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Couple Shares Fondness for Fitness with Neighbors

Within minutes of meeting **Westminster-Thurber Community** residents Robert “Bob” and Shirley Maurath (*pictured at right*), one thing becomes clear: They’re more than a couple – they’re a team.

Passionate about fitness, faith and their family, this dynamic duo is undoubtedly in sync. They’ve traveled the world together, had corresponding careers and enjoyed 60 years of marriage. And when it comes to their charitable giving? Well, they do that together too.

The couple met in Columbus, Ohio, while Shirley was still in high school. She worked at the state library, in the same building where Bob had worked while he was in high school.

Bob’s service in the Army had taken him overseas; he was stationed in France for a time and participated in the Battle of the Bulge. When Bob returned from his tour of duty during WWII, he came to the library to visit friends. Shirley’s boss was one of those friends, and the rest, as they say, is history.

After they married in 1950, the couple lived in an apartment on Neil Avenue (the same street as Westminster-Thurber!) while Bob pursued his master’s degree at The Ohio State University (OSU). During that time, Shirley was also at OSU, working in the university’s library.



In 1964, Bob and Shirley moved to Illinois where he worked in collegiate housing for 13 years and also pursued his Ph.D. Bob discovered a passion for teaching, and subsequently spent the next 16 years teaching accounting at the University of Illinois at Springfield, while Shirley worked in the college’s library.

Bob retired from the university, and after 29 years in Illinois the couple returned to Ohio and moved to Westminster-Thurber.

During their time as residents, Bob and Shirley have been very active and involved on campus. Both have served on the Spiritual Life Committee and as president of the Resident Association, and Bob was also a member of the Philanthropy Committee.

The couple truly sees Westminster-Thurber as their home, and they have enjoyed getting to know their neighbors over the years. “Everyone has a story!” remarks Shirley, who has encouraged her fellow residents to record their own biographies to share in the campus’s library.

This love of their home and fondness for their neighbors is what has led Bob and Shirley to give back through charitable gifts. In their 17 years as residents, the Mauraths have made several donations to benefit the Life Care Commitment and various capital needs at the campus.

Most recently, however, Bob and Shirley decided to make a contribution that was especially close to their hearts.

The couple has always had a passion for fitness – when they lived in Illinois they got up at 5:30 a.m. to work out, and also rode their bicycles to work! When they initially moved to Westminster-Thurber, however, the campus had a small fitness room with just a few pieces equipment. This led Bob to join an area gym, although “it’s a bit of a drive to get there.”

So when Westminster-Thurber announced a capital campaign for a new Resident Life & Arts Center, to include a spacious fitness center, Bob and Shirley were happy to participate financially.

In addition to an unrestricted gift for the campaign, the Mauraths have also made additional donations for the purchase of high-quality equipment for the new center.

Thanks to the Mauraths’ generosity, their friends and neighbors can use a new treadmill, an upper-body ergometer and a recumbent bike, in addition to the fitness center’s existing equipment.

In short, Bob and Shirley wanted their neighbors at Westminster-Thurber to have access to the same kind of equipment that Bob had benefited from at the area health club – without the drive!

The couple’s reason for making these gifts was simple: They saw a need, so they did what they could to help. “It just came naturally,” says Bob. ■

ON THE COVER: Westminster-Thurber resident Bob Maurath uses the upper body ergometer that he and his wife, Shirley, donated to the campus.

BELOW: A view from above of Westminster-Thurber’s fitness center, which houses a new treadmill, an upper-body ergometer and a recumbent bike thanks to the generosity of residents Bob and Shirley Maurath.



A GROUNDBREAKING PROJECT

Chapel Concourse Coming Soon to Rockynol

Rockynol is the latest OPRS community to break ground on an exciting addition! On October 25, residents, staff and donors gathered to kick off construction of the new Chapel Concourse.

