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“Our residents are thrilled with these exciting new options,” said K. Alan Tutterow, executive director. “These spaces are in tune with what current and prospective residents are looking for in a well-rounded, active and rewarding lifestyle.”

Members of Charlie Scott’s family try out the new putting green, made possible by their gift and named in his honor.

Legacy of giving

In this special issue, we take a close look at inspiring examples of generosity that have helped make Well•Spring so special for residents and staff, too.

One of our most recent examples comes from the family of Charles Prioleau Scott, who donated a beautiful putting green in his memory. This new amenity is located adjacent to our outdoor dog park and basketball goal and is close to our Aquatics and Fitness Center.

Residents joined members of the Scott family at an afternoon reception to officially open the putting green.

The curtain rises

Resident Activity Center, new kitchen and renovated Weaver Dining Room debut

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It’s been a long, hot summer, for sure. And I don’t know about you, but I’m looking forward to fall, with its cooler temperatures – and, of course, for me – its annual rite of American football. Fall also serves as sort of a collective pause for us to recognize the bounty of the summer growing season and the blessings of abundant sunshine and ample rainfall. It’s against this backdrop that I would like to speak to the longtime support Well•Spring has received in this, our 26th year of service.

Well•Spring was sponsored in the late 1980s by a group of nine faith-based organizations. First Presbyterian Church, First Baptist Church and the area’s seven Episcopal churches came together to develop an unparalleled retirement community for the region’s older adults. Before even turning the first spade of dirt, these congregations collected a love offering to allow tax-exempt bonds to be issued to ultimately construct the Well•Spring campus.

So began the legacy of giving at Well•Spring.

Those initial funds provided the seed money for what is today known as Well•Spring’s Benevolent Assistance Fund, which provides financial assistance to residents who, through no fault of their own, find their financial resources depleted and, as a result, their ability to pay the current monthly service fee severely limited.

Once it was apparent that our Life Plan Community was actually going to be built, a number of individuals, families and even some corporations came together to provide funds that assisted with the construction of a dining room, auditorium and health care clinic spaces. Names like Weaver, Richardson and Brown are lasting memorials and testaments to those who believed in Well•Spring’s mission.

Most recently, charitable contributions have assisted Well•Spring’s ability to provide its residents with a new, spacious and accommodating informal dining space. The Bauman Bistro was made possible through a generous and gracious gift from the late Ed and Vivien Bauman. Construction cost of the new theatre – which has yet to be formally named – was offset by many donors who provided funds to supplement the cost of theatre seats and other features. For example, Elaine and Tom Wright made a gift to help us procure a state-of-the-art audio system that’s ideal for a theatre designed for many patrons who are older adults. Other examples include the Hart family’s gift of the theatre’s magnificent grand piano, as well as the gift by Jean and Charles King and Janet King Daw to support our stage equipment and rigging needs. And just off our new theatre lobby, resident Dr. Jo Safrit made possible the beautiful Jo Safrit & Cathy Ennis Gallery to house rotating exhibitions of artwork from the collection of UNCG’s Weatherspoon Art Museum.

Without question, Well•Spring would not be what it is today without charitable contributions. From residents and staff in need, to brick and mortar improvements, this exceptional community was established and is here for the greater Greensboro community.

As I take pause and reflect on the giving record at Well•Spring and the legacy that has been established, I have thoughts of gratitude, grace and hope. Grateful for what others have allowed us to accomplish, grace for the blessings we’ve been given and hope that others also will see the needs of this organization and the older adults we serve.

With deep and sincere thanks,

Steve Fleming
President & CEO
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Take a virtual tour of Well•Spring

Well•Spring’s website now features new virtual tours of our community. To explore amenities such as our fitness center, dining rooms, theatre and woodworking shop, or to “drop in” on some of our different residences, please visit well-spring.org.

What people are saying...

“We want to thank you so much for having us out to Well•Spring for lunch! The food was wonderful (as usual), and your staff were so nice and attentive. We love the new areas that have been built, from the beautiful Bistro to the amazing theatre! ... We walked down to Health Care to visit with nurses who had cared for our parents. We are so grateful to all of you for taking such great care of our families! Well•Spring is a special place because of you. Thank you for all you do!”

Molly & Jeff Ishee, referring to their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ishee and Mr. and Mrs. Norfleet

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The late Cathy Ennis

Jo Safrit cuts the ribbon to officially open the new art gallery
Current giving opportunities

Recognition Opportunities (by permanent plaque in the theatre lobby)

- Lighting Package $150,000
- Visual & Communications Package $100,000
- Theatre Seats $5,000 each

Naming Opportunities

- Theatre $2.5 million
- Lounge & Bar $1.2 million
- Theatre Lobby $1 million
- Special Occasions Room $750,000
- Hobby & Woodworking Studio $500,000
- Visual Art Studios (2 available) $400,000
- Rehearsal Hall $300,000
- Distinguished Visiting Artist Lecture Series (in association with Weatherspoon Art Museum) $75,000

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS A GIFT OR LEARN MORE, PLEASE CONTACT ALAN TUTTEROW AT (336) 545-5418.

