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and Progress*



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# Connections Magazine

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***Spring Brings New Life, New Beginnings, and Renewed Hope***

Jim McGovern, CEO



***“See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?” – Isaiah 43:19***

There is something about spring that feels like a fresh start.

After the cold and stillness of winter, the world begins to awaken. Trees bud. Flowers bloom. Light lingers a little longer each evening. And with it comes a quiet but powerful reminder: renewal is possible.

At Christ’s Home, that same spirit of renewal is not just seasonal—it is lived out every day.

This spring, we are seeing that renewal take shape in deeply meaningful ways across our entire community.

For Desiree, renewal meant finding her voice. After years of instability, she discovered not only confidence and independence, but faith, purpose, and a vision for her future. Today, she is stepping into a new chapter—living on her own and pursuing her dream of becoming a barber.

For John and Susan, renewal came through a decision—one that many might delay. Instead of waiting, they embraced a new season of life early, finding not just a place to live, but a place to belong. Surrounded by friendship, faith, and peace of mind, they are building new memories together in a community they now call home.

Across campus, renewal is visible in the growth of our community itself. This spring, we are preparing to welcome residents in six new cottages and a beautifully designed recreation area—spaces intentionally created to foster connection, wellness, and joy. These additions reflect our continued commitment to creating an environment where residents can thrive.

Renewal is also found in the simple, joyful moments that define childhood. This Easter, laughter filled the playground as our children experienced the joy of an egg hunt—reminders that every child deserves a safe place to simply be a kid.

And behind so much of this work are stories that span generations. Stories like the donor whose father, once a child in need himself, carried lifelong compassion for others—now being carried forward through a gift that will impact children today. It is a powerful reminder that renewal often begins with one life and continues through another.

This season also brings new leadership. We are pleased to welcome Jane Philipose as our Chief Operating Officer and Brian Hustus as our Corporate Compliance Officer. Both bring experience, passion, and a shared commitment to strengthening our mission for the future.



And as we look beyond our campus, renewal is happening in the broader community as well. Hosting the LeadingAge PA breakfast this spring allowed us to gather with leaders and partners who share a common goal—serving older adults with excellence, dignity, and compassion.

When we step back and look at all of these moments together, a pattern emerges.

Lives are being changed.  
Community is being strengthened.  
Hope is being restored.

That is the heart of Christ's Home.

Spring reminds us that growth often happens quietly at first—beneath the surface, unseen. But in time, it becomes undeniable.

And here, every day, we have the privilege of witnessing that growth come to life—in the lives of the children we serve, the residents who call this place home, and the community that continues to grow around them.

This is renewal.  
This is hope.  
This is Christ's Home.

Blessings,  
**Jim McGovern**  
*Chief Executive Officer*

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# Finding Her Voice

## DESIREE'S STORY

Desiree's early life was marked by instability. Her mother was unable to care for her, and as a result, Desiree spent much of her childhood and teenage years moving in and out of foster homes and shelters. She describes that season of her life as very rough.

When Desiree first came to Christ's Home in Warminster, PA, she was extremely nervous. Meeting new people felt overwhelming, and she was shy and afraid to be herself. But over time—through the support of staff and the friendships she formed with other teens in the Transitional Living Program—Desiree began to change. She discovered that beneath her quiet exterior was an outgoing side she never fully embraced, and she slowly began opening herself up to new relationships.

The greatest impact Christ's Home had on Desiree's life was the guidance of the staff, who helped her sort through her path forward and avoid returning to the people, places, and habits that had once led her astray. Before coming to Christ's Home, Desiree often found herself in trouble, coping with her pain through fighting, smoking, and drinking. At Christ's Home, those were no longer options. Instead, she was encouraged to confront the internal chaos from her past and begin facing life in healthier ways.

A significant turning point for Desiree was her faith journey. Prior to coming to Christ's Home, she did not believe in God. But after attending a local church with a few staff members, she discovered that Sundays brought comfort and hope. Church became a source of strength, helping her feel more prepared to face each new week.

