MISSION
To provide quality senior services guided by Christian values.

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Together we are making positive differences in the lives of seniors.

YOU Matter

Fall and Winter 2016

Your gifts support the mission of Presbyterian Manors of Mid-America
If you open a dictionary, you can find a variety of definitions for “angel.” It can define someone who steps in to meet an urgent need, or it can be a person who champions a worthy cause. All of these describe the faithful donors who respond with gifts to the annual Christmas Angel Tree letter from Presbyterian Manors of Mid-America.

Since the annual Angel Tree tradition began in 1999, thousands of gifts have been made to Presbyterian Manors of Mid-America communities to help a resident in need. Your gifts—often accompanied by a tribute to a loved one—support the Good Samaritan Program that ensures no PMMA resident will ever be asked to leave because they have exhausted their money through no fault of their own. Plus, they are symbolized by colorful Angel ornaments that adorn special Christmas trees in every PMMA senior living community.

There were 466 Angel donors during last year’s Christmas season. Here are three faithful “Angels”:

**Mr. and Mrs. Ben Neier** of Dodge City became Christmas Angels for Manor of the Plains more than 20 years ago.

“We know there are people who might run out of funds,” says Jan Neier, “and we want to be able to help.” The Neiers send their annual Angel gift in memory of a young woman who died tragically in a traffic accident. She had been employed by their farm equipment company.

Jan is a former member of the community’s advisory council, and her 96-year-old mother, Alice Rodgers, is a current resident.

“My mother is living there because of the wonderful care that I know she receives,” Jan says.

**Janiece Rowland** has been an Angel supporter of Sterling Presbyterian Manor for nearly 27 years. She also served for six years on the community’s advisory council. Her annual gift is in memory of her two grandmothers and her mother, all of whom were residents.

“I am acquainted with members of the staff,” she says, “So it’s easy for me to see all that has been achieved at the Manor. The personal connection does it for me (as a supporter).”

**Theodore Steuber** is a resident at Parsons Presbyterian Manor and knows firsthand the value of his Angel giving during the past 23 years. His mother, Helen Steuber, lived at the campus for 20 years prior to her death.

Now that he is a resident himself, Steuber continues to be a faithful Christmas Angel supporter in memory of his mother.

Be an Angel to Someone in Need
Contact Sarah Oenning at 316-685-1100 or soenning@pmma.org, or return the enclosed reply envelope to learn more about the Good Samaritan Program and how you can be an Angel this season of giving.
The end of the year puts many of us in a reflective mood. We think about the ups and downs we’ve had along the way and the special moments that touched our hearts.

When you review your personal highlights for 2016, don’t forget to count the positive impact you’ve had on others by supporting causes important in your life, such as Presbyterian Manors of Mid-America. Your generosity is an encouragement to those we serve.

The good feeling that comes from knowing you are making a difference can grow by combining a current gift with a future gift to PMMA. This thoughtful approach to giving allows you to continue to see the impact of your support today and be part of helping us address tomorrow’s challenges.

Blending your giving today with a future gift lets you make a bigger impact than you ever thought possible. You have the flexibility to choose the combination of gifts that complement your financial situation and the future needs of you and your loved ones.

We are here to help answer questions about how you can make a difference in the lives of those we serve. Please feel free to contact Sarah Oenning at 316-685-1100 today.
You can extend the impact of a gift to Presbyterian Manors of Mid-America well beyond this holiday season. To learn how, contact Sarah Oenning at 316-685-1100 or soenning@pmma.org.

Do you ever struggle to find the perfect holiday gift for loved ones, only to settle for something just so you can cross them off your shopping list? We’ve all done it—given a gift that we know the recipient won’t love. This season, consider a gift he or she won’t want to return. If you know someone who values the meaningful work we do at Presbyterian Manors of Mid-America, consider making a donation in his or her honor. These tribute gifts are also a great way to remember loved ones who are no longer with us.

