



Brethren
Retirement
Community



Envisioning an improved tomorrow
for over 122 years.

Greetings, Dear Friends,

I bring you warm greetings from our Board, residents, families, and staff of Brethren Retirement Community. We are grateful for your continued prayers, generosity, and support as we work together to continue the mission envisioned so long ago.

This year's conference theme, "Breathing in the Beloved," is a testament to our work, past, present, and future. God placed His hand on this ministry, breathed life into it, and trusted the founders and those to follow to act in His will to carry on this important and much-needed work. While the landscape may have changed, our core foundation, which is built on faith and charity, remains the same.

With this year's theme, "Be still, and know that I am God...." Psalm 46:10 comes to mind. While difficulties ebb and flow, successes are celebrated, and trials are endured, we must continue to remind ourselves of the mission, to be still, and to know Who is in control.

John L. Warner, President & CEO, Brethren Retirement Community



As an extension and ministry of the District,
I am pleased to report the following to you:

• # of residents served	408
• # of team members	285
• Assets under management	\$41,614,000
• 2023 Revenue	\$20,988,000
• 2023 Community Benefit & Charity Care	\$ 2,180,000
• 2023 Donations Received	\$ 338,914
• 2023 District Church Donations	\$ 28,065



Our work continues:

Envisioned improvement and taking *action* to breathe life into those plans.

- Renovated our Juniper Lane 2 Assisted Living neighborhood & Library.
- Completing our Main Street Lobby & Beauty Shop renovation with new flooring & furniture.
- Ribbon Cutting celebration for our two new Bocce Ball courts located in Chestnut Village.
- Installed a new walking path on our Back 40 in preparation for planting an arboretum in Honor of Bob & Mary Ann Cornell.
- BRC received just over \$7000 for a technology grant through the Darke County Commissioners. New computers, a firewall, and access points were purchased.
- Launched our \$3.5M, 3-Year Capital Campaign.
- Oakwood Village phase 3, Independent Living expansion is expected to start in late 2024.
- Purchased three (3) properties adjacent to the Greenville campus.
- Welcomed new Board Member Lori Keller (Troy Church of the Brethren).



While challenges arise, we *trust* in God's will and timing and continue to move ahead with projects that help improve our resident's quality of life:

- Work in Chestnut Village continues on roof, soffit, siding, and gutter replacement.
- All private rooms transition in Rosewood.
- Completion of the Rosewood 3 renovation project.
- A new nurse call system was installed campus-wide.
- Three (3) additional homes constructed at Mill Ridge Village.
- The 2023 BRC Gala successfully raised nearly \$148,000 to benefit residents.
- Changed medical supply companies to save resources.
- Replaced all fire suppression system sprinkler heads in Rosewood Center.
- Applied for and received the "Ohio Tec Cred" grant to be used to train our IT staff.
- Began Senior Fit classes for Mill Ridge Village residents.
- Established our enhanced "Water Management" plan main building-wide.
- Reopened BRC common space use and guest rooms, closed since early 2020 due to the pandemic.



Our much anticipated Bocce Ball Court addition:



"A joyful heart is good medicine..." Proverbs 17:22



Challenges remain; however, we strive to think forward and be proactive in our strategic planning.

Common challenges:

- Difficult labor market
- Competitive landscape
- Aging buildings
- Inflationary pressures
- Payor sources & Regulatory requirements
- COVID-19 remains



As we *envision* the future, we trust in God's plans to allow BRC to continue to move forward.

- Continue to grow as new trends and demands present themselves.
- Continue to expand Independent Living to meet this growing need and desire of our senior community.
- Focus on the expansion of Brethren Management Services.
- Proactively look for expansion opportunities of non-traditional revenue sources.
- Update and utilize technology to improve efficiency.
- Capital Campaign & Mission Support focus.
- Stay grounded in our Christian Values.
- Continue to provide charity care for those in financial need.

“And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to His purpose.”

Romans 8:28



We are committed to helping you by:

- Providing aging services.
- A place for resources on aging.
- Prayer for the District.
- Presentation at meetings or services.
- Assisting the District as ministry opportunities arise.
- Remaining financially viable while maintaining ministry focus.

How you can help us:

- Prayer.
- Remember us as an extension of the District.
- Volunteer or visit as you are able.
- Financial support through donations
- Visit our website & Facebook page often and “Like” us.
- Share with others all the good things happening at BRC.



In Memory of BRC Board Chair, Dr. H. Fred Bernhard



Dr. H. Fred Bernhard
1940-2024

Brethren Retirement Community
Board of Directors
2001-2024

Fred Bernhard faithfully served on the Brethren Retirement Community Board of Directors for over 23 years. Joining in 2001, he was quickly elected to the Vice-Chair position and then Board Chair in 2008, where he continued to serve until his passing.

Fred's calm presence and strong leadership directed our Board with grace and wisdom. He was an integral part of many projects at Brethren Retirement Community, helping to oversee the Oakwood Village Independent Living expansion, the Brethren Management Services development, a successful \$3.5MM Capital Campaign and a number of renovations in the Main facility, including the Rosewood 3 Rehabilitation Neighborhood and the Oakview Assisted Living Apartments.

Today, we honor Fred and are eternally grateful for his time, dedication, and faithful devotion. We were fortunate to call him a colleague and a friend. Fred was a beloved member of the BRC family and will be missed greatly.



Thank you, District Friends, for your continued support and many thanks and recognition to:

- Our compassionate staff
- Our amazing residents & families
- Ministry partners and donors
- Vendor partners
- Our wonderful Community
- Dedicated Board Members & Team Leaders

Thank God for His abundant Goodness! His blessings to you all.



You're Invited! Join Us!

Brethren Retirement Community's Board of Directors and
John L Warner, President & CEO, cordially invite you to

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Thank You For Being A *Friend!* VIRTUAL GALA

Thursday
Oct 17, 2024
6:00pm

Join us virtually for a fun evening of prizes & fellowship!

The neighborhoods at Brethren Retirement Community offer an exceptional environment in which to live, work, and create cherished memories. As a non-profit community, we've been dedicated to serving our residents and enhancing their quality of life since 1902.

Funds raised during the gala significantly impact the lives of our residents by providing Wish List items and support to our Resident Aid Fund, ensuring that everyone can continue to call BRC home, even if they have depleted their finances.

YOUR SUPPORT TRULY MAKES A MEANINGFUL DIFFERENCE!



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Please help us meet our goals and plan to attend our 2024 Virtual Gala, "Thank You For Being A Friend!" The goals are as follows:

- 250 Zoom attendees.
- Raise \$150k for support.
- Raise \$10,000 raffle ticket sales.

Stop by our booth to pick up a flyer on how to take part in our Gala festivities. We have some great Gala raffle prizes and a fun evening of fellowship planned.