

# Serving Our Community

Report to the Community 2010



# Masonic Village *Sewickley*



# Executive Director

"In every community, there is work to be done. In every nation, there are wounds to heal. In every heart, there is the power to do it."

Marianne Williamson, author

*Dear Neighbors,*

Here in the comfort and warmth of our buildings, residents immerse themselves in a variety of daily programs and activities, enjoy convenient dining options, enhance their wellness and, in some cases, receive medical care and rehabilitation services. These basic necessities are only part of what it takes to form a community. It also takes love, companionship, engagement and a sense of worth for all members.

As a part of the Sewickley, Aleppo Township and Allegheny County communities since 1984, we are proud to serve those within and beyond our walls. Whether it is through charity care for residents, as a site for the next generation of nursing students to learn and grow or as a place for children to play, Masonic Village seeks to use its resources to help those who need it most.

In 2010, we provided almost \$1 million in charitable care. The long-standing traditions of Freemasonry, which include serving one another and those in the community, enable the Masonic Villages to provide services for eligible individuals, Masons and non-Masons alike, through our Mission of Love. Throughout this report, you can read more about our community efforts and individuals directly impacted by our services.

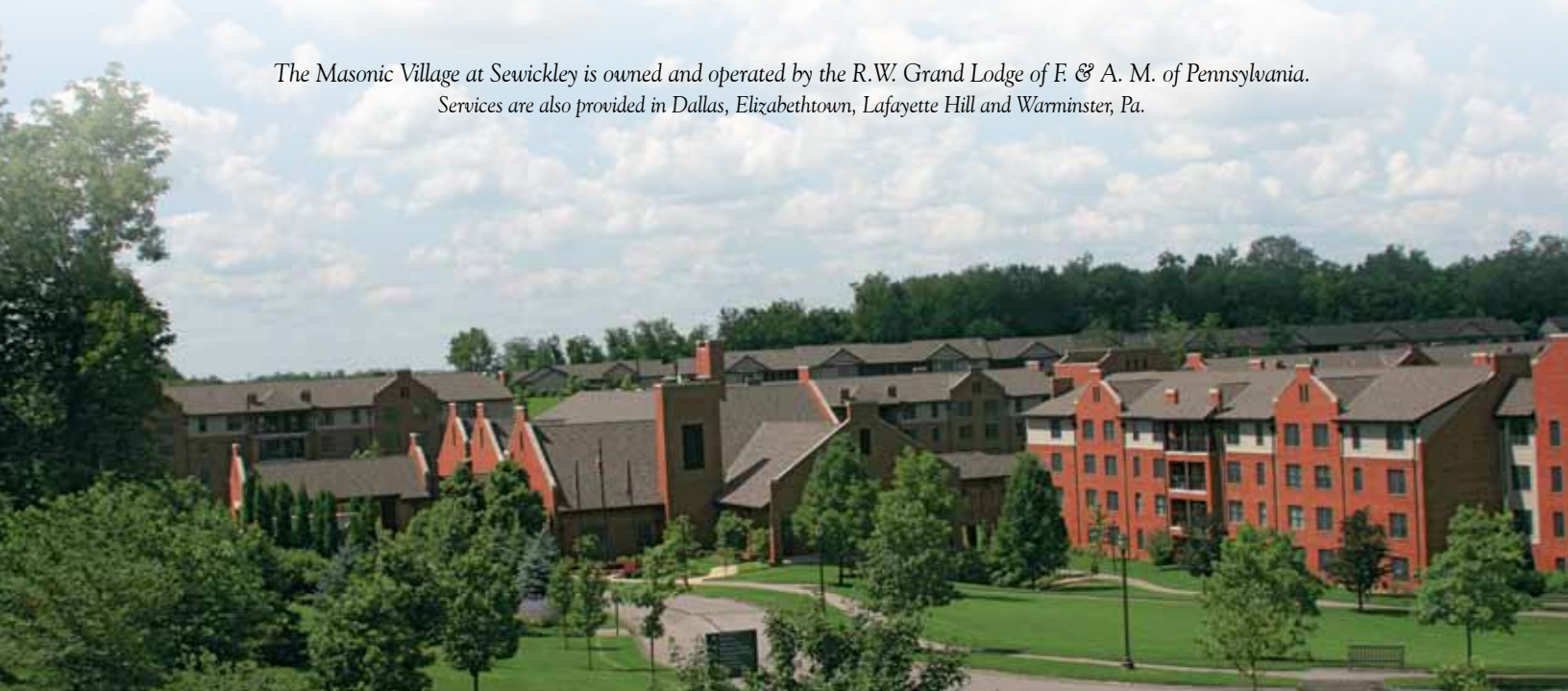
We invite you to visit us any time. Take a stroll on our walking paths or check on the state-of-the-art renovations to our nursing center residence. If you have a comment, question or suggestion about any of Masonic Village's community or resident services, please contact us at one of the phone numbers listed on the back page of this report or through our website, [www.masonicvillagespa.org](http://www.masonicvillagespa.org).



