

# Diakon Donor Report

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## Senior living resident leads campaign to assist people caring for someone with Alzheimer's

### CHARLOTTE STATON HAS BEEN A TIRELESS CHAMPION

for people in need her entire life.

From her tenure as a head elementary school teacher through her volunteerism at Luther Crest, a Diakon senior living community in Allentown, Pennsylvania, she has worked diligently to serve others.

Recently, she has turned her attention to the pressing concerns of those caring for a loved one with Alzheimer's disease or similar memory-related illness and, as a result, has created the Charlotte M. Staton Memory Support Fund.

Her vision and passion for a memory-support initiative rose from the pain and frustration she witnessed among friends caring for loved ones with Alzheimer's disease or similar illnesses.

While Luther Crest offers a memory support personal care community, Staton's goal is to create a supportive environment for people caring for loved ones at home, providing the opportunity for "residents' caregivers to step away and maintain some normalcy in their life, even if just for a few hours a day or during a week."

In addition to the senior living community's benevolent care endowment fund, she believes the memory support fund "is critical to our mission of offering dignity and a better quality of life for our residents."

The Charlotte M. Staton Memory Support Fund will provide support for residents with Alzheimer's disease and similar health conditions, their family members through support groups for caregivers, and memory-related activities provided by professionally trained staff either in group

settings or in a more personal environment. Additionally, the fund would support additional training opportunities for Luther Crest staff members in degenerative brain diseases.

A Luther Crest resident since January 2006, Staton taught fourth grade in the Brandywine School District for 33 years. She was the long-time "Head Teacher" (now considered principal) of the school and also served as the co-chair of the Legislative Committee of the Eastern Region of the Pennsylvania State Education Association (PSEA). A graduate of both Penn State and Kutztown universities, the latter with a master's degree, she and her husband, Walt, lived in Mertztown for 30 years.

Staton has served as chair of the Luther Crest Benevolent Care Endowment Fund Committee since 2011. She is a member of the Food Committee and has volunteered in the community's gift shop.

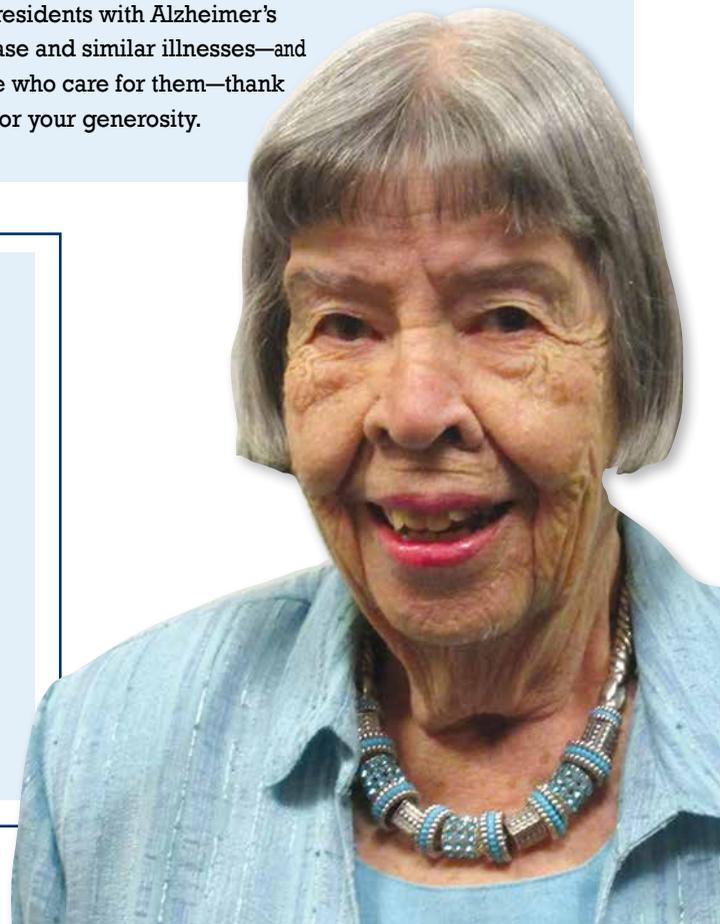
If you are interested in supporting Charlotte Staton's efforts, go to [www.diakon.org/online-donation](http://www.diakon.org/online-donation). You will find the Charlotte M. Staton Memory Support Fund listed under Campaigns & Special Appeals. We welcome your support, and residents with Alzheimer's disease and similar illnesses—and those who care for them—thank you for your generosity.

**THE NEED FOR CAREGIVER SUPPORT WILL CONTINUE TO RISE!** As many as 5.1 million Americans may have Alzheimer's disease.



It is estimated that one in four family members act as caregivers for each individual with Alzheimer's disease.

SOURCE: The Alzheimer's Foundation of America





## President/CEO Mark Pile: Thank you for making a meaningful difference

### THE NAMES IN THIS PUBLISHED REPORT

are just some of the many individuals, organizations, companies, foundations and others supporting our ministries in 2016.

New this year, as part of overall migration of these types of reports to online listings as well as our efforts to be good stewards of our printing budget, donors other than those who are members of the 1868 Legacy and

Many Hands One Heart societies will soon be listed in the currently being rebuilt development section of Diakon's website (found at [www.diakon.org/giving](http://www.diakon.org/giving)). I hope you will take time to view the names online when they are posted.

No matter whether you are listed in this report or online, or both, please know of my gratitude for your support!

Each name represents a blessing to our many ministries. Just as importantly, each listing serves as testimony to that individual's or organization's commitment to making a real difference in the lives of children, teens, families and adults of all ages.

