

Wyncote Church Home Enjoys Spiritual Care for Years to Come

Residents of Wyncote Church Home are benefiting from the spiritual support of their own full-time chaplain. Rev. Jo Ellen Mauger, who joined the Wyncote community as part-time chaplain early last year, became full-time in September.

During Rev. Mauger's installation service in November, residents and friends of Wyncote Church Home learned it would be receiving pastoral care for years to come as part of an endowment fund created for that purpose.

Rev. Anna Deppen Lutz, a former member of the Wyncote Board, made the initial charitable gift establishing The Rev. Dr. Earlin and Rev. Anna Deppen Lutz Family Endowment for Pastoral Care at Wyncote Church Home. During much of the 1990s, Anna's mother resided at the community.

"When I think of Wyncote, I think of the wonderful care my mother received here," she said. "I am happy to be part of making sure someone will always be here to extend pastoral care."

Rev. Anna Lutz (left) and Rev. Jo Ellen Mauger

Photo: Pastoral Care



"This endowment fund truly reflects the warm and giving nature of the Lutz family," noted Charles Fehr, Dir. of Leadership Gifts & Phoebe Berks Advancement.

"Pastor Jo," as Rev. Mauger is known, couldn't be happier in her new role. Formerly involved in hospice care, she enjoys building relationships and seeing the residents each day. As part of the Wyncote family, she finds it rewarding to hear residents' stories. She sometimes brings a part of her own family, her dog, Dewey, to the community, where he acts as "canine chaplain." Like Rev. Mauger, the administration believes Dewey can help open doors of communication

with the residents.

Pastor Jo believes spiritual care is very important to older adults, because thinking about what their lives have meant becomes a very spiritual experience. She considers providing spiritual support to them an honor. The engaging pastor also feels she can be a support to the staff when they deal with end-of-life issues. She loves hearing the profound wisdom the elderly have to offer even in casual conversation. "The residents are energizing," she says. ■

HOW TO BE A PART OF THIS

Phoebe is pleased to announce the creation of The Rev. Dr. Earlin and Rev. Anna Deppen Lutz Family Endowment for Pastoral Care at Wyncote Church Home. Interested donors are invited to contribute to the principal of this endowment.

Checks should be made payable to "Phoebe-Devitt Homes" and noted as "Contribution to the Lutz Endowment Fund." Mail to: Phoebe Ministries, Institutional Advancement Dept., 1925 Turner Street, Allentown, PA 18104.