O. Henry plays find new home at Well•Spring

For more than 30 years, area theater enthusiasts have brought to life the beloved stories created by the writer known as O.Henry – Greensboro’s own William Sydney Porter, one of the most famous literary figures of the 20th century.

Now the plays, formerly known as 5 By O.Henry and produced at the Greensboro History Museum, have entered a fresh chapter of their own with a new name and home.

The productions are now be called An O.Henry Celebration: Stories & Songs and produced on the stage of The Well•Spring Theatre. The 2019 season occurred there in September. More than 50 residents were involved, from directing to ushering.

“We are excited to bring these productions to Well•Spring, not just so that our residents have ample opportunity to enjoy them but also to grow the shows for the enjoyment of the general public and the countless people for whom these are a rich, deep tradition,” said Alan Tutterow, executive director.
Local woman honors her late parents, celebrates stewardship

Janice “Smack” Mack was the first marketing director of Well•Spring. Her father, Ed, served on the community’s original board. And her mother, Lorraine, was among the first residents to move into Well•Spring.

It’s safe to say the Mack family’s roots with Well•Spring run deep.

So when Smack learned about Well•Spring’s plans to build the new Resident Activity Center – an expansive project that would require the removal of a number of trees on the property – it brought back memories.

“The prior owners of the property were John and Rena Christopher,” she recalled. “And back then, there was a beautiful grove of trees.”

In planning for the new facilities, Well•Spring officials instructed designers to use as much of the wood from those fallen trees as possible in the finishes of the new structure. The top of the bar in the new lounge is made entirely of reclaimed timber from those trees, as are ceiling accents directly above the bar, at the porte cochère of the entrance and in the new Special Occasions Room.

“Well•Spring is such a good steward in saving these resources,” Smack said. “And I thought this was such a good story.”

Now, thanks to this retired school teacher, the story is being told.

In what she calls a modest gesture to remember her parents, Smack donated a plaque in the bar acknowledging and telling the story of these wood details. “My dad loved trees, and the home they had in town was surrounded by trees. And I love Well•Spring. That gorgeous bar shows good use of the trees that were there. Kudos to Well•Spring!”

Fund honoring first employee benefits a great team!

Thanks to a special fund set up to honor Well•Spring’s first employee, Barbara Adams, who retired in 2017 after 30 years of serving our community, our team enjoyed receiving free, fresh produce at a pop-up farmers market. Staff turned out in droves to each collect 6-7 pounds of vegetables of their choosing. Donors to the Barbara Adams Employee Blessing Fund include residents, staff members and friends of Well-Spring. The fund is used to support employees, such as in a time of need or distress or to honor their good work.
The renovated Weaver Dining Room

The Well•Spring Theatre

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With its new kitchen, Well•Spring continues the long, highly regarded tradition of superior dining for which it is well known, Tutterow pointed out. “And the Resident Activity Center – the theater, in particular – is providing our residents with an incredible arts-centered lifestyle. It’s hard to beat enjoying a live performance by a renowned dance company, or a lecture, or a concert, for example, basically in your own home.”

The 340-seat Well•Spring Theatre hosts a wide variety of arts programming, as well as educational talks and events, Tutterow said. “It also is a place for worship. The theatre is designed for many purposes.”

Tutterow said that not only do Well•Spring’s new additions significantly enhance the resident experience, they also are a way to engage the greater Greensboro community. “This theatre offers arts and educational organizations – and, as a result, greater Greensboro citizens – a wonderful new option at which to hold some of their programming. In doing so, the theatre enhances existing relationships with these groups into even more meaningful partnerships.”

Holiday Tree Decorating Contest in December
Supporting area nonprofits

As part of its longtime commitment to support the local community, Well•Spring, A Life Plan Community will again host its annual Holiday Tree Decorating Contest, which benefits nonprofit organizations in the area.

From Dec. 5-17, residents of and visitors to Well•Spring can vote for their favorite holiday tree, among 10 decorated by nonprofits as a way of creatively illustrating each organization’s mission. Each participating organization receives $500, and the organization whose tree receives the most votes gets an additional $2,000 charitable donation from Well•Spring.

THE 10 AREA NONPROFITS COMPETING THIS YEAR ARE:

- A Simple Gesture
- Animal Rescue and Foster Program
- City Arts
- Elsewhere
- Greensboro Council of Garden Clubs
- Greensboro Opera
- Reading Connections
- Reconsidered Goods
- Restoration Place Counseling
- Shepherd’s Center

For more information on the contest, please visit well-spring.org and follow along on Well•Spring’s Facebook page.
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