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Landis Communities Update

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This weekend is a time to celebrate the women in our lives! We are blessed by many special women across Landis Communities – residents, family and team members – you have had a profound impact on who we are and how we view the world around us. Although the world looks different right now, that does not change the fact that it is made better each day by your love, your guidance and your Christ-like service.

Although we know it will be difficult to not be with those we love on Mother's Day, in order to continue to stay safe, we must find other ways to express our honor and gratitude from a distance. The phone calls, video chats and photographs will need to sustain us until we can be together again.

Across Landis Communities, we currently are aware of one resident COVID-19 test pending in Healthcare at Landis Homes. One that had been pending in residential living has come back negative. We continue to ask for your prayers as we await each result.

The Coronavirus Emergency Fund established by the Boards of Landis Communities has received contributions of \$132,000. This is more than half of the goal to raise \$250,000 before the end of the fiscal year on June 30. Thank you to the many generous donors who have contributed to the fund thus far.

Sharing also that we are in regular contact with our elected officials, at the county, state and federal levels, advocating on your behalf and on the behalf of all older adults in Lancaster County. An important part of this advocacy is directed toward increasing our access to COVID testing for residents and team members. We are aware that persons without symptoms can be infected with the virus, and asymptomatic spread of the virus has introduced it into other senior living settings. We grateful to you, to your family, and to each team member throughout Landis Communities as we seek to work together to help keep each other safe and healthy during these challenging times.

Affiliate & Partner Updates

Landis Homes

A reminder to be aware of physical distancing when you leave your home. A few things to keep in mind:

- we suggest no more than two people in an elevator
- if you stop to talk with someone, be sure to stay at least six feet apart
- be aware of where you are standing so you don't block someone's path or building entrances.

We have indicated that you do not need to wear your face



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covering when on walks outside but to have it with you should you stop to talk with someone or need to enter a building. Governor Wolf expanded his recommendations earlier this week to include wearing a facemask when outside.

Welsh Mountain Home

WMH is pleased to announce that after the one positive case of a team member, no other residents or staff have developed any symptoms of the virus. Everyone who had been in isolation is now out. The team member has completely recovered and will return to work soon as per the CDC and DOH guidelines.

WMH is celebrating nurses week with Philadelphia soft pretzels and a gift of CPR pocket mask key chains. Mountain Springs Mennonite Church donated snacks and drinks for our residents.

Steeple View Lofts

Steeple View Lofts continues to be COVID-19 free to the best of our knowledge. We are grateful for the precautions and care that residents, cleaning staff, and maintenance staff are taking to maintain health and safety in the building. Residents began to use Contact Tracing Activity Logs this week, which will support a proactive notification response should we encounter a case of COVID-19.

Lancaster Downtowners

Lancaster Downtowners remain active in physically distant ways and are offering a variety of virtual programs for individuals to connect. We are still accepting new members, and are offering a discounted six-month introductory membership to new households. Now more than ever we realize how much we rely on our community, and the Downtowners village is able to support additional members with social engagement, connection to resources, and access to volunteers who can deliver needed supplies.

Friends LifeCare™

Landis Communities and Friends LifeCare™ are transitioning the Continuing Care at Home in-person seminars to live webinars. To learn more and to have your questions answered, mark your calendar for May 21 at 10:00 a.m. Additional live webinars will be held monthly until it is safe to offer in-person seminars again. To register for these sessions or one of the pre-recorded webinars, go to

<https://www.friendslifecare.org/landis/>

Residents, clients and family members may contact Jenny Sheckells with questions or concerns at jsheckells@landis.org or 717.381.3573. You may find other communications and videos on our website: www.landiscommunities.org/COVID

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