*Eric L. Gross*

**How we define community benefits:** *"Community benefit activities are community outreach services that demonstrate an organization's charitable mission. The program should be financed through philanthropic contributions, volunteer efforts or endowment; generate a low or negative margin; or respond to the needs of special populations." (These efforts are above and beyond the day-to-day services Masonic Village provides residents.)*

*The Masonic Village at Sewickley is owned and operated by the R.W. Grand Lodge of F. & A. M. of Pennsylvania. Services are also provided in Dallas, Elizabethtown, Lafayette Hill and Warminster, Pa.*



## Educational Opportunities

- For more than 13 years, the Masonic Village's Valley Care Masonic Center has provided a clinical nursing program for the Heritage Valley Health System - Sewickley School of Nursing. Students also complete their long term care rotation in our nursing residence, and for each of the past eight years, students have conducted their pediatric rotation requirements at the Masonic Village Child Care Center.
- In 2010, two students from the University of Pittsburgh and one from the Community College of Allegheny County interned with dietary staff at the Masonic Village.



*"I learned what social workers do and how extensive their involvement is in patient care. All of the people I met were very friendly and welcoming. My experience at Masonic Village just made me more sure that I want to pursue a career in social work. My plans after high school include going to a local community college and then transferring to a state college to get my degree in social services. I would eventually like to get my master's degree. I would like to thank everyone who helped to make this such a rewarding experience."*

Kiley Waite, a senior at Central Valley High School, who shadowed the admissions and social services department in 2010

Resident population as of Dec. 31, 2010: 502

NUMBER OF LIVING ACCOMMODATIONS

Nursing home, subacute and dementia care: 128

Personal care: 60

Retirement living apartments: 228

Retirement living villas: 43

Number of employees as of Dec. 31, 2010: 347

## Masonic Village Child Care Center

- The Masonic Village Child Care Center, managed by Hildebrandt Learning Centers, provides high quality child care services for 72 children, ages 6 weeks through pre-kindergarten. A summer camp for school-aged children was started in 2009 and expanded in 2010 from 25 children to 40. Seventy-five percent of the children come from the community and 25 percent are related to Masonic Village staff. Tuition rates do not cover the cost of operations. Masonic Village subsidizes the costs in order to provide the local community with a high quality option for child care.
- Over the past seven years, the center has partnered with the LifeSteps Foundation, which provides free assessments of children from birth to 3 years old, who have developmental disabilities or who are at risk of developmental delays. The foundation's programs fulfill the unmet needs of children through early intervention programs that support and maximize infant and toddler development and enhance parent/child relationships.
- Monthly, children from the center gather with Masonic Village residents and sing as part of the "Young at Heart" intergenerational program coordinated by Megan Zulauf, music therapist.



