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Celebrating 75 Years Together!

Dear Addressee,

As we celebrate a remarkable milestone in LutherCare's journey – 75 years of serving our community – we are grateful to each one of you for your generosity and support. It is your commitment that has made this journey possible.

Since inception, our mission to provide compassionate care and support to seniors has remained steadfast. We see how generosity laid the foundation of our meaningful work. Donations by Fred Galebach, a member of a local Lutheran congregation, made it possible for us to purchase our first property on Orange Street in Lancaster. Following his example, 49 congregations in Lancaster County joined together to raise the additional funds needed to renovate and prepare the home for operation. The Luther Townhome opened in 1955, serving 21 residents under the operation of the Lutheran Inner Mission of the Lancaster Conference, the predecessor to LutherCare.



*Early supporters, Fred Galebach (left) and
Martha B.N. Heisey*

Martha B.N. Heisey was one of the first residents of the Luther Townhome. She moved in during April 1955 and lived there until her passing in September 1956.

While living at the Luther Townhome, Ms. Heisey generously assigned the whole of her estate to the Lutheran Inner Mission of the Lancaster Conference. This selfless gift was entirely within her character, and we see this spirit embodied by many of our earliest residents.

While residing at the Luther Townhome, Ms. Heisey routinely gave of her time and talents by participating in various service projects. For example, she and other residents worked hard to make stuffed animals for children in the church's hospitals and orphanages. This generous spirit was woven into the fabric of our community, and we can see the connection between our earliest residents, and our current organizational values — namely compassion, connection, and teamwork.

Ms. Heisey gave generously of her time, talent, and treasure, knowing full well that the total impact of her gifts would only be realized after her passing.

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Through the decades, thousands of individuals followed in the footsteps of Mr. Galebach and Ms. Heisey, contributing through donations, volunteerism, or by being part of our vibrant communities. Their selflessness made our mission of service possible, touching the lives of countless people, and Luthercare is their legacy.

In the last year alone, we received many gifts of time and talent from residents, local churches, and small businesses. We also received substantial gifts from residents and donors who, like Ms. Heisey, thoughtfully included Luthercare in their estate plans. These gifts help us expand our services and provide care to residents who run out of resources.

Your generosity has enabled us to create communities where residents thrive, find comfort and connections, and purpose every day. Thank you!

As we reflect on 75 years of Luthercare, we are grateful for the generosity of every donor. Every individual supporter is crucial for the growth of our organization. What started with one individual's giving, prompted numerous congregations to follow in support of a mission that has grown to include multiple campuses and childcare locations, all while maintaining and strengthening the initial mission of supporting and caring for the older adults of our community.



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