No matter the size of your gift, your support truly translates into meaningful change in the lives of our neighbors ...

- The recruitment of "forever" families for teens in danger of "aging out" of foster care without the permanence, love and care they deserve.
- The offer of continuing care, within personal care and assisted living, for older adults who, through no fault of their own, have exhausted their own financial resources.
- Guidance and mentoring for young at-risk men for whom there are no other programs to help them remain on track for success in life, at work and with their family.

- Our ability to provide caring, compassionate counseling to children, youths, families and adults in crisis—who could not otherwise afford the service.
- The expansion of vocational training for teens who do not do well in a traditional school setting.

As a critical partner of Diakon, you help to make possible this much-needed care, concern and support for people for whom frequently there are no or few other resources or assistance available.

Through this publication, Diakon's annual Donor Report, and now online as well, we express our deepest appreciation for you and all the wonderful benefactors who made 2016 another successful year in our nearly 150-year history.

However you support Diakon—whether through prayers, volunteer efforts or gifts—we cherish your support, as do all the clients, residents and patients whose lives we touch, many of whom could not be served without your continuing compassion and gifts.

Through your dedication to and support of our ministries, you truly become one of our Many Hands, guided by One Heart of love and compassion, transforming the lives of people of all ages.

As always, please accept my personal appreciation for your dedication and commitment to Diakon.

And please know as well how much we continue to depend on your gifts and prayers.

Thank you!

Mark T. Pile, MSHA, MSW, Diakon President/CEO



# Grants pivotal to ministry expansion

## NUMEROUS DIAKON PROGRAMS BENEFITED FROM THE GENEROSITY

and commitment of foundations, governmental programs and community organizations that provided more than \$490,000 in grant funding during 2016 (see the complete list, accompanying this article).

This funding played a significant role in changing the lives of at-risk children and youths, families in crisis and older adults in both adult day services and general local community settings.

When numbers are large, however, it's easy to lose sight of the significant impact this type of funding has on an individual—impact evident in just a few brief stories:

- “Sam,” 16, had used alcohol for a time and had now begun to experiment with drugs—that is, until Diakon Youth Services staff provided evidence-based “Say It Straight” training in his school and he learned ways to refuse addictive substances as well as the real dangers of the path he was on.
  - The training was possible through a near-\$100,000 grant received from the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency – Substance Abuse Education and Demand Reduction Program. In addition to the school effort, 80 students in several Diakon Youth Services programs are participating in the education.
- “Monique” had nearly aged out of the foster care system. Would she turn 18 and never have a permanent family? Fortunately, she gained that family just in time!
  - The effort to match older youths with “forever families” was funded by a \$70,000 grant from the Dave Thomas Foundation to support a Wendy’s Wonderful Kids recruiter, specifically seeking family matches for older youths. The foundation has continued to invest in Diakon Adoption & Foster Care since 2007 because of the Diakon program’s success in matching older children with families.
- “Sasha,” had anyone asked her, would have considered the word “trauma” strange and not a term she’d associate with herself. She thought she had heard someone on TV say the word but it referred to a person who had been physically hurt. She was not hurt, yet Sasha had indeed been traumatized by events in her young life. Abused at a young age, she was now living with her grandmother but lately had been experiencing a range of troubling emotions. Now, however, she was receiving counseling to address her traumatic past—and beginning to make progress.
  - Diakon Family Life Services received more than \$129,000 from the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime & Delinquency’s Violence-Prevention Programs Fund to support training for therapists in “trauma-focused cognitive behavioral therapy” for children and youths—with a goal of eventually serving 140 families in the capital region.
  - The program received an additional nearly \$100,000 grant from the commission’s “Endowment Act – Programs Assisting Victims” fund to support the treatment of adult survivors of child sexual abuse experiencing Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, or PTSD.
  - Through these efforts, Diakon Family Life Services established an office within Harrisburg city during the year.
- “Bob” was not one to think he’d ever need counseling, but following the dissolution of his marriage, he began experiencing a type of grief he never expected—and he needed professional help to overcome it. He found that help at Diakon Family Life Services—and closer to his home than he’d expected.
  - A more than \$52,000 grant from the First Community Foundation Partnership of Pennsylvania—distributed from the Williamsport Lycoming Community Fund and the Walter J. Helm Fund at the First Community Foundation Partnership of Pennsylvania—helped Diakon Family Life Services to cover capital costs related to opening a new counseling center in Montoursville, Pennsylvania, to serve residents of the eastern part of Lycoming County. The funding also provided specialized training for five therapists to expand service to clients at the new location.

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Diakon's 1868 Legacy Society recognizes our friends whose generous gifts support Diakon's many programs and communities through the creation of planned gifts during their lifetime or gifted through their estate.

The Legacy Society was formed as a lasting thank you to all of those who have contributed to Diakon or who have made plans to do so in the future. Membership in the Legacy Society is in perpetuity and is available to individuals who have provided for Diakon by:

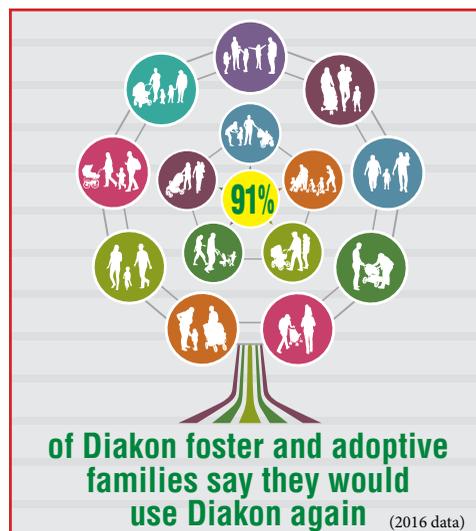
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## Senior living communities provide for children served by Diakon Adoption & Foster Care at Christmas 2016

### MANY GENEROUS RESIDENTS AND STAFF

members from Diakon senior living communities partnered with Diakon Adoption & Foster Care to provide gifts to children and youths served through these programs, representing an opportunity for connections across generations to celebrate the true meaning of Christmas and Diakon's mission. One staff member and spouse contributed significantly to the effort by "paying it forward." When the staff member's wife learned that her own purchases had been paid for on layaway by an anonymous donor, the couple designated their own funds, previously set aside for family Christmas gifts, to purchase a large bag of toys and numerous stuffed dogs that were then donated to Diakon Adoption & Foster Care.



