

Why People Give

People are inspired to give in many ways and for many reasons. Phoebe is fortunate to have so many donors who care about its residents and mission.

Good people are inclined to do good things, and sharing their time, talent and treasure comes naturally. Most donors will tell you they are pleased to make a gift and that giving is important to them.

Faithful Stewardship

Mitch and Rev. Jami Possinger of Schnecksville believe Phoebe deserves their support and the support of others because of the great work Phoebe does for seniors, and because it does it efficiently and effectively." They are confident in Phoebe's stewardship and feel their gifts are being used well.

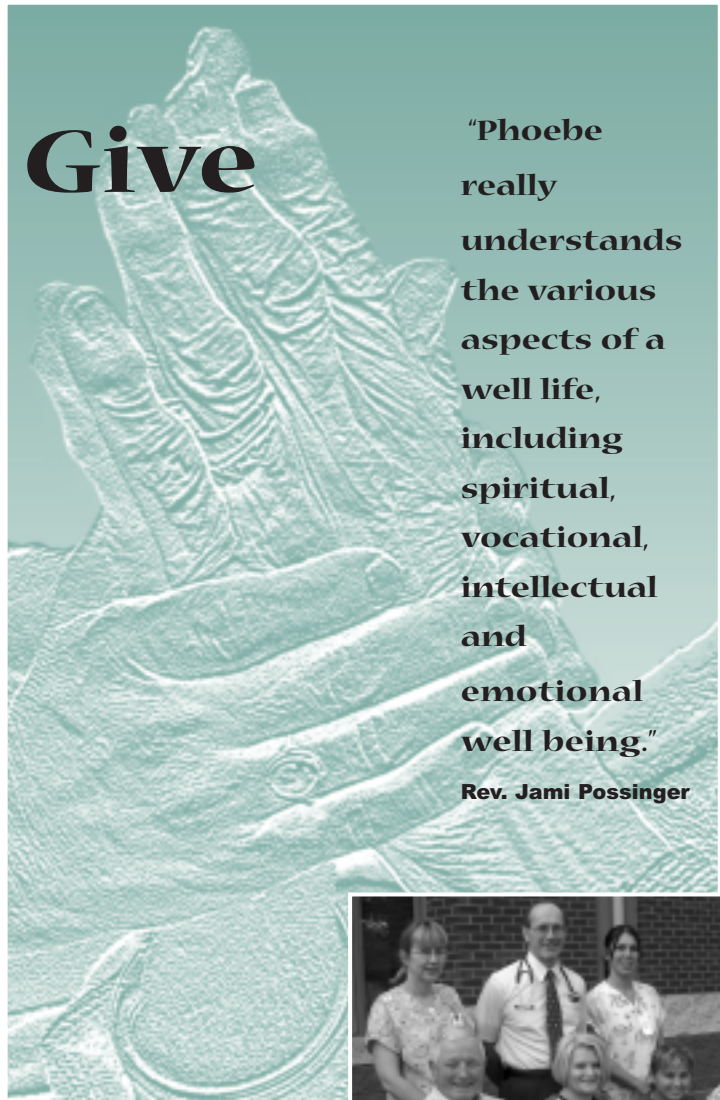
The Possingers strongly advocate supporting pastoral care at Phoebe, explaining that their interest stems from a shared belief in caring for the whole individual, not just the physical body. Jami, a pastor, stresses that "Phoebe really understands the various aspects of a well life, including spiritual, vocational, intellectual and emotional well being."

Lasting Tribute

John Roche of Wyomissing designated memorial contributions for his wife, Gwen, to Phoebe Berks Health Care Center. The gifts of family and friends were to be used to purchase a bench which would grace a sunny spot of his choosing outside the health care center.

As a lasting tribute to Gwen, John asked that the bench face the same direction as the deck at the Roches' home. Gifts such as these allow friends and family members to support the high level of care and quality of life their loved one received at Phoebe.

Often, donors recall hearing about Phoebe through the United Church of Christ. While they may not have a personal connection with Phoebe, they recognize the need for support that enables the elderly to live fully in their later years.



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John Roche (seated) with some of the care givers who made his wife's stay at Phoebe Berks as comfortable as possible. The bench is part of John's contribution in her memory.

Giving to Oneself

But giving doesn't always come in the form of monetary donations. The lives of our residents are blessed by the talents of countless volunteers, too. Some volunteers come in several hours a day and become like family to the residents. Asked why they give in this way, they say being at one of Phoebe's communities is like a gift to themselves.

In the end, it is the wholeness of care that attracts Phoebe's donors, and the confirmation that their gifts make a difference - the Phoebe Difference. ■