lunch. If you have included Redstone in your estate plan, please let us know so that we can honor and celebrate your intentions by including you in the Society and inviting you to this luncheon. If you would like to learn more about how to include Redstone in your estate planning, or how a charitable gift to Redstone may actually have positive tax implications for your estate, we would be happy to visit with you. Please contact Lisa Dormire, VP for Fund Development, at 724-832-8400 Ext. 353 for more information.

Redstone Gives News and Updates!

The Redstone Gives Teams across all three campuses have been EXTREMELY busy! Staff members enjoyed the "Jeans Fridays" throughout April with proceeds benefitting the American Cancer Society. Dollars for jeans worn on Fridays throughout May will benefit **Benevolent Care** at Redstone.

Daffodil Days, held across all three campuses, raised \$338 for the American Cancer Society.

Tuesday, April 26th will be an exciting day in Murrysville as the team hosts its first "Rock for Cancer." Rocking chairs, live entertainment, and "celebrity" rockers will help raise funds. Thanks to Jonathan Van Slander from dietary for providing entertainment! Rumor has it that the Mayor of Murrysville and the Chief of Police will also be in the house. Murrysville is also planning an **Ice Cream Social** to benefit Benevolent Care on May 19.

North Huntingdon recently held a very successful **BINGO** event that raised \$337 for Benevolent Care. Wow! In May they will be sponsoring a "Sharing Hearts" project that will also raise money for Benevolent Care.

Greensburg also has several activities in the works. On May 4 a **Hot Dog/Bake Sale** will benefit Benevolent Care. In addition, "Family Trees" will soon grace the lobby and will provide an additional opportunity to remember family members with a gift to Benevolent Care.

All of these events are publicized on each campus through flyers and notices, along with messages on the Touchtown screens. For more information, or to volunteer to help with any of the projects, contact **Barb Christner**, Director of Fund Development, at 724-832-8400 Ext. 331.

