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Our Mission:

To improve the quality of life of seniors through support of nonprofit organizations that provide advocacy, food, housing, health and transportation services to seniors.

THE WEST END HOME FOUNDATION

OUR LEGACY OF CARING CONTINUES



(L to R) (Seated) Courtney Hollins, (Standing) Kim Hardin, Margaret Smith, Peggy Craig, Sallie Norton

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NEW IN 2017

Welcome to the first edition of the West End Home Foundation Newsletter. We are pleased to introduce our new logo and invite you to visit our new website at www.westendhomefoundation.org

WEHF GRANT PROCESS

Grant applications for 2018 project funding were due on June 29. Forty-seven organizations have requested a total of \$3,665,524.64. The Board of Directors will be reviewing grant applications over the next few months and will announce grant awards in November.



2017 Grant Awards Breakfast (L to R) Daniel Tidwell and Beth Curley, NPT, Margaret Smith, WEHF Board

SENIORTRUST/ELDER TRUST SETTLEMENT FUNDS



Approximately \$35 million in funds are being made available through a grant process resulting from the settlement of two Davidson County Chancery Court cases in Tennessee. The Chancery Court appointed The West End Home Foundation to serve on a statewide consortium comprised of foundations and organizations from across the state to assist with the distribution of funds. By Order of the Court dated August 17, 2016, "these funds shall be used to sustain and improve the quality of life for the elderly of Tennessee". The Court also directed that these funds shall be utilized "on a statewide basis with local impacts" to address four specific issues in Tennessee: 1) affordable housing; 2) oral health; 3) transportation; and 4) legal assistance. This is an opportunity to significantly expand needed services for older adults living in Tennessee. Grant applications were due on July 31, 2017 and grant awards will be announced sometime this fall.



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"A HEARTFELT MISSION"

The history of our organization is about to be published. Mary Ellen Pethel, local historian and author has done extensive research on WEHF dating back to the original charter in 1891. She has beautifully captured our rich history and legacy of caring in a book scheduled for release in the fall. Stay tuned for information about a book release event to be held in November.



Mary Ellen Pethel is a historian, educator and author. She is chair of the Social Science Department at the Harpeth Hall School where she also serves as archivist and Digital Humanities Coordinator. In addition, Dr. Pethel teaches as an adