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Foundation Executive Director Susan McConnell and resident Harold Hansen

## A time for gratitude and new beginnings

During this season of expressing appreciation, all of us at Wesley Homes give thanks for the generosity of our friends. In addition to supporting the creation of Wesley Homes Bradley Park and the redevelopment of Wesley Homes Des Moines, you helped us surpass the Wesley Homes Lea Hill Circle of Concern Endowment goal of \$1.5 million by \$24,294.

“Wesley Homes is well-known for taking care of our residents,” said Foundation Executive Director Susan McConnell. “We are able to do this because of the caring spirit of our donors.”

The interest from the funds will be used to assist residents who have exhausted their financial resources through no fault of their own. The funds themselves will remain in the endowment so the interest can help generations to come.

“Though we’ve reached our initial goal, we will continue to grow the endowment,” said Susan. “Right now, the interest is approximately \$60,000 a year. That’s a very good beginning since the Circle of Concern Endowment has mostly been funded by Lea Hill residents. They don’t want their neighbors to leave because of a financial hardship that was beyond their control, and we are so thankful for their generosity.”

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*Wesley Homes is a faith-based organization providing retirement communities and a network of services for older adults.*

*With love and joy, we are called to meet the physical, social and spiritual needs of those we serve.*

*We affirm the worth of all those we serve and those who provide service.*

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## A time for gratitude and new beginnings (continued)

The Circle of Concern Endowment was part of a twofold campaign for the Lea Hill campus. The goal was to raise \$3.5 million: \$2 million to help build the \$10.6 million Wesley Homes Lea Hill Rehabilitation & Care Center, and \$1.5 million to fund the Lea Hill Circle of Concern Endowment.

Guided by co-chairs Fred and Helena Hanna and community leader Sue Singer, the Lea Hill Advisory Board was formed to assist Wesley Homes Foundation with campaign strategy and fundraising efforts. Their work, along with Campaign Manager Sten Crissey, helped the care center component of the campaign surpass the \$2.0 million goal by \$33,738 in 2014. With the endowment goal reached, the campaign has surpassed its \$3.5 million goal.

Major gifts of \$10,000 and above from individuals and entities such as the City of Auburn, BPCI Construction, MultiCare and Auburn Rotary earned recognition with the naming of rooms or spaces. Gifts of \$1,000 and above are recognized with a Bridging the Gap tile on the sky bridge connecting the care center with Eby Lodge.

From the small gathering of residents and community leaders in September 2011 to today, friends of Wesley Homes have shown a trust and belief in our mission that is humbling. We now move forward to honor your faith in us. As President John F. Kennedy said, "As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter the words, but to live by them."



*Donor and committee co-chair Helena Hanna and Auburn Mayor Nancy Backus*

**Contact us today for a tour!**

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*Living the Mission Team; Fisher House II*

## Happy to help

The Wesley Homes Living the Mission Team has once again chosen Fisher House as the recipient of our holiday drive. Fisher House provides a home, for no charge, for families and patients receiving care at Madigan Army Medical Center, Joint Base Lewis-McChord, WA.

"We're grateful for the opportunity to help the military families who have sacrificed for our country," said Mission Team Leader Theresa Hile. "Anyone who wants to contribute can drop their donation off at our Des Moines or Lea Hill campuses until December 16. We'll transport donations to Fisher House."

The top items needed are laundry soap, fabric softener sheets, Pop-Tarts and individually wrapped snack items such as chips, fruit cups and granola bars.

**For an extended list of needed items,  
visit [fisherhouse-jblm.org](http://fisherhouse-jblm.org)**

## Minimizing environmental impact

Walsh Construction Superintendent Anthony Mizen meets with Wesley Homes Des Moines residents weekly to provide updates on the construction schedule and answer questions. During Anthony's first meeting on October 27, one resident asked about the demolition debris. The rubble is taken to a waste management facility where they sort out the recyclable material before sending the remainder to the landfill.

"We get a report so we can monitor how much is recycled and how much is trash," Anthony shared.

As the project progresses, the environmental impact will be monitored using the Built Green® Multi-Family Checklist. This document lists numerous construction practices and scores them according to their environmental friendliness in order to arrive at a star rating from one to five, with five being the highest level of efficiency. Walsh expects Phase I of the Des Moines project to achieve at least a three-star rating.

"Wesley Homes is committed to being environmentally responsible during this project," said VP of Marketing and Development Christine Tremain. "This is important to our Resident Redevelopment Team members, too. Together, we will monitor the checklist and look for ways to support environmental sustainability where we can."

## Building the Bradley Park Community

Over 40 apartments have been reserved at Wesley Homes Bradley Park and new inquiries come in weekly. Those who select an apartment become Bradley Park Pioneers and receive special benefits as charter residents of the community.

"We encourage people to sign up early," said Community Relations Director Peggy Qualls. "As Pioneers, they can help us develop the programming they want in their community. They are already self-selecting interest groups and helping with plans for the community spaces, including the workshop, creative arts studio, library and resident gardens."

Bradley Park is experiencing active resident involvement that is typical of Wesley Homes' communities. Residents in Des Moines and Lea Hill participate directly in developing activities and working with the campus staff through a robust Resident Council as well as individual advisory groups.

Additionally, Pioneers have a greater selection of apartments to consider, they are able to select the color scheme and customizations for their new home and they enjoy the community-building events held exclusively for Bradley Park Pioneers.

Building plans have been submitted to the City of Puyallup for permits, and groundbreaking is expected to happen soon. "It will be great to see the building starting," said Peggy. That sentiment is echoed by over 40 Pioneers and everyone involved in the development of Wesley Homes Bradley Park.



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## The difference is you

Wesley Homes Foundation invites you to celebrate the holidays while honoring those you love by making a gift to the Tree of Lights, our annual giving program. Whether your gift is in memory or in honor of a loved one, your generous contribution will help champion the needs of older adults by providing enriching programs and expanding our services.

One of our new programs, Kognitive Konnection, is funded through our Greatest Need Fund. It supports our residents by helping them stay actively engaged in life with fun virtual activities, such as bowling and table tennis using Xbox One™ with Kinect.

Collectively we make a difference, and together we strengthen our communities. When you receive your Tree of Lights appeal letter in the mail, please consider making an investment in Wesley Homes and the mission of our organization.



*Kognitive Konnection bowling*

**To learn how you can make a difference,**  
please visit our Tree of Lights donation page at [TreeOfLights.WesleyHomes.org](http://TreeOfLights.WesleyHomes.org)

