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The Good in Life



Resident Lucille Brandt

“I’ve had a very good life, and I’m having a good life now!” says Springhill resident Lucille Brandt with her usual optimistic outlook.

Originally from Clarion, Pa., Lucille followed in her mother’s footsteps and took a job at Bell of PA after graduating from high school. The company transferred her to Erie after four years, where she met her first husband, Biff Hardinger. “He worked on the fourth floor for AT&T, and I worked on the third floor for Bell.”

The couple married in 1949, with Biff bringing his two sons David and Rodney into Lucille’s life as well as a passion for the outdoors. She explains, “My family hadn’t been into sports, but Biff taught me all kinds of things—how to fish, hunt and golf.”

Lucille and Biff remained in Erie until they took early retirements in 1967. They bought a winter home in Florida, which they made their full-time residence after three years. “We lived in a sleepy, little town between two rivers and the ocean, and the fishing was fabulous! We went clamming, and then golfing as the community grew into more of a resort. We traveled. It was the best time!”

When Biff died in 1996, Lucille was alone after almost 48 years of marriage. An old

friend of the couple’s—Charles Brandt, a widower, who with his wife used to travel with Biff and Lucille—called to check on her. A little later, he invited her to bring a friend out with her to visit him at his home in Mesa, Ariz. “Charles was like a brother to me because I’d known him for fifty years. When I returned to Florida, he said, ‘Why are you alone out there? We should get together!’”

Lucille married Charles in 1998, gaining another stepson, Robert, and his wife, Patty. She enjoyed five wonderful years with Charles out in sunny Arizona. When he passed away, she moved back to Erie to be near her stepson David, his wife, Ingeborg, their children, and Rodney’s daughter, Kristin. Ingeborg had introduced her to Springhill, and on Oct. 23, 2003, she moved into an apartment in the community.

She admits that moving back to the cold of Erie was a challenge after years in Florida and Arizona. But the people she met made the difference. She became active helping with parties and serving on the Activities and Dining committees. Despite deteriorating eyesight, she continues to play pinochle and go out to lunch with friends, and enjoys shopping with her daughter in law.

“Springhill is a wonderful place to live!” she enthuses. “I’ve made very special

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Golfing Tradition Returns in June

Asbury Foundation is delighted to announce the return of the 2009 Caring Classic Golf Tournament. It will be held at the championship course at the Members Club at Four Streams in Beallsville, Md., on Tuesday, June 9.

More than \$50,000 was raised for Benevolent Care and Care Assurance funds at last year's event. Confidential assistance from these funds enables residents in need to remain in their home at one of six Asbury communities, where they may live out their years with dignity, knowing their housing and medical expenses will be provided for. Our goal is to surpass last year by 20% so the increased gifts can meet increased needs on our campuses.

Willis HRH Insurance and The Hartford are generously sponsoring this year's tournament. Two of

our Leadership Sponsors are Sodexo and Flagship Rehabilitation Services. We are grateful to them and to all of our sponsors and volunteers for making the Caring Classic possible and for supporting Asbury's benevolent care mission.

A full day of golf is planned on Four Streams' course, ending with a reception, awards ceremony, and elegant dinner. A special silent auction will also support the Benevolent Care and Care Assurance funds.

To learn more, please contact Cece Bailey at Asbury Foundation, 301-216-4052. Brochures and registration are available at www.TheAsburyFoundation.org.

Join us on the greens as we celebrate a successful year for this very worthy cause.

Your Gifts Make a Difference!

During 2008, \$63,155 in benevolent care was provided to 4 residents living at Springhill. Additionally, Asbury provided \$428,268 in uncompensated services to 45 residents at Springhill's health care center, ForestView.

Your gifts also helped enrich the lives of residents through:

- Memory Support Neighborhood
- Evacuation chairs
- Landscape beautification



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friends, and the staff has always treated me well. The gardener ensures there are always fresh flowers on the tables at meals—those little touches are important. When I had a health scare, the nurses were very responsive. I feel safe here.”

It was while recuperating from surgery in the ForestView Health Care Center last fall that Lucille knew she had chosen the best way to give back to this community

that has embraced her. She saw firsthand the need for a special environment for those with Alzheimer's, and was pleased that with help from Director of Development Carol Eller, she had set up a charitable gift annuity to benefit the Memory Support Neighborhood.

“Creating a charitable gift annuity has absolutely helped me give a bigger gift than I would have been able to by simply

donating cash,” she explains. “I'm able to receive an income from it, taking care of myself while also taking care of others. And I'm definitely happy with the rate of return—it's about 10 percent, compared to CDs at the bank, which are about two percent right now.”

She adds, “I feel good about being able to do my part for those who need it!”

Use The Same Dollar Twice!

Couple gives their **beach home** worth **\$250,000** to fund a Charitable Gift Annuity to **benefit Springhill**

Gift to Kids

*Couple receives guaranteed income of **\$1,104.16/month** for life

Gift to Springhill

+Couple chooses to **use income to fund a \$662,400 life insurance policy** to leave their heirs as a tax-free gift

At death of couple, **Springhill** receives the **\$250,000 gift**

*This example is based on a 2-life gift annuity for a male 75 years of age and a female 70 years of age as of March 2009.
+This example is using standard and second death life insurance rates.

A Charitable Gift Annuity can be funded using:
Real Estate • Stock • CDs
Bonds • Cash

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What Legacy Will You Leave?

We all desire significance to lead happy and fulfilled lives surrounded by family and friends. And for many of us, there is a compelling need to make a difference, to leave a lasting impact on the people dearest to us and the world in which we live.

The search for significance and the desire to plan for the future lead many to ponder their legacy. What kind of legacy will you leave? A bequest is perhaps the easiest and most tangible way to have a lasting impact on the people and

organizations that mean the most to you. And a bequest may be an effective way to make a gift and lessen the burden of taxes on your family and on your estate.

The Benefits of a Charitable Bequest

A charitable bequest is a bequest written in a will or trust that directs a gift to be made to a qualified exempt charity when you pass away. Such a bequest enables you to further the good work of an organization you volunteer with or support long after you are gone.

It can help you save estate taxes by providing your estate with a charitable deduction for the value of the gift. With careful planning, your family can also avoid paying income taxes on the assets they receive from your estate.

An Easy Gift to Make

A bequest is one of the easiest gifts to make. With the help of an advisor, you can include language in your will or trust specifying a gift to be made to family, friends or charity as part of your estate plan.



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June 9
2009 Caring Classic
The Members Club at
Four Streams

August 13
Annual Foundation
Auction

August 26
James G. Schneider
Golf Outing

September 24
Annual Heritage
Luncheon

October 15
Financial Planning
Roundtable