*"We often think how fortunate we have been to have such a wonderful center for our children to spend their time while we are at work. Nothing can be more comforting for working parents than to know their children are being well cared for by teachers who have the same values, hopes and dreams for their children as we do for ours. Hildebrandt Learning Center at Masonic Village is truly a gem of a center with a wide range of opportunities for intergenerational learning for both the children and residents. It was especially heartwarming this Christmas when our son received a wooden, handmade, hand-painted airplane at the annual 'Grandfriend' Christmas party. It is just one of the many examples of how the residents, children and center teachers work together to provide an unparalleled learning experience. We feel very fortunate to have such a great resource in our area."*

Steve, Jen, Christopher and Nathan Woodside,  
Masonic Village Child Care Center clients since 2003

# Quaker Valley School District

The Masonic Village offers three \$2,500 scholarships (renewable for up to three years) to graduating seniors of Quaker Valley High School who have volunteered at least 100 hours at the Masonic Village during their high school years. Students and others interested in volunteering are encouraged to call (412) 741-1400, ext. 3200, to find out about opportunities to assist residents, learn about the health care service field and build meaningful friendships.



*"I played piano for the residents, worked on crafts and helped with the bell choir and other social events. I'm going to college for early childhood special education, so it was a great experience to work with people of different ages. Volunteering gives you a new perspective on life, and it showed me you can learn a lot by helping people. It was a great rewarding experience and it has made me more well-rounded. I loved it at Masonic Village. Everyone was so nice. I enjoyed learning about the residents, and they really brightened up my days."*

Lindsay Zipparo, 2010 volunteer scholarship recipient who attends Slippery Rock University. She continues to volunteer at Masonic Village during breaks from school.

## Resident & Staff Contributions

- Masonic Village residents Marge Anderson, Jane Russell and Madeline and Nick Tisak volunteer at the Masonic Village Child Care Center, building meaningful relationships and enhancing the quality services provided by caregivers. Another resident gave art lessons to school-age children attending the summer camp program.
- Residents organized an Easter egg hunt for children in the child care center (right) and invited the kids to trick or treat. In December, they bought gifts for the children, and Santa delivered them during a party.
- Since 2004, about two dozen residents have sewn more than 900 blankets for Project Linus, a nonprofit organization which donates blankets to children in hospitals and shelters or social service agencies. Recipients include Sewickley Valley Hospital, Morris Home for Youth, Allegheny General Hospital and Magee Women's Hospital NICU.
- The Retirement Living Association donated \$1,000 to Quaker Valley Ambulance Service.
- As part of the Order of the Eastern Star's PawPrints for Pennsylvania Patriots, residents and other individuals contributed \$1,400 to purchase American flags with proceeds supporting Susquehanna Service Dogs. This organization trains and places service dogs with veterans who are in need of special assistance in daily living.
- Between 20 and 30 residents volunteer monthly with World Vision, a Christian humanitarian organization.
- Residents Ed Beaman and Rod Gartner serve as Alleppo Township Commissioners. Dot Weeden volunteers with the Pittsburgh Opera, Sewickley Women's Club, Grapevine Garden Club, Sewickley Music Club and Sewickley Valley Hospital Auxiliary. William Nelson helps at UPMC Passavant Hospital and Dottie Dart has volunteered with the University of Pittsburgh for six years teaching English as a second language and cultural understanding classes to the spouses of foreign professors.
- Beyond their commitment to Masonic Village, many staff members are active leaders in the community as well. Staff are involved with local churches; one serves on the Pennsylvania Association for Nonprofit Homes for the Aging (PANPHA) Public Policy Committee and the PANPHA ad hoc Satisfaction Survey Committee; another is on the Chartiers Mental Health/Mental Retardation Board of Directors; one serves on the Advisory Board for the Dietetic Program at the Community College of Allegheny County; and one is active in the Sewickley Chamber of Commerce. Two employees gave presentations at Pennsylvania Therapeutic Recreation Society seminars, and several staff participated in the Alzheimer's Memory Walk.



## Commitment to Conservation

To help reduce our carbon footprint, in cooperation with Duquesne Light, we received more than \$14,000 for energy improvement projects. The new additions and renovated portions of the nursing center will have significant improvements in energy efficiency.

# Local Organizations



In July, Masonic Village hosted a dinner for approximately 25 volunteers from the Aleppo Township Fire Department to show appreciation for their continued assistance and support. Shown above are staff and volunteers who attended the event.

