

# News

## Asbury Foundation Supporting

Spring 2006

SPRINGHILL

### A Legacy of Note

When Mrs. Sarah B. Allen moved to Springhill with her husband, Dr. Hugh Allen, she thought she had retired from her music career. Sally had been a church organist for 40 years, playing for several Protestant churches in Erie and ending her career at the Jewish Temple Anshe Hessed.

But her friends at Springhill got her back to playing the minute she arrived. Many people knew the Allens, who met at Westminster College and moved to Erie following medical school. The couple was also instrumental in the planning stages for the community.

Dr. Allen shared Sally's love of music and always sang in her choirs, including the formal choir she began at Springhill. For almost 14 years now, Sally has played the organ and piano at Springhill and directed the Springhill Choir. Her one concession to "slowing down a bit" as she approaches her 89th birthday is giving up the organ. She continues to plan sacred services for Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter and lead singalongs from the piano. Sally recalls, "When we moved in, my husband said, 'Well, you better get the music going!' And here I am still playing!" She also attends the many concerts and lectures offered at Springhill.

Music keeps Sally going, just as her husband did. "He was my right hand man!" she notes. Shortly after he passed away in 2004, she made a generous gift in Dr. Allen's memory for the new Memory Support unit at Springhill. She explains that it's a fitting legacy because "he was a physician, and we both saw the need for Alzheimer's care in Erie. We've seen many residents go through the stages of Alzheimer's disease—dear people, who need special care." She annually supports the community and became a



Now in her 14th season at Springhill, resident Sarah (Sally) Allen continues to share her gifts with the community.

Heritage Society member by making a planned gift to Springhill by donating a portion of her refundable entry fee.

The Allens' three children are very supportive of Springhill and the legacy their mother has created in memory of their father. Mrs. Allen says, "It's wonderful here, and it's a nice feeling knowing that I'm helping to keep this community going. I have my independence, yet I feel safe. And we're all good friends here!"

***"We make a living by what we get; we make a life by what we give."***

***—Sir Winston Churchill  
1874–1965***

*"May you, our residents and friends, know how much your gifts have meant to those around you. Whether you share your time or your resources, please accept our most sincere thanks. We are honored to join the efforts of so many who enhance our community."*

Douglas C. Myers, *Asbury Foundation President & CEO*

## **Donor Roll of Honor**

All donors listed here represent gifts made to Springhill and ForestView in 2005. Gifts were directed to the Fellowship Fund for benevolent care, the Capital Fund, the Specific Purpose Fund or the Endowment Fund.

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## **Take Advantage of Our New Website!**

For more on the Asbury Foundation, benevolent care and planned giving, please visit our new website:

[www.theasburyfoundation.org](http://www.theasburyfoundation.org)

You'll find expanded information on income and tax deduction possibilities, articles on tax law changes that may affect you, and a charitable gift annuity calculator.

# 2005 Report to Donors

*Thank You for Supporting Springhill*

## **Fellowship Fund**

Two Springhill/ForestView residents received benevolent care assistance from the Fellowship Fund in 2005.

## **Capital and Program Enhancements**

Gifts for capital improvements and programs helped enhance Springhill with the following in 2005:

- Large, outdoor wooden-framed swing
- Cordless microphone for the Community Room
- Cards and games for ForestView residents
- Springhill and ForestView Associates Funds

## **Total Donations in 2005**

Annual Fund (immediate benevolent care needs)	\$74,593.44
Capital (incl. Alzheimer's unit)	\$153,342.55
Special Program Gifts	\$39,717.50
Endowment Fund (future needs)	\$497.04
<b>Total Gifts</b>	<b>\$268,150.53</b>

## **The Memory Support Unit Fund**

Leadership briefings have begun for the purpose of sharing our story and getting community input about plans for a Memory Support Unit on the Springhill campus. Philanthropy will play a major role in this initiative to assure that future residents would be able to afford the monthly service fee. Thank you for your continuing support.

## **The Endowment**

Some donors have made provisions in their estate plans to establish endowment funds for the perpetual benefit of Springhill and ForestView. The principal from the endowment fund will be preserved while interest income from the fund will benefit future residents served by our community.

## **The Heritage Society**

All who support future needs at Springhill through bequests and other planned gifts will be recognized as members of the Heritage Society. Donors may let us know they have included Springhill in their wills, or they may make deferred gifts in forms such as charitable gift annuities, trusts and gifts of life insurance. As of Dec. 31, 2005, there are 15 members in Springhill's Heritage Society.

# Your Footprints

*Everyone leaves footprints on the sands of time, made by the imprints of our lives on others. A person is remembered for the weight of his or her character. For marks of accomplishment. For length of compassion. For width of personal warmth. For values.*



When we leave positive impressions behind, we enhance the lives of our friends and loved ones. We give them footprints to follow.

Thoughtful estate planning is one means we have to make a print in the sand, to help others recall our priorities. For example, consider the effect of a plan that not only includes provision for family members, but resources for charitable organizations like the Asbury Foundation.