Left to right Michelle Brode, Diakon Adoption & Foster Care staff member, Robert Musser, Buffalo Valley executive director, Jacqueline Davies, Buffalo Valley director of nursing and Deena Stehman, Diakon Adoption & Foster Care staff member.



Luther Crest resident Helen Wernlund, Diakon Adoption & Foster Care staff members Stephanie Reed and Melanie Arizmendi.



Left to right front row: Denise Roe, Diakon Adoption & Foster Care; Cumberland Crossings residents Barbara Pak and Gail Steinmetz. Back row: Cumberland Crossings residents Eric Edstrom, Sandi Edstrom and Michael Steinmetz. To the right of the tree, left to right, are Ann-Marie Boyne, executive director; Susan and Fred Tyson, Cumberland Crossing residents; and Deena Stehman, Diakon Adoption & Foster Care staff member.

## Twining Village residents, staff continue effort to create garden

**TWINING VILLAGE RESIDENTS, STAFF AND DIAKON'S OFFICE OF DEVELOPMENT** are focused on completing a major garden project at the Bucks County, Pennsylvania, senior living community by the fall of 2017.

Twining Brook Garden represents an approximate 2,500-square-foot landscaped garden and seating area on the campus of Twining Village, says Tim Bilger, director of development, senior living services, for Diakon.

“The project began in early 2016 and our goal is to complete the garden by later this year.”

The garden, he says, will include areas for spiritual activities and wellness programming; both exercise classes and other wellness activities, and church services, are planned for the area.



*Looking out into the garden from the new entranceway to it, with plans for the garden displayed on both sides of the door. The entrance represents an in-kind gift to the project.*

With a campaign goal of \$150,000, the effort has so far netted more than \$65,000. In addition, a special entranceway, the only access to the garden, was built as an in-kind gift by Benchmark Construction Co., Ephrata, Pennsylvania. The entrance project is valued at more than \$11,000, Bilger says.

“We are very fortunate to have an active committee composed of 16 residents and staff members who have been spearheading the effort there,” he adds.

A ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new entrance was held March 9, with a fundraising tea scheduled for May 20. If you are interested in supporting the garden project, please contact Tim Bilger at (610) 297-2107 or go to <https://www.diakon.org/online-donation> and select Twining Brook Garden under the Campaigns & Special Appeals tab.

## Annual events provide pivotal funding for Diakon services

### **THREE ANNUAL EVENTS PROVIDE IMPORTANT FUNDING**

and awareness for two essential services within Diakon Child, Family & Community Ministries—Diakon Youth Services and Diakon Adoption & Foster Care.

Diakon Youth Services, which provides a range of programs to aid at-risk youths from counties throughout much of central and eastern Pennsylvania, benefits from the Dining with Diakon event in the spring and from the



Outdoor Adventure Challenge, a 5K run/walk event held in the fall at the Diakon Wilderness Center near Boiling Springs, Pa. The Outdoor Adventure Challenge in September had 297 participants and raised a record-breaking \$43,000. The 2016 Dining with Diakon for Youth Services event raised more than \$164,000.

Diakon Adoption & Foster Care benefits from the eastern Pennsylvania Dining with Diakon event held in the fall. The 2016 event raised \$141,000 for adoption and foster care services.



## Old Main project to add new life

**CONSTRUCTION WORK HAS BEGUN** to transform Old Main on The Lutheran Home at Topton campus from a partially used building into one that will house the new Helen N. Palmer Center for Permanency and a number of Diakon service-support offices.

Following last fall's groundbreaking for the \$8.2-million project, work is underway to revitalize the nearly 120-year-old building.

In addition to exterior and mechanical systems upgrades, the project will turn the currently unused second floor of the 32,000-square-foot building into the Diakon Adoption & Foster Care permanency center, as well as create space for Diakon Ministry Support offices currently located in the Medical Arts Building on the Luther Crest campus in Allentown, Pennsylvania.

A number of fundraising projects are underway to assist with creation of the Palmer permanency center, which will include space for training of adoption and foster care staff and support groups for parents as well as family-style areas helpful in the process of transitioning children and youths into life with foster and adoptive families.

"This project is not just about a building renovation, but also about a rebirth of the original purpose of the building—to serve more children and youths in need," says Mark Pile, Diakon president/CEO.

Several articles in this publication, our 2016 Donor Report, detail aspects of the Old Main campaigns and related efforts.

# Life to iconic building, preserve service legacy

## The rebirth of a building will bring more ‘rebirths’ in young lives

Last fall, ground was broken for a major renovation project in Old Main on The Lutheran Home at Topton campus.

The \$8.2-million project will, among other efforts, create the Helen N. Palmer Center for Permanency to support efforts by Diakon Adoption & Foster Care.

When completed, the project will provide specialized facilities designed to help children and youths transition into—and be successful with—their foster or adoptive family.

