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Wii Donated to Spang Crest Manor Assisted Living Residents

Jim's daughter, Laurie Sprecher, had done considerable research on the Nintendo® Wii™ game system and explained to her dad how more than just children and young adults were using it. She discovered that physicians and therapists saw how the game system also helped seniors by improving their movement and dexterity, aided those with memory impairment by engaging them mentally, and assisted people recovering strokes, broken bones and surgery. James (Jim) Sprecher was interested in making a donation for Christmas to Spang Crest Manor in honor of his father Carl Sprecher, an Assisted Living resident there. Because of his daughter's investigation, the donation became an easy decision, the family decided to contribute a Nintendo® Wii™ to Spang Crest Manor's Assisted Living to be used by the residents. Jim's nephew, Josh Sprecher, is the families savvy computer person and helped set up the system and trained the staff so the resident's could receive the maximum benefits from the games.

The residents enjoy the game system and especially like the bowling program. They even enjoy a little friendly competition with each other and with the staff. Spang Crest's residents use the Wii™ often and it is such a safe method to exercise the hand and eye coordination along with the upper body.

Jim thought the gift was an appropriate fit because of the lasting benefits it gives not only to his father, but all that enjoy using it. And, because of Jim's generosity, Luthercare will receive three more Wii™s for their other two retirement communities.

LutherCare, a social ministry organization affiliated with the Lower Susquehanna Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and Lutheran Services in America is a leading provider of independent, assisted living, and skilled care residences in Lancaster and Lebanon County. LutherCare operates Luther Acres, a Continuing Care Retirement Community in Lititz, PA, Spang Crest Manor, a skilled nursing, rehabilitation center, assisted living community and adult day services in Lebanon, PA and St. John's Herr Estate, an independent and assisted living community in Columbia, PA. In addition, LutherCare also operates five childcare centers in Lebanon, Annville, Reamstown, Lancaster and Columbia.

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