As Desiree continued to grow, she found a job at a local grocery store and began enjoying simple joys like trips to the beach and the water park with friends she made at Christ's Home. When she went through a difficult breakup, one she knew was necessary but still painful, those same friends and staff surrounded her with support. Without them, she admits she may not have handled that season well.

During her three years at Christ's Home, Desiree experienced remarkable growth. She became more confident and talkative, leaving her shy self behind. She learned that her voice mattered and became unafraid to be herself.





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*“Without the people at Christ’s Home surrounding me with support, I’m not sure where I would be today.”*

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She also gained practical life skills, including how to keep her apartment clean and save money for her future.

This winter, Desiree took a big step forward, moving into her own apartment. She is now preparing to start barber school, with dreams

of one day opening her own shop. While leaving Christ’s Home was bittersweet, Desiree shared that she knows every ending brings a new beginning and she is ready for what’s next.

# Right Where We're Meant to Be:

## JOHN & SUSAN HENDRICKS FIND HOME AT CHRIST'S HOME

After just one year at Christ's Home Retirement Community, independent living residents John and Susan Hendricks are confident they made the right decision at just the right time.

Lifelong residents of Montgomery and Bucks County, John and Susan have built their lives around family, faith, and community. John, a graduate of East Stroudsburg University, spent his career in engineering document control, while Susan grew up in Lansdale, where she developed a deep appreciation for connection and belonging, which is something that continues to shape her life today.



Their journey to Christ's Home began through John's mother, Betty, who was admitted for rehabilitation. In 2018, Betty and her husband, Charley Beifuss, moved into the suites on campus. Witnessing the care and compassion she received left a lasting impression and ultimately led John and Susan to consider Christ's Home for themselves.

"We toured the campus and just felt this was where we wanted to be," they shared. When the right cottage became available in 2025, just a few miles from their longtime home, they knew the timing was right.

Although some people told them they were "too young" to move into a retirement community, John and Susan see it differently. Today, they are living independently in a beautiful neighborhood, surrounded by opportunities, friendships, and a strong sense of community while enjoying more time together to build new memories in the next chapter of their lives.

Since settling in, they have embraced all that Christ's Home has to offer. From peaceful walks around campus to time spent by the pond, the beauty of the surroundings has become part of their daily rhythm. One of their favorite simple joys is watching the abundant wildlife: birds, deer, geese, ducks, and even the occasional fox just outside their windows.

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Their days are filled with both activity and connection.

Susan participates in wellness programs, enjoys regular walks, and attends Bible study. Meanwhile, John continues working part-time as an archivist and photographer for their church, often capturing the very wildlife they enjoy from home.

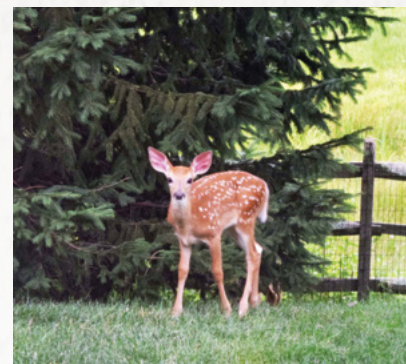
For the Hendricks, one of the greatest gifts of living at Christ’s Home is peace of mind. Knowing that additional levels of care are available if ever needed allows them to fully enjoy independent living today, without worrying about what tomorrow may bring.

They also appreciate the freedom that comes with maintenance-free living, especially after years of caring for a home. “With all the snow this past winter, it was nice knowing we didn’t have to shovel,” they shared with a smile.

When asked what advice they would offer to someone considering a move to a retirement community, their answer is simple: start early. “Come tour, meet people, and get your name on the waiting list. It really helps you make the best decision when the time comes.”