The Forever Campaign needs your continuing support. The campaign’s two goals are to:

- Assure Our Future by creating the welcoming “Center for Permanency” within Old Main for Diakon’s adoption and foster care program—and the families it serves.
- Preserve Our Past by renovating the second floor of Old Main and restoring other parts of the historic building as part of long-term efforts to protect critical aspects of Diakon’s nearly 150-year history of service to children, youths and families.

The campaign incorporates multiple giving levels and opportunities to support the efforts of Diakon Adoption & Foster Care in *making worlds whole* for waiting children and youths.

To learn more about this critical campaign, please contact the Diakon Office of Development at (610) 682-1219.

## Family donates \$10,000 for Old Main front porch effort

### IT TAKES A VILLAGE, AS THEY SAY—AND THAT PHRASE

couldn’t be truer when it comes to the \$8.2-million project to renovate and refurbish Old Main on The Lutheran Home at Topton campus. One member of that village is Larry Delp.

Delp shares a long relationship with Diakon, beginning when he was just a child.

In fact, he remembers visiting residents of The Lutheran Home at Topton with his father, who was a Lutheran minister. They visited with the sick, offered communion, consoled those who had lost loved ones and just visited with others.

For the past twenty years, Delp has been on numerous Diakon boards and advisory committees; in fact, he currently serves as chair of the overall Diakon board of directors.

His parents moved into one of the cottages at the Lutheran Home about 15 years ago and while his mother passed away several years ago, his father still lives on the campus.

**When Diakon began the refurbishment project** of iconic Old Main, Delp felt the need to help with the effort.

He donated \$10,000 in honor of the Lawrence Delp family to the Forever Campaign to help restore the front porch of Old Main.

“The project is a significant undertaking and Old Main is such a focal point of the campus and something we take great pride in,” he says. “I think it’s important that we bring it back to a more useful life.”

Delp says the porch needs general work to renovate and bring it up to date.

“The porch is one of the first things you see as you approach The Lutheran Home at Topton, and it provides such beautiful vistas of the campus and the town of Topton.”



## Woman’s commitment will have ‘forever’ impact

### THE HELEN N. PALMER CENTER FOR PERMANENCY

is named for a woman who always had a deep love for the ministry continued today by Diakon.

In 2015, Diakon and The Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia each received bequests of more than \$7.2 million from the estate of Mrs. Palmer, who passed away in December 2012.

While not a board member, Mrs. Palmer had attended board of trustees meetings at The Lutheran Home at Topton because of her interest in the home’s services for children. Those programs are now part of Diakon.

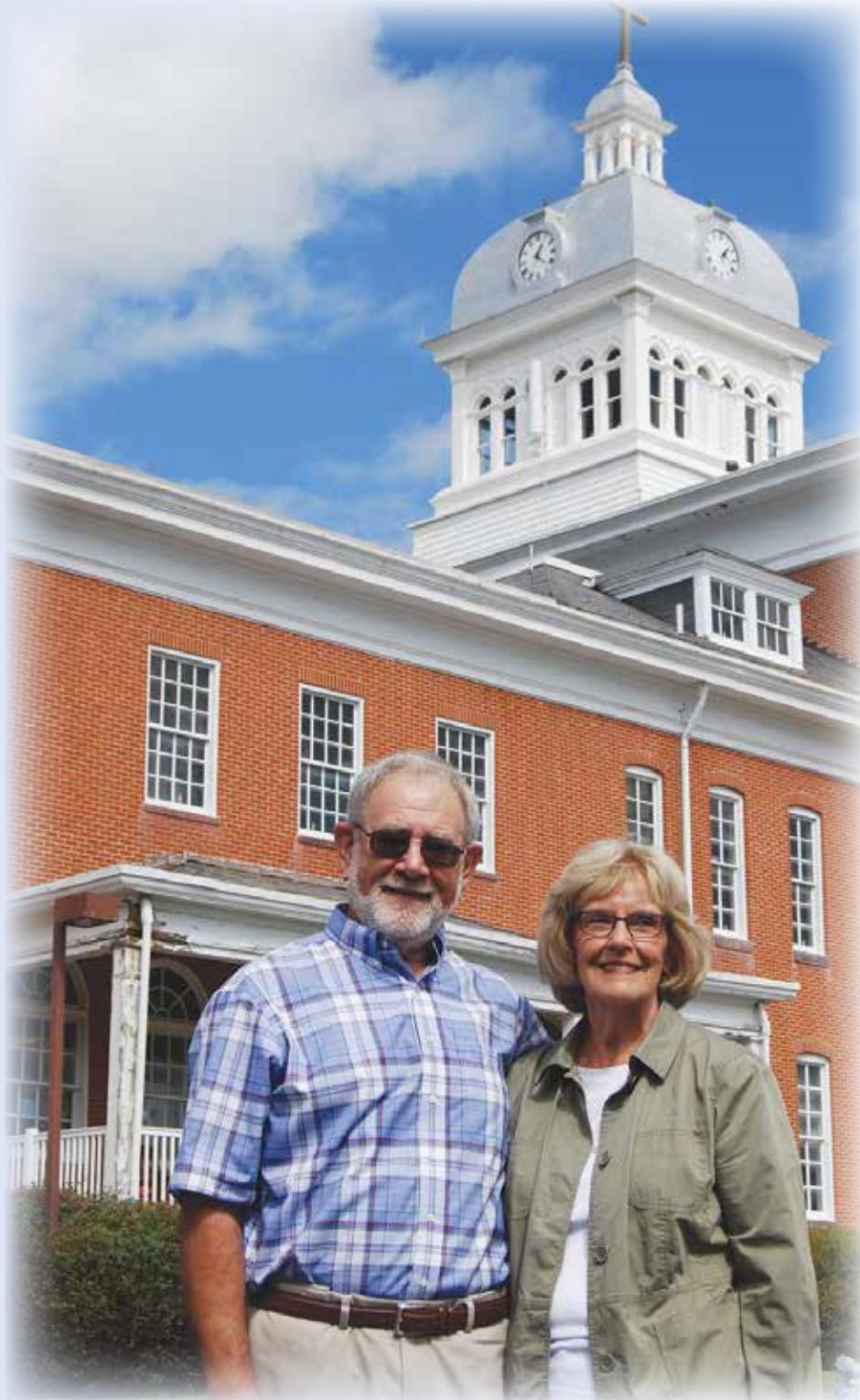
While a portion of the bequest received by Diakon has been placed in the Diakon Lutheran Fund to generate interest income to help fund child and family programs far into the future, some funds are being used as seed money for the Old Main project, with a focus on creation of the permanency center for adoption and foster care.