## **A Bequest Gift Makes a Positive Statement.**

When you include the Asbury Foundation in the disposition of your estate in the form of a charitable bequest, you declare to your family and friends that you believe in the Foundation's mission. Your parting bequest becomes a clear declaration of your values.

## **A Bequest Gift Provides Needed Funding.**

Bequest gifts are especially valuable because they tend to be larger than annual gifts. They can provide the extra resources necessary to sustain or advance a program.

Bequest gifts can be designated for a specific purpose or unrestricted for use where needed most. They can fund endowments that provide an ongoing witness to your friends and loved ones that

you believe in the work of the Asbury Foundation.

## **A Bequest Gift Encourages Imitation.**

There's something about a well-planned estate gift that influences others to "go and do likewise." As friends and family members plan their own estates, they may recall your generosity and thoughtfulness. Your gift may inspire others to include the Asbury Foundation in their estate plans.



*Director of Development Carol Eller is available to confidentially provide you with the information you need to include charitable giving in your estate plan. Please call 814-860-7008 for assistance, or complete the enclosed information-request card. There is no obligation.*

# Frequently Asked Questions About Our Endowment

## **Q: Who manages the Asbury Foundation's endowment funds?**

The investment portfolio is managed by Russell Investment Group, who has been in existence for nearly 70 years and has developed an advanced, multimanager investing process that is a comprehensive approach to long-term investing. Russell also manages the assets of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, the largest foundation in the world. Hired

by Asbury in 2003, Russell is a team of experts who guide and direct the Asbury Investment Committee to determine asset allocations and investment goals and decisions.

## **Q: What is the investment philosophy?**

The investment portfolio is invested to diversify risk and seek long-term growth and appreciation. It includes a balance of equities and fixed-return assets. Over the last 10

years, the investment return has averaged 9.7 percent.

## **Q: Who oversees Russell Investment Group?**

The Asbury Investment Committee, which is made up of Board members from Asbury Communities, its affiliates and the Asbury Foundation. It meets quarterly to review the investment portfolio and recommend adjustments.

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## What Could Be Better Than Flowers?

We all want our families to know we're thinking of them on special days such as birthdays and Mother's Day. The family of resident Mrs. Sarah B. Allen has discovered a particularly thoughtful gift. They have made it a tradition on Mother's Day and her birthday to honor her with a commemorative gift to the community she has chosen to call home. Mrs. Allen appreciates knowing that their gift brings joy, not only to her, but to others.

Next time you're thinking of flowers, consider a more lasting gift to honor someone you love. Visit our website at [www.theasburyfoundation.org](http://www.theasburyfoundation.org) to make a commemorative gift and find out if your company makes matching gifts.

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## Commemorative Gifts

A commemorative gift is a meaningful way to honor friends and loved ones. It is a way to express gratitude for acts of kindness, recognize joyous occasions such as birthdays, anniversaries or promotions, or express condolences to the family of a deceased relative, friend or acquaintance.

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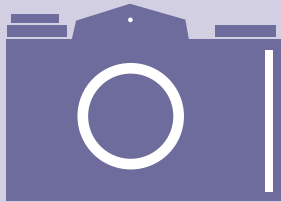
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On December 1, 2005, the Asbury Foundation held an auction to benefit the creation of a Memory Support (Alzheimer's) Unit on the campus. Plans are underway for the 2nd Annual Auction.

## Attention, Shutterbugs!

We'd love to showcase more items, events and services made possible by donor gifts. If you have a good camera and a knack for photography, please contact Cassandra Hoye at 301-216-4009 or [choye@asbury.org](mailto:choye@asbury.org). You may send photos, with captions, that you think would be useful, or ask for an assignment. Thank you!



### For best results:

- Focus on people interacting or in action, rather than formal portraits.
- Have the subject fill the frame; try to get as close as possible.
- When photographing events with speakers, avoid shooting from the back of the room (too many backs of heads).
- Select camera settings for high quality, large images.

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The Heritage Society honors those who have provided major support to Springhill and ForestView through bequests and other planned gifts, such as charitable gift annuities, trusts and gifts of life insurance.

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\*In remembrance of those Heritage Society members who passed away in 2005.

*We have made every effort to ensure accuracy in recognizing our 2005 donors. We apologize for any errors or omissions. Please inform Carol Eller of any inaccuracies so they may be corrected: 814-860-7008. Thank you, and we appreciate your continued support.*

In early March, the Foundation hosted the second Free Estate Planning Seminar. Over 40 residents attended this free seminar, and we hope to see you at the next one!



Foundation Committee and Springhill Board member Jean Dunn, with Resident Frank Kreitler.



Residents Dorothy McNelis, Shirley Larson and Lucille Brandt.

## Making a gift of stock? Contact the Foundation office first!

Gifts of appreciated stock can support your favorite charity while easing your capital gains tax burden. Please be sure to contact the Asbury Foundation before making a gift of stock to an Asbury community, however. Due to privacy laws, we cannot find out who transferred the stock unless you notify us personally. When you notify us, we can make sure you get proper credit and that your gift is directed to the program you wish to support.

### Asbury Foundation

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