Looking back, John and Susan feel certain they didn’t just find a place to live—they found a place to belong. A place where they can continue building memories, deepening relationships, and enjoying life together.

At Christ’s Home, that journey has led them exactly where they are meant to be.



Through his lens, independent living resident John Hendricks captures the quiet beauty of everyday moments in nature. From a delicate fawn standing beneath the trees to a vibrant bluebird perched in the morning light, his photographs reflect both patience and appreciation for the world just outside his door. Whether it’s a curious fox pausing in the grass or a woodpecker at the feeder, John’s work reminds us to slow down and notice the wonder that surrounds us each day.



# Our Community Continues to Grow & Thrive

Exciting things are happening at Christ's Home!

We are thrilled to announce the upcoming opening of six new cottages alongside a beautifully designed recreation area, arriving this spring.

The 6 new cottages will bring our total number of cottages in our vibrant, growing community from 127 to 133, with a total of 216 total independent living units including cottages, suites, and garden apartments.

The new recreation area will provide an array of amenities and outdoor activities and will enable our independent living residents to thrive. They include a putting green, bocce courts, a meditative area for general wellness events, a scenic nature walk featuring numerous benches for relaxation and fitness stations, a water bottle filling station, an open space of grass for corn hole, ladder ball, and more games on the horizon, and a relaxation area with tables and chairs for socializing. The entire recreation area will feature a beautiful assortment of trees, flowers, and other foliage for all four seasons. It will provide a warm, welcoming environment that supports comfort, making connections, and will be a popular destination within our retirement community.

Together, these exciting additions represent a meaningful expansion in our community with an emphasis on wellness and, most importantly, having fun. We look forward to seeing lives enriched and memories made through these new opportunities.





# Simply Being A Kid:

THE CHILDREN AT CHRIST'S HOME  
ENJOY EASTER EGG HUNT THIS SPRING

Joy filled the playground as our children gathered for an Easter egg hunt led by Alyssa, our Children's Chaplain, creating moments of laughter, belonging, and fun.

At Christ's Home, experiences like these reflect the safe, nurturing environment where every kid is cared for and can simply be a kid.



## Gifts With A Story

Every gift to Christ's Home carries a story, and often, a legacy. Recently, we received a donation rooted in a journey that began more than 90 years ago.

During the Great Depression, a young boy was separated from his family because they could not afford to care for all of their children. At just nine years old, he was taken to live with a neighboring farm family, carrying only a small suitcase and a heavy sense of loss. Though he remained nearby for a time, circumstances eventually changed, and contact with his family ended. He lived as a foster child into adulthood, carrying those early experiences with him for the rest of his life.

That child grew into a man who deeply cared about children in need. Although he passed away in 2000, his desire to support children's ministries lived on in the heart of his son. Today, that son has chosen to honor his father's story, and his compassion, by giving to Christ's Home.

This is why people give: to ensure that children facing instability today are met with care, dignity, and hope. We are deeply grateful for donors who turn personal stories into lasting impact for the children we serve.

# Terms of Service Luncheon

Recently, we had the honor of hosting a luncheon celebrating the longest-tenured employees at Christ's Home.

The employees honored at this event were:

- Anne Marie Umani, 34 years
- Robin Liebold, 31 years
- Patti Matthias, 31 years
- Briana Staszkeski, 28 years
- Jim McGovern, 22 years
- Dave Culbert, 20 years
- Rochelle Ford, 20 years
- Amy Neill, 19 years
- Vernon Morris, 19 years
- Anthony Ford, 18 years
- Glenn Ricker, 16 years
- Chuck Kuller, 16 years
- John Bryant, 15 years

Overall, this luncheon celebrated a combined 289 years of service!

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor & Statistics, the average American employee stays at their job for 3.9 years. It is a blessing that so many of our employees across several departments have built fulfilling careers spanning decades here at Christ's Home.



A delicious lunch of assorted sandwiches, potato salad, macaroni salad, and cheesecake was served.