“Both uses of the bequest are very much in keeping with Helen Palmer’s interest in our ministries,” says Mark Pile, Diakon president/CEO. “By repurposing Old Main, with an emphasis on expansion of services for children and youths and their families, we uphold not only our historic mission, but also the wishes and interests of Helen Palmer. We are pleased to be able to recognize her in the naming of the center for permanency.”



# Special Old Main- and permanency-focused campaigns enable

## McKees focus on extending history of service to children



**WHEN THE REV. DAUN E. MCKEE, PH.D.,** retired as president/CEO of Diakon the end of 2009, he and his wife, Mary Jo, made the decision to create an endowment fund to support Diakon's adoption and foster care services.

Recently, they added to that effort by contributing \$15,000 toward the adoption and foster care training center that will be created in Old Main as part of efforts to enhance Diakon's emphasis on permanency for waiting children.

"Daun and Mary Jo have been exemplary advocates for the needs of children and youths throughout their personal and professional lives," says Mark T. Pile, Diakon president/CEO. "Our programs serving children have always been near and dear to their hearts and we certainly appreciate this new gift, which will support needed training for those involved in adoption and foster care."

The initial Daun and Mary Jo McKee Endowment Fund for Children was created as an endowment held within the Diakon Lutheran Fund and managed by the fund's board. An annual release of money from the McKee endowment is directed by the McKees for a specified purpose within Diakon Child, Family & Community Ministries, with emphasis on adoption and foster care.

In their efforts, they have added significantly to Diakon's nearly 150-year tradition of serving children and youths, which incorporates adoption and foster care, as well as related programs that assist children and youths who need permanence in their lives.

The McKees established the initial endowment fund by making a significant gift to it—and they invite you to join them in supporting waiting children and youths. There are various categories of sponsors included in the fund:

- Angel Sponsor           \$ 250
- Neighbor Sponsor       \$ 500
- Friend Sponsor          \$ 1,000
- Companion Sponsor     \$ 2,500

To join the McKees in their special support of children in need, readers may go to [www.diakon.org/mckee](http://www.diakon.org/mckee) to make a donation.

## future service

### ‘Be the Light’ fundraising campaign focuses on children’s playroom

#### **TO WHOM MUCH HAS BEEN GIVEN, MUCH IS EXPECTED.**

These are words that the Roth family—Stephen, Lori and 8-year-old Cayden—indicate they live by.

Several years ago, Stephen and Lori began the process of adopting a child from China, only to be disappointed.

Eventually, they took the advice of fellow church members and contacted Diakon Adoption & Foster Care. They took Diakon’s resource-family training classes and just before New Year’s Eve 2009, they received a call asking them to foster a 13-month-old boy.

Slightly more than a year later, the Roths adopted the child and Cayden officially became a permanent part of their family.

Today, the boy is a happy and healthy second-grader who has blessed the Roths with much joy.

In 2016, Cayden was asked to be a representative of Diakon Adoption & Foster Care in the groundbreaking for extensive refurbishments to Old Main on The Lutheran Home at Topton campus—which once housed an orphanage, in some respects the precursor of today’s adoption and foster care services.



*Cayden Roth with Lauren Adelizzi, a friend of his mother’s who donated what Lori Roth calls a “very special check. It was for \$111 because for years I would wake up at 1:11 a.m.—only to find out years later that that was the exact time Cayden was born!”*

At that event, the youth saw information about the Forever Campaign for the planned Helen N. Palmer Center for Permanency in Old Main and the different types of sponsorships available. He was immediately excited about a planned children’s playroom.

“Cayden was an incredible gift,” says Lori Roth, “and it’s important to us that he knows how important it is to give back. We pointed out the \$100 book sponsorship and the \$500 rocking chair sponsorship, but Cayden had his heart set on the \$5,000 playroom sponsorship.”

So the Roths began a year-long fundraising campaign they call “Be the Light,” from Matthew 5:14, with a quote from St. Francis of Assisi: “All the darkness in the world cannot extinguish the light of a single candle.”

The Diakon Adoption & Foster Care children’s playroom—a place where children can meet with their birth, foster or adoptive parents or siblings—is currently located in another building on campus.

In fact, Lori Roth remembers taking Cayden there when he was just a baby to meet with his birth mother. She says such meetings can sometimes be a difficult experience, especially for older children, and a more warm and inviting space could go a long way to making the experience easier.

The new playroom, part of the \$8.2-million construction project—will be located in the permanency center on Old Main.