How to Make a Tribute Gift
There are two easy ways to give a tribute gift to PMMA, none of which requires a trip to the mall:

1. Make a gift today—An outright gift can help fund our immediate needs or an upcoming project. The financial benefits include an income tax charitable deduction when you itemize deductions on your federal income tax return, and the possible elimination of capital gains tax.

2. Make a gift that lives on forever—Honorary endowments can be made now or through your estate plan. Endowments are structured so that a small portion of your gift, rather than the whole amount, is used each year to fund a particular purpose. To perpetuate the fund forever, the majority always remains intact and is invested for the future.

What’s on Your List?
Having trouble coming up with gift ideas for yourself? One way to make it easier on your loved ones is to suggest that they make a gift to Presbyterian Manors of Mid-America in your honor.
Share What's Important to You

You will be remembered by your values and the care and concern that you show others. Follow the three tips outlined in our new guide to ensure that the people you care about understand your vision for the future.

The latest buzz words at Salina Presbyterian Manor are “renovation” and “face-lift.” They help describe the new look for Salina’s Ralph E. Reitz Memorial Park, thanks to the generosity of major local donors. The walking trail has a new artificial surface that Executive Director Brad Radatz says “is easier on the knees and friendlier to wheelchairs and walkers.” The trail circles the park to serve all Presbyterian Manor residents.

The pond at the park not only looks better, it is now more easily approached by residents and visitors following removal of overgrown foliage along its banks and an expanded dock that is handicapped accessible.

A face-lift has been applied to the park’s pavilion. The old shake shingles were replaced, and an expanded shaded area has been added.

The entire project was completed in about four months. It was funded by the McCune Foundation, Middlekauff Foundation, and Sid Reitz. The Memorial Park, opened in 1999, is named for Sid’s father, Ralph Reitz. Lucille Reitz, Ralph’s widow, was a Salina Presbyterian Manor resident until her death in 2006.
A Well-Used Van Comes Out of ‘Retirement’

A “retired” van at Fort Scott Presbyterian Village is helping to enrich the life of Jane Abarr’s son. Jane went to work last year as a nurse aide at the campus. It marked her return to the Fort Scott area, where she grew up, was married, and began her career. Her family’s life changed suddenly when her son, Steven, was born with spina bifida. He had multiple surgeries during a long stay at the Kansas University Hospital and then was taken to Shriner’s Hospital in Dallas. The Abarrs moved to Texas where specialists could continue to treat Steven. That was nearly 30 years ago. The Abarrs came back to Fort Scott so Steven could move into a group home managed by Tri-Valley Developmental Services. Tri-Valley helps people with disabilities become active in the community. But Steven and his wheelchair couldn’t be transported to most family events—until Fort Scott Village and Jane’s co-workers stepped in and suggested that the newly retired van could solve this challenge.

With the assistance of Executive Director Ginger Nance, it was decided that the 21-year-old van, replaced earlier this year, should come out of “retirement.” The van has a wheelchair lift, enabling Steven to now attend such family events as the high school graduations of his nieces and nephews. “This feels like I’ve come full circle,” Jane says. “I began working in the long-term care field as a teenager. Then I was surrounded by people who cared for me and my baby when times were so hard. Now, I’m back here working again in long-term care. “And once again, I am being blessed by people who care. Fort Scott is a good place to live!”

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Your Generosity in Action

We can’t say thank you enough to all of our Angels who help meet a need in the 17 communities we serve each and every day. Although you may not see it on a daily basis, take a look below at some of the Angels in your community and the difference they are making.

[Arkansas City]

Another Classic Winner
For the 22nd straight year, the annual Richard “Dick” Metz Memorial Golf Classic produced “classic” results. Seventy-six golfers teed off at the May 7 tournament, which raised more than $17,800. The tournament is named in memory of Dick Metz, an Arkansas City native and golf professional.