Financed in part by donations from The Mission, The Vision, The Promise Capital Campaign, this innovative construction project will serve several very practical and immediate functions – replacing the walkway between the East Tower and the independent living apartments, creating a safe outdoor space for special care residents, providing a dedicated space for prayer and worship, offering



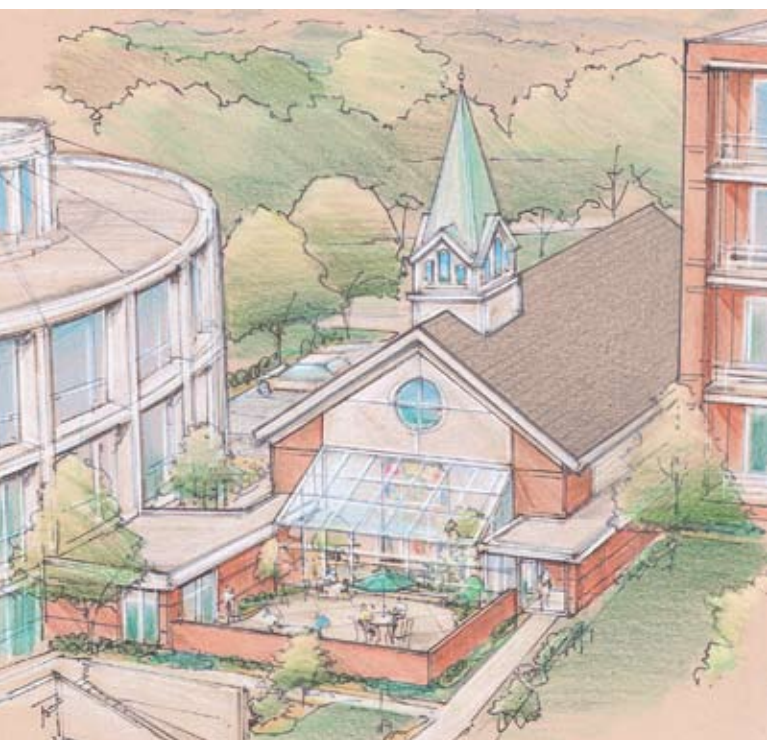
ABOVE: The ceremonious “turning of the sod” at Rockynol’s October 25th Chapel Concourse groundbreaking. Pictured L-R: Dan O’Connor, OPRS Communities President; Tom Hofmann, OPRS Foundation President; Rev. Diane Walker, Rockynol Chaplain; Leslie Belfance, Rockynol Executive Director; Dave Kaasa, OPRS President/CEO.

flexible program space and creating an indoor gardening area.

In this way, the Chapel Concourse addition fulfills the central goal of the Rockynol mission – to enhance the physical, mental and spiritual well-being of those it serves.

Special thanks goes to all the donors who helped to make this dream a reality. ■

LEFT: An artist’s rendering of Rockynol’s new Chapel Concourse. Not only will this addition provide a worship space, it will also connect the existing East Tower and the independent living apartments, bringing residents together from all over the campus.



WHAT'S IN STORE FOR CAPE MAY

Mini-Mart Offers Supplies & Socialization

Can you imagine the convenience of stocking up on everyday items without leaving your home?

Residents of **Cape May Retirement Village** can! Thanks to charitable gifts, those who call Cape May home are enjoying the accessibility of the Cape May Mini-Mart, located in the lobby of the Cambridge apartment building.

When a local bank decided to close its branch on the Cape May campus, it wasn't long before a group of residents devised a perfect plan for the space.

Gifts for the project, made by three generous donors, were used to buy wood and supplies, which a staff member crafted into shelves. Gifts also provided for other start-up costs, including the purchase of the initial items the store would sell.

Nearly a year after its grand opening, the Cape May Mini-Mart has made its mark on the campus. Cape May Administrator Sarah Boehle explains that residents love the free coffee offered by the store, which is open from 10:30 a.m. to noon, six days a week.

"It has become the social hub of the campus," says Boehle, who noted that the store may expand its offerings in the future.

For now, residents can stop by the Mini-Mart any time they run out of eggs, toothpaste or orange juice, have a craving for an ice-cream bar, or feel like sipping some coffee and socializing with their neighbors. ■

BELOW: Cape May residents Geri Bausch (left) and Reba Buckley (right), Mini-Mart volunteers, pose next to an assortment of items offered at the on-site convenience store.



GIFTS ADD WARMTH TO PROJECTS

When OPRS Communities decided to undergo renovations at two of its campuses, donors stepped in to add a touch of warmth to the spaces through their charitable gifts.

At **The Vineyard on Catawba**, residents of the Chalet Assisted Living center are enjoying a cozy, more home-like environment thanks to donors.