The Roths raised \$2,500 at the family’s first fundraiser, held at the Texas Roadhouse in Trexlertown. They handed out flyers and invited everyone they knew to have dinner at the restaurant, which donated a portion of sales to everyone who handed in one of the flyers.

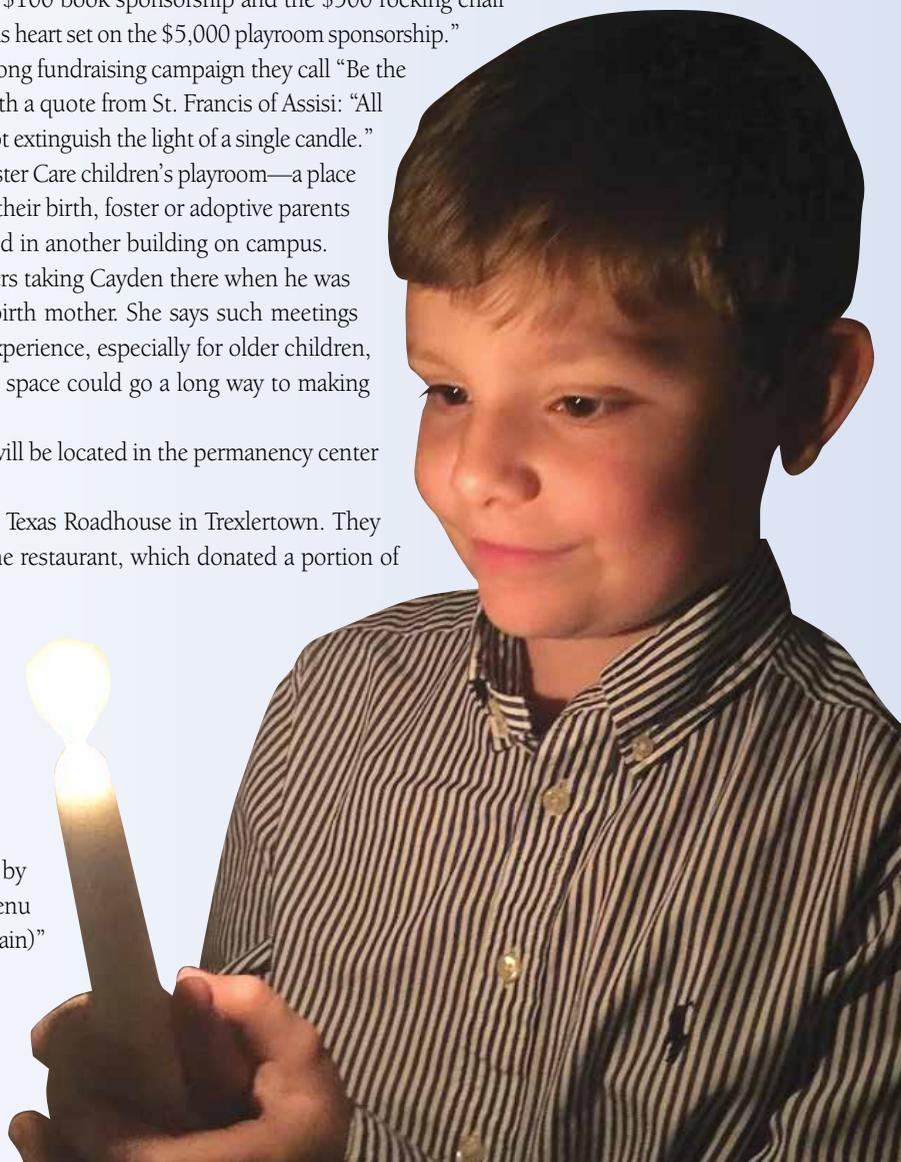
The family also sold high-end dog bones, donated by Benebone, at the event, and baked goods donated by friends and family.

“Lots of people also handed over checks,” Lori Roth says, adding, “It was a fantastic turnout. Cayden’s 9-year-old biological sister was there with her adopted family, so they got to spend time together. He had met her only a few months ago, so that was really special.”

More fundraising efforts are planned, she notes.

People interested in supporting the campaign can donate online by visiting Diakon’s website, clicking the “Give Now” link on the sidebar menu and then selecting the “Cayden Ellis Roth Playroom Campaign (in Old Main)” under the Appeals & Special Campaigns drop-down menu.

“This is a great opportunity for Cayden to understand how as an individual you can make a difference,” Lori Roth notes.



## Grants pivotal *Continued from Page DR3*

- “Sean” thought second chances were something only other people received. From a family that faced a range of challenges, and frequently finding himself in trouble with the juvenile justice officials, Sean felt his path in life led pretty much nowhere. That is, until he found himself in Diakon Youth Services’ Bridge program, whose staff helped him to gain vocational training while also acquiring a GED, taught him independent life skills and demonstrated to him the ultimate benefits of being responsible for his actions—and the importance of finding—and staying on—that path in life that leads to success.

Despite overcoming such challenges, Sean also faced the burden of fines and restitution—that is, until he earned benefits from Diakon Youth Services’ Second Chance Fund.