Proceeds go to the Good Samaritan Program to benefit residents who have outlived their funds. The tournament’s annual ball drop was renamed in memory of Karl Faidley, a longtime campus supporter and Advisory Council member who passed away earlier this year.

Get to Know More About Us
Arkansas City Presbyterian Manor offers senior living in Arkansas City, Kansas, designed to maximize our residents’ freedom to make the best of their retirement years. Our continuum of care encompasses independent living and home health services, assisted living, memory care, short-term rehabilitation, and health care with skilled nursing.
Your Generosity in Action (continued)

[Clay Center]

Dinner-Auction Benefit
Hungry diners and enthusiastic bidders gathered on May 4 to help raise $7,171 for residents who have exhausted their resources through no fault of their own. The 26th annual Good Samaritan dinner and silent auction received both financial support and in-kind gifts from more than 30 Clay Center area businesses and individuals.

[Farmington]

Chicken and Dumplings
“Each year I am humbled by the generosity of the local community,” says Farmington Executive Director Jane Hull. She reported that this year’s chicken and dumplings dinner raised more than $14,000 for the Good Samaritan Program. Volunteers and staff served some 500 “dine-in” guests and also assembled full dinners for “carry-out” customers.

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Advisory Council Members Brighten Gazebo With Gifts
A big thank you to Carol Bloom, Julie Powers, Carol Willman, Byron Taylor, Paul Bembower, Nancy Sullivan, Pat Larkin, Jetty Reese, Jon Cozean, and Jane Barton of our Advisory Committee for donating the beautiful hanging baskets for our gazebo.
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A Second Annual Success
Fulton’s pork dinner and silent auction event is becoming an annual feature. In its second year, the Good Samaritan benefit on April 16 also included live music to entertain 130 diners. By the time the evening ended, more than $8,000 was raised for the Good Samaritan Program.

Twiddle Muffs Come to Fulton
They’re called Twiddle Muffs. They can help residents find some relief from the effects of dementia, Alzheimer’s disease, and autism. Twiddle Muffs are two tubes made up of different textures. Those using Twiddle Muffs have a lessened desire to pick at things, which is a symptom of dementia and Alzheimer’s. Fulton Charity Knitting has made and donated more than 200 Twiddle Muffs to Central Missouri agencies, including Fulton Presbyterian Manor.

Donor Gifts Freshen Courtyard
A group of anonymous community members donated funds to remodel the courtyard. At the completion of the four-month project, there was a beautiful new purple canopy hung, a raised flower bed built, a strawberry bed installed, a bird bath and feeders added, as well as flowers and vegetables. Residents and their families enjoy this refreshed outdoor space.

No Rain Delay for This Event
A big overnight rain put a damper on parking arrangements, but not on people’s excitement at the annual chicken dinner and auction fundraiser. Volunteers and staff prepared 550 chicken dinners for hungry guests. The dinner, plus the auction and a drawing, raised more than $22,000 for the Good Samaritan Program. Fort Scott Presbyterian Village Executive Director Ginger Nance told volunteers and staff, “You have made a direct positive impact larger than can be measured in dollars and cents.”

New Minivan ‘Lifts’ Its Passengers
There’s now a more convenient ride available for residents who need a “lift” to doctor’s appointments. Residents Ernie and Arlene Hanzlicek have donated a new minivan equipped with a motorized seat to help riders enter and exit more easily. The seat swings out to the desired height and then lifts a rider on board the minivan. The result is a more comfortable ride for residents who won’t have to be lifted on and off the vehicle.
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Barton Insurance Services
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Busenbark Carpet, Inc.
Chilton Oil
Mr. and Mrs. David Corless
Cozean Funeral Home
CP Sealcoating & Striping
Dardenne Presbyterian Church
Farmington Presbyterian Church
Farmington Presbyterian Women
First State Community Bank
of Farmington
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   Ann* Goggins
Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Grotewiel
Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Gruen
Mr. Thomas T. Hamilton
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Healthcare Equipment
Healthdirect Pharmacy Services

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