

Greetings to our friends and family of The Penn West Conference:

The mission of St. Paul's formed and sustained by the Judeo-Christian faith, and historically related to the United Church of Christ, is to provide meaning, richness of life, health care, and other support services, while maintaining and enhancing the dignity of human life.



Established in 1867, St. Paul's Children's Home was originally located in Butler, Pa. In 1908, it moved to Greenville, Pa., and continued to provide support to families until 1971. In 1927. St. Paul's Old Folks Home began providing housing and services to older adults. Today, St. Paul's Senior Living Community is a state-of-the-art senior living community providing services and accommodations to nearly 400 individuals. St. Paul's services and accommodations include: Independent Living in The Colony; Personal Care and Independent Living in The Heritage and The Ridgewood; Memory Care in Jones Serenity Circle and Lane; Long-term Health Services and Short-term

Rehabilitation in The Villas; Home- and Community-Based Services through Without Walls and Home Health Care through VNA Alliance. One of the largest employers in Northern Mercer County, St. Paul's has more than 400 dedicated team members who serve in a wide range of roles.

After three years of following strict health guidelines during the pandemic, we were happy to announce on Monday, April 17 that visitors no longer need to screen-in at the kiosks in the lobbies when they come to visit their loved ones. Visitors, vendors and team members are still required to wear masks in The Villas, The Ridgewood and The Heritage while visiting and we continue to request visitation be postponed if visitors are experiencing illness of any kind.

Over the past year, we have slowly begun the shift toward post-pandemic times by bringing some lively events back to our regular schedule.



Our annual **Color Me Happy 5K** color run welcomes active community members of all ages to our campus on a Saturday in May to run a 5K race throughout our community while our residents douse them with color along the way. All who participate – especially the residents – have a great time!



For nearly 20 consecutive years before the pandemic, our annual **Cruise-In** welcomed hundreds of classic car enthusiasts to our campus on a Sunday in September. During COVID, we had to take a hiatus from hosting that event, but we brought it back last year on a smaller scale for our residents and families to enjoy. The small-scale Cruise-In will be scheduled for a weekend in August this summer.

Our **Ask an Expert Series**–a free educational series featuring knowledgeable presenters from our community discussing meaningful topics of interest for older adults and their families–went strictly virtual during the pandemic. All the videos can be found on our website (www.



stpauls1867.org/about/ask-an-expert-video-series). In March, we hosted our first in-person Ask an Expert program since 2020 – "Estate Planning 101." On June 1, our Ask an Expert program will be a Community Open House event with the theme: "A great place to live – A great place to work – A great place to volunteer," giving interested participants an overview of St. Paul's services, accommodations and employment and volunteer opportunities with our own administrators being featured as "the Experts."



More positive news is that in mid-January, we were able to fully staff and re-open Jones Serenity Circle. This portion of our memory care neighborhood closed in March 2022 due to staffing issues. We are thankful that we can again continue to fill the growing need in ours and surrounding communities for memory care support.

At their annual spring meeting on Saturday, May 13, The Auxiliary of St. Paul's marked it's 50th Anniversary! Since its inception in 1973, the Auxiliary has raised more than \$650,000 to support projects that directly benefit residents of St. Paul's. A

The Auxiliary of St. Paul's Arms of Love & Service



near the fountain courtyard between The Villas and The Heritage. Residents and their visitors love this new addition to St. Paul's campus! We invite individuals interested in becoming a member of The

recent project supported by The Auxiliary is an outdoor shade umbrella and patio area

Auxiliary to visit our website at www.stpauls1867.org/about/ auxiliary/2023-auxiliary-membership-drive and register online.

In June 2022, St. Paul's kicked off the the "Bridging the Gap" capital campaign to raise \$1.5 million to construct walking trails and a pedestrian bridge to connect St. Paul's north and south



campuses. The construction of a multi-use pedestrian bridge over



Williamson Road and interconnecting walking paths is an excellent solution to fully integrate and connect the north and south sides of the campus, improving safety, encouraging exercise, helping residents maintain their independence, and improving well-being through more time spent outdoors.

As we move toward a hopeful future, we continue to find ways to provide meaning and richness of life to the residents we serve. We are blessed and proud to be a Mission Partner to the Penn West Conference and look forward to participating in your Annual Gathering and Meeting in June. We are grateful for all of you who we count as family and friends of St. Paul's Senior Living Community.