- The Second Change Fund allows teens participating in Diakon Youth Services programs to earn grants to help them to pay for court costs, ordered restitutions and other fees to close their case with juvenile justice, often necessary for the youths to move forward with life. The fund also assists with education- and employment-related efforts.
- In 2016, the Second Chance Fund received a \$20,000 grant from the Julius & Katheryn Hommer Foundation, the eighth consecutive year Diakon Youth Services has benefited from a Hommer Foundation grant. The foundation was established in 1996 through the estate of Julius and Katheryn Hommer of Newark, New Jersey.
- “Taryn” was always getting in trouble, usually because of her anger issues. She couldn’t always say why she was aggressive toward others, but it usually made her feel in control, which is something she never felt at home. Her behavior, however, soon brought the teen in contact with county juvenile officials, who referred her to the Bridge program, a weekday accountability program of Diakon Youth Services. There, she not only received the support, casework and mentoring she needed, but she also took part in special training to help her gain better control of her emotions.
- Part of such training in 2016 was underwritten by a \$10,000 grant from the York County Community Foundation, which focused on reducing aggressive behavior among youths. In fact, the grant underwrote 15 weeks of participation in an Aggression Replacement Training group for a dozen youths served by Bridge in York, Pennsylvania.

Many more grants to Diakon had the same effect: Sound investments having large impact on lots of individual lives.



Diakon Youth Services received a \$9,000 grant from the Fund for York County and the White Rose Foundation Fund of the York County Community Foundation to provide 20 at-risk youths with training in employment and related skills necessary for success in life. Pictured are Elyse Pollick, foundation community investment officer, right, and Gwenn Ftohidis, director of grants & foundation relations for Diakon.



Diakon Adult Day Services at Manatawny received a 2016 grant of \$12,000 from the Phoenixville Community Health Foundation to subsidize the cost of providing care to program clients from the Greater Phoenixville area. The grant covers the gap in county reimbursement and actual cost, allowing the program to serve more people with limited financial resources. The program received an additional grant from the foundation for 2017. Foundation board members are, from top, left to right by row, Edwin Soto; Charles Benz and Lauren Eustis; Kenneth Krenicky, Esq., and Katherine Evans; Anita Guzmán and Anna Mae Galbraith; the Rev. Dr. Koshy Mathews and John Colarusso; David Gautreau and Dr. Andrea Hanaway; and Julian McCracken, Frank Giardina, Michael Polin and James Kovalski, Esq.



Staff from Diakon Adult Day Services at Ravenwood use a new steam table made possible by a grant from Maurice E Johnston. The program, housed on the Ravenwood campus of Diakon Senior Living – Hagerstown, serves more than 15,000 hot meals each year to clients.

September 8, 2016

Dear Anne,

*My husband, Bill Hunt, has been attending Diakon Adult Day Services since January 2016. This has been a remarkable change in our lives. Before Diakon, I was beside myself trying to take care of him, our household and all day to day needs for both of us.*

*We have been in Hagerstown just over two years. Therefore we do not know anyone to call on for a couple of hours so I can handle everyday errands and appointments. My son and his wife also are new to the area. They both have very busy jobs and 2 teenage boys to take care of. They can Grampy sit on the weekends and evenings but that is not when we need them.*

*I felt that in-home care would not be the answer because my husband needs to get out of the house, have different activities and interact with other people. Diakon provides all of this. The people who work at Diakon are extremely professional and very helpful. It took 3 months for Bill to cooperate with my decision about attending Diakon. One day the sun came out and all was good with his visits to Diakon. Most weeks he is there 2 days but other weeks 3 days.*

*While Bill is at Diakon I can have one day of recreation and one day of errands and appointments. It has come increasingly more difficult to take him on errands. Generally he doesn't like walking around stores or sitting in waiting rooms because of his physical and mental limitations. Because of weather and security issues, I cannot leave him alone in the car for more than 10 minutes.*

*I feel that Diakon is a great faith-built organization because it is a Lutheran ministry and just perfect for Bill. He had spent 25 years as a Permanent Deacon in the Catholic Church, not only just a weekend deacon but as a full time Pastoral Associate. In New York State and North Carolina, he created many, many ministries and helped many people with their problems. Now, it seems it is his turn to be on the receiving end.*

*I thank you, Anne, and the rest of the staff for their love of their work. I hope Bill will continue to be the recipient of the grant money.*

God bless,  
Donna Hunt

## Past dedication helps to fund service today

**THE OLD MAIN PROJECT** at The Lutheran Home at Topton is about expanding services to children and families—for the future. But it's also about preserving the spark from which so much service arose.

Sometimes, the past reaches out to help ensure that future, often without notice and, sometimes, with wonderful timing.

Such is the case with Grace K. Zerbe, who lived to be 105 and passed away in 2015 at a Lebanon County senior living community. The spouse of Hobson M. Zerbe, who died in 1986, she was the last of her immediate family, having been survived by several cousins. She had no children.

Mrs. Zerbe had a significant impact on the community when she was alive and she is continuing to have that impact, the result of a bequest to Diakon of more than \$1.2 million. Other beneficiaries of her beneficence were the Young Women's Christian Association, the American Association of University Women and the League of Women Voter's Education Fund.

A graduate of Lebanon Valley College, Annville, Pennsylvania, who also held a master's degree in French from The Pennsylvania State University, Mrs. Zerbe left her bequest to LWS of Northeastern Pennsylvania, one of the organizations now part of Diakon.

Based in Hazleton, Pennsylvania, LWS offered a range of services for people of all ages.

A resident of Hazleton during much of her lifetime, Mrs. Zerbe was a French and Latin teacher for nearly two decades at several high schools and then taught on the Hazleton campus of Penn State until her retirement in 1946. A member of Christ Lutheran Church in Hazleton and the American Association of University Women, Hazleton Branch, she was very active in the LWS Auxiliary and was honored several times for her dedication to the organization.

Dedication in the past that continues to have an impact today.