OPRS recently funded an expansion of the Chalet, which included four new large suites, a sun room, a deck expansion with a ramp, and a remote kitchen. A portion of the existing space was also renovated.

However, charitable dollars were needed to upgrade common areas to create a more inviting living area for all residents.

With the help of donations, The Vineyard was able to add a three-sided fireplace to replace a counter, uniting the living room and dining room into one welcoming Great Room. Hardwood-style laminate flooring was also installed throughout the Great Room and two front foyers.

Residents of The Grove at **Llanfair Retirement Community** have also benefited from donor generosity, as gifts helped to provide enhancements to their living areas during a recent renovation.

OPRS's expansion of The Grove, Llanfair's memory support care wing, included a new kitchenette, more living space, a spa-like shower room, three new semi-private resident rooms and more.

As was the case at The Vineyard, donors helped to upgrade this project as well.

Through charitable gifts, Llanfair was able to add a beautiful fireplace that matches the surrounding stone columns in the common living area. Donations also helped to fund the renovation of existing resident rooms so they would be comparable to the new living spaces.

A special thank you goes to these donors and others who help enhance the lives of residents by helping to enhance OPRS projects! ■



LEFT: During a recent renovation of The Vineyard on Catawba's Chalet, donations provided for the addition of this three-sided fireplace, which unites the living and dining rooms into one welcoming Great Room.

RIGHT: Generous gifts provided for this beautiful stone fireplace at Llanfair Retirement Community as part of the renovation of The Grove memory support care wing.



A LASTING LEGACY

Lubrizol Foundation Continues Support

Senior Independence adult day centers provide older adults with opportunities for socialization in a safe and welcoming environment, while helping to lighten the load of caregiving for their loved ones.

One such center in **Senior Independence's Greater Cleveland Region** has served area seniors and their families since 1983. Until recently, this center was located at Breckenridge Village, an OPRS community. But when Breckenridge and Senior Independence needed space for expansion, the adult day center had to find a new home.

Thankfully, a local foundation with a long history of support stepped in to help with this important project.

The Lubrizol Foundation, charitable arm of Cleveland-based specialty chemical company The Lubrizol Corporation, has contributed more than \$56 million to activities of a charitable nature since its inception in 1952.

The Lubrizol Foundation has been especially generous to OPRS over the years, providing support to Breckenridge for the Life Care Commitment and various capital needs, and also helping to foster Senior Independence's area adult day programs.

Through its recent grant for the relocation of the adult day center, The Lubrizol Foundation has helped to bring many new and exciting opportunities to clients.



ABOVE: Thanks to the generosity of The Lubrizol Foundation, Senior Independence Adult Day Center clients like Joanne Cramer (left) and staff like Program Assistant Allynne Pyle (right) can enjoy a new, spacious facility.

Located within the Willoughby Hills Friends Church, the center can now serve more clients because of the increased square footage and design of the space.

"We have also added some technological improvements with the new space," says Tina Witt, director of the center. These enhancements include the addition of a sound system and large screen, wireless Internet service, and an "It's Never 2 Late" computer unit, which offers user-friendly interactive programming for older adults.

Additionally, the church's childcare center and preschool across the hall allows for endless intergenerational activities.

Thanks to The Lubrizol Foundation, clients and their families will enjoy this "home away from home" for many years to come. ■

Please call us if you have any questions about charitable giving to OPRS. We look forward to helping you plan your legacy.



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RELATIONSHIP WITH OPRS: I first became acquainted with OPRS as a teenager when I delivered Easter lilies and Christmas poinsettias to residents at Llanfair. Then, in

1979, my parents became residents when Llanfair opened its Larchwood apartment building. Another connection is that Glenn Rogers, who was executive director of Llanfair for many years, married my wife, Marie, and me in 1970 while he was still working as a pastor at Knox Presbyterian Church in Cincinnati. Glenn got me involved on the local Llanfair board, and I later served on the board of the OPRS Foundation from its inception in 1986 until 1994. It's great to be back on the board for a second time!



MY MESSAGE TO DONORS: I wouldn't be on the OPRS Foundation Board if I didn't believe in the mission and what we're trying to do. I've seen the not-for-profit difference firsthand through my personal relationship with an OPRS community. The interaction between staff and residents is always touching – it truly is a family environment. I can't thank you enough for being part of what makes OPRS so special.

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