Also at this event, Ron Schmidt and Briana Staszkeski were awarded plaques commemorating their nomination by Christ's Home to LeadingAge PA for Staff Members of the Year. Ron serves as our Lead Chaplain. Briana, who began her career at Christ's Home in dining services as a server and dishwasher, then transitioned to nursing and now serves as the Nurse Supervisor in Personal Care.

Thank you for your years of steadfast service to Christ's Home. Your tireless efforts, hard work, and dedication do not go unnoticed.



# Amy Neill Retirement:

## CELEBRATING 2 DECADES OF SERVICE TO CHRIST'S HOME

After 19 incredible years, Amy Neill is packing up more than just a few suitcases, she's carrying with her a legacy of love, dedication, and countless lives helped. As Administrative Assistant for Children's Services, Amy has been at the heart of it all, often helping coordinate the many arrivals and departures of the children we serve—each suitcase representing a story, a transition, and a moment where Amy was there to offer support behind the scenes.



Her commitment to our staff, house parents, and most importantly the children has made a lasting impact on Christ's Home. Known for her warmth and quiet strength, Amy has truly been part of the fabric of our history. While we'll miss her deeply, we celebrate all she has accomplished and wish her the very best as she heads off on her next adventure!

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# New Beginnings:

## WELCOME JANE & BRIAN TO CHRIST'S HOME

We are pleased to announce Jane Philipose as our new Chief Operating Officer (COO) of Christ's Home, and Brian Hustus as the new Corporate Compliance Officer at Christ's Home.

Jane, the newest member of the Executive Leadership Team (ELT), is an accomplished healthcare executive who brings extensive experience in multi-site operations, clinical leadership, and organizational transformation to her new role as COO. A registered nurse with a master's degree in nursing administration, Jane combines clinical insight with strategic and financial acumen, positioning her well to lead operations and support the continued growth and mission of Christ's Home.

Brian brings an impressive wave of healthcare management experience with him. His career began in 2015 as a clinical associate at Abington-Jefferson Health. Brian continued showing exceptional ability in his field as a practice administrator at a large pediatric care provider. During his illustrious 8-year tenure in this role, Brian became an advocate for patients every single day and spearheaded the expansion of their services.

An avid lifelong learner, Brian earned his bachelor's in liberal arts from Neumann University and a master's in Health Care Administration and Management from Grand Canyon University.

Please join us in welcoming Jane and Brian to Christ's Home!





# We Were Honored to Host Recent LeadingAge PA Breakfast

Christ's Home recently had the exciting honor of hosting LeadingAge PA's breakfast presentation in Smyth Hall.

The event was focused on issues concerning serving the senior adult population of Southeastern PA, and several senior services executives and elected officials were present at this insightful event. A delicious breakfast was served as connections were made and knowledge was shared.

The Executive Leadership Team at Christ's Home attended the breakfast to support this event. Thank you to LeadingAge PA for their tireless work, support, and all they do to help Christ's Home!



# Tributes

*During the period of October 1, 2025, through March 31, 2026, Christ's Home was blessed to receive many contributions in memory and in honor of people who are important to the lives of our supporters. We extend thanks and appreciation to everyone who chose this avenue to support the mission and services of Christ's Home, while paying tribute to special individuals in their lives.*

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This year, over 35 seniors are proudly representing Christ's Home in the 2026 Bucks County Senior Games. From pickleball and bocce ball to table tennis, walking, trivia, and more, our residents are embracing competition, camaraderie, and fun.

Last year, our athletes brought home gold medals in table tennis, cornhole and football & softball throws, an inspiring reflection of their determination and spirit.

As our nation celebrates its 250th anniversary, we are reminded that strength, resilience, and perseverance are at the heart of the American story, and these attributes shine brightly in each of our senior athletes.

Together, we celebrate their achievements, their vitality, and the enduring spirit that defines both our residents and our country.

