A Good Reason to Get Involved

There are many reasons why people volunteer. Some do it because they feel they should, to help a friend, or to make themselves look good. Speaking after dinner at the Golf Challenge, Pastor Bill Gibson shared the following about his volunteering:

“I volunteer because I believe it is not just something one does, but it is the core of one’s being. Call it our Christian DNA, or our inborn Christian reality. It is something that is firmly a part of our life and purpose. I also believe it is an active expression of the words of Jesus in Matthew 20:28, ‘The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve and give his life as a ransom for many.’ My aim is to make that a reality in my life.”

Bill then told the following story:

A Sunday school teacher was teaching 4th graders the Parable of the Good Samaritan. She’d often repeated that we are here to serve others. At the end of the hour, little Andrew raised his hand to ask a question. “What do you want to say, Andrew?” she asked. “Teacher,” he replied, “you told us that we are here to serve others.” “Correct,” she said. He then asked, “Well, if we are here to serve others, what are the others here for?”

We are grateful to Pastor Bill for the 13 years he has volunteered as a fundraiser golfer, raising nearly $18,000 for benevolent care. He has also volunteered with Grande Illumination, as pictured above, and at the Adams Center reception desk at RiverWoods. Thank you Bill, for your service!

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2019 Golf Challenge Scorecard

- 34 Fundraiser Golfers raised $66,745
- 42 Business and Organization Sponsors donated $75,125
- Event Donors contributed $5,205
- 6 New Business Sponsors came on board
- 3 Business Sponsors moved up at least one Sponsorship Level

2019 Golf Challenge Scorecard

A Few More Fun Facts for our Golf Challenge:

- In the past 21 years:
  - 284 unique fundraiser golfers
  - $11,260 highest one year total raised by Carl Jarrett in 2016
  - $104,400 cumulative total raised by Steve Foust in 21 years
  - $1,828,188 cumulative total raised

Total Raised for the 2019 Golf Challenge: $147,075!
Thank you for your generosity!
We hope you enjoy seeing the impact of your giving at RiverWoods, Normandie Ridge, and Albright LIFE. Keep reading for ideas on how to stay involved!

Spotlight On…
Gretchen Wagoner, Chair, Albright Board of Trustees

“I never expected to become chair, but I feel so blessed that I was chosen.”

Gretchen spent her career working as a registered nurse and now continues to give back in retirement through volunteer work. Gretchen is active with the Friends of the Rudy Gelnett Memorial Library and at Wesley United Methodist Church, both in Selinsgrove, where she lives. Gretchen also volunteers with an organization called Dress A Girl Around the World, which delivers handmade dresses to needy children around the world. We sat down with Gretchen recently for a little Q&A.

How did you get involved with Albright?
“I grew up in Williamsport and my family was a member of First Evangelical United Brethren Church. As a child, I remember at Christmas time we would visit the Orphanage at the United Evangelical Home, bringing books, scarves and mittens. That is my first memory of what is now Albright Care Services. My volunteer work came much later because of my previous working relationship with Shaun Smith, CEO of Albright, at Divine Providence Hospital.”

In addition to serving seniors, what else are you passionate about?
“Children’s literacy. We have learned that children who are read to from an early age do much better in school. I was read to as a child and I have fond memories of sitting on my mother’s lap listening to her read stories. I can still hear her voice. I have been an avid reader ever since.”

What book should everyone read?
“Anne of Green Gables. It’s one of the dearest, sweetest books you will ever read. I’m very passionate about that book. And I’m a huge Jane Austen fan.”

Who is your hero?
“My dad. He set the bar high and gave me these words of wisdom, ‘Gretchen, you are going to be a tall girl. Live your life so you are worthy of being looked up to.’ He was my role model.”

What do you like to do for fun?
“I take advantage of all opportunities for lifelong learning. My dad was a chemist and said when he retired he was going back to school and would take courses in the fine arts, especially music. My dad died when he was 60 and never got to do that. So now I say, ‘Daddy, you didn’t get to do this, so I’m not going to miss an opportunity.’”

What are your favorite foods?
“Absolutely everybody at Albright knows mushroom brie is my favorite soup! And for dessert, crème brule!”

What makes you happy?
“As long as I am able to serve others, that’s what I’m going to do, and that’s what makes me happiest.”

Gretchen, you make us happy! Thank you for your service to the residents, participants and staff of Albright.

Interview by Allison Kaufman, Marketing Assistant/PR Writer

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Reduce Your Tax Burden

Did you know that you can make a charitable gift directly from your IRA to Albright Care Services? And that you won’t pay income tax on the withdrawal? Here’s how it works:

Charles, a resident of an Albright community, has $250,000 in an IRA. The $12,300 he is required to take out this year is more than he needs, and he doesn’t want to pay all that tax. Charles does want to support benevolent care, however. So, after speaking with his IRA administrator, Charles authorizes the transfer of $10,000 to Albright, designated to benevolent care, and $2,300 to himself. The $10,000 counts toward his annual minimum required distribution, and he avoids having to pay tax on it.

Benefits to you:

• You can transfer up to $100,000 a year,
• This charitable distribution counts toward your minimum required distribution, and
• The amount transferred is excluded from your adjusted gross income.

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