*For 10 years, Women's 5k Classic, Allentown, has been a champion supporter of the Diakon-sponsored Girls on the Run – Lehigh Valley. With a similar goal of promoting fitness and mental and emotional well-being among women, the Women's 5k Classic has been the lead supporter for the local Girls on the Run chapter since its inception in 2006. Not only has the Women's 5k donated \$150,000 over 10 years, but the all-volunteer, grassroots organization also has given of its time and talent by promoting Girls on the Run among its members, who volunteer as GOTR coaches, running buddies and race-day volunteers. Moreover, Women's 5k's commitment has provided more than 725 scholarships for young girls to participate in the local program and allowed Girls on the Run to expand its territory. As a result of the Women's 5k involvement, the Diakon Office of Development nominated the group for an Association of Fundraising Professionals award—Excellence in Business & Foundation Funding—which it received. Taking part are Lisa Fiore, left, Girls on the Run; Liz Fones, right, Girls on the Run; and Ingrid Gerber and Wendy Body, center, from the Women's 5k Classic.*

# Grants support Diakon Youth Services' efforts to aid at-risk young people



Taking part in a check presentation to Diakon's Flight Program from the Partnership for Better Health at the Diakon Wilderness Center are, left to right, Matthew Kilgore, Flight participant; Jeff Gayman, partnership board chair; Michael Bohnert, Flight staff; Michael Adams, Flight graduate and volunteer mentor; partnership Director of Health Promotions Gail Witwer; Rob Kivlan, Flight staff; Morgan Bowers, Flight participant; and Jason Brode, executive director, Diakon Youth Services. The program has received grants from the Carlisle-based group both in 2016 and 2017. The Flight Program offers guidance for young men and women who will soon age out of, or are already beyond the age of, traditional county-funded youth services, but need continuing support to remain successful in life. The program helps at-risk adolescents and young adults build a foundation of self-discipline and respect for family, teachers, work and self.

## **A 2016 CHESAPEAKE BAY TRUST GRANT FOR DIAKON YOUTH SERVICES SUPPORTS WATER-QUALITY**

initiatives at the Diakon Wilderness Center in support of the bay.

"This is the first restoration-focused grant we've received from the trust," says Jason Brode, who oversees the wilderness center, "which has twice funded field trips to bay educational centers for students served by our Center Point Day Program"—a day treatment program that features individualized programming for students who struggle in a traditional school environment.

The nearly \$5,000 grant is allowing 25 students to participate in an environmental-education project designed and overseen by Kim Patten, who manages the wilderness center's greenhouse and native plant nursery, used for student vocational training. The project includes investigation of the problem of storm-water runoff, an audit of storm-water at the center and the installation of several cisterns to capture rain from the 15,000-square-foot greenhouse roof.

"This resource will provide irrigation for the nursery and lessen, by many thousands of gallons, the storm-water impact on the small tributary of the Yellow Breeches Creek on the wilderness center campus," says Patten.

The grant also will make available a free public workshop on rain-barrel installation for homeowners, to be held at the Wilderness Greenhouse this spring.



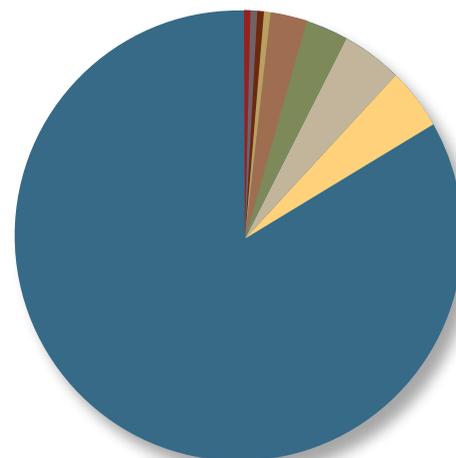
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## Benevolent care

A shared commitment to serve those with limited resources

Diakon maintains a nearly 150-year tradition of care for people of all ages, especially those with limited financial resources. In 2016, Diakon provided more than \$1.6 million a month in uncompensated care. Those funds underwrote services in the following ways:

	Continuing Benevolent Care Promise*	\$ 11,696
	Diakon Youth Scholarships	\$ 68,624
	Disaster Response	\$ 82,092
	Community-Based Senior Services	\$ 101,609
	Diakon Kathryn's Kloset**	\$ 178,277
	Diakon Youth Services	\$ 215,629
	Foster Care, Adoption & Related Services	\$ 260,657
	Diakon Family Life Services	\$ 372,924
	Diakon Senior Living Services***	\$ 17,997,700
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$19,289,208</b>



\*The Continuing Benevolent Care Promise amount consists of funds paid by Diakon to Consulate Health Care (formerly Tandem Health Care) for the care of residents who were in senior living/personal care/assisted living at the time of the 2005 sale of nine Diakon facilities to Tandem and who have exhausted their financial resources. This Diakon funding reflects Diakon's benevolent-care promise to those individuals.

\*\*Program closed in early 2016.

\*\*\*Consists of actual costs to operate in excess of Medical Assistance reimbursement for skilled nursing care, and benevolent care provided to those primarily in personal care (assisted living in Maryland) who have exhausted their financial resources but for whom Diakon continues to care

## Diakon staff support service through daily work, giving

### JABREEL MICHAEL, MANAGER OF DIAKON

Youth Services' Bridge Program, loves getting up for work every day and guiding at-risk young men and women through life's challenges. "My favorite part of my job is meeting new people," he says. "People are a constant learning and teaching experience."

Despite giving 100% as an employee of Diakon, he also believes in going the extra mile, which is why he gives in support of Diakon's work. "I give back to Diakon because I believe in its programs," he says. "Employee giving demonstrates support to our programs and Diakon's mission. Giving sends a clear message to those who are served by our programs or have interest in supporting our programs that we, as employees, are invested financially as well."

**DURING 2016,  
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