- In 2010, Masonic Village generated expenditures of more than \$1 million in the local economy through contracts with 69 businesses in the Sewickley and Coraopolis areas. This amount does not account for \$384,437.82 paid to Quaker Valley School District as part of our voluntary payment in lieu of taxes (PILOT) agreement. The agreement also includes payments to the Aleppo Volunteer Fire Department (accelerated in 2007 to assist with the purchase of a new fire truck).
- Although a not-for-profit organization, the Masonic Village supports other local charitable groups, including the Sewickley Public Library. In addition to a monetary contribution, books are donated to the library and Goodwill.
- Through the advocacy efforts of residents and staff, Masonic Village supports the education of legislators at state and local levels about issues of concern for all seniors. In 2010, as part of a five-year pledge, Masonic Villages donated \$5,000 to the Long-Term Care Solution Project, coordinated by LeadingAge, which advocates for solutions to finance long-term care in this country.
- Masonic Village donated substantial amounts of material to the Aleppo Township Authority in order to allow it to extend upgraded water service along School Street. The project was completed to improve water service to the area.
- In 2010, the Masonic Village was pleased to offer the use of its facilities to the following organizations, either free of charge or for minimal costs, for various meetings, programs and fundraisers: West Hills Art League, Pennsylvania Recreation and Park Society, Girl Scout Troop 856 - Western Pennsylvania and Aleppo Township. Steel City DeMolay held six car wash fundraisers at the Masonic Village's bus garage. Doric Masonic Lodge No. 630 and William D. McIlroy Lodge No. 269 held annual meetings at Masonic Village.
- Masonic Village hosted various events in 2010 which were open to the community, including an AARP 55 Alive Driver Course. A Safe Winter Driving Tips and a Fraud and Scam program were presented by the Ohio Township Police Department.

## About the Masonic Village

Set on more than 60 acres in Aleppo Township, the Masonic Village at Sewickley is a not-for-profit continuing care retirement community.

A lifecare community, the Masonic Village at Sewickley offers retirement living apartments and villas, personal care suites, nursing accommodations and outpatient therapies.

Founded in 1984 by the Valley Care Association, the campus was purchased in 1999 by the Masonic Villages of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. The Valley Care Association and the Masonic Villages shared the same vision: to build a quality continuing care retirement community to serve the Sewickley Valley and western Pennsylvania.

The Masonic Villages also operate retirement communities in Dallas, Elizabethtown, Lafayette Hill and Warminster, Pa.

In 2010, through the charity of Pennsylvania Freemasons and their families and others who have contributed to its Mission, the Masonic Villages provided more than \$20 million in services across the state to individuals unable to pay for their care.

### EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

The Masonic Village at Sewickley is an Equal Opportunity Employer and this facility is in compliance with Title VI of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Title VII Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act. No applicant, employee nor resident of the Masonic Village at Sewickley shall on the grounds of race, color, national origin, ancestry, age (40 and over), gender, religious creed, non job-related disability (which includes, but is not limited to, persons with AIDS or HIV infection) be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination in the provision of any care or service, hiring or employment practice.

If you have any questions regarding this policy, please contact the human resources department.



# COMMUNITY BENEFITS SUMMARY

FOR YEAR ENDED DEC. 31, 2010

## Cash contributions by Masonic Village to local residents and community organizations

Scholarships awarded to graduating seniors from Quaker Valley School District	\$17,500
Sewickley Public Library	\$5,000

Total financial donations to local community \$22,500

## Support Services

Charity Care	\$994,579
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Total \$1,017,079\*

\*This amount represents only the services provided through the Masonic Village at Sewickley in 2010. In addition, the Masonic Villages provided \$21.2 million in charitable care and services through our facilities in Dallas, Elizabethtown, Lafayette Hill and Warminster, Pa. This amount includes contributions made to The Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania, which supports research and historical preservation of Masonic and American artifacts, and the Pennsylvania Masonic Youth Foundation, which develops leadership and character among youth across the state.

## Mission Statement of the Masonic Villages of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania

*Our caring communities and services assist individuals, families and children in realizing their potential and enjoying the highest possible quality of life through the traditions of Freemasonry.*

OUR VISION IS TO BE A CENTER OF EXCELLENCE.

OUR "MISSION OF LOVE" VALUES:

Quality of Life • Respect for the Individual  
Quality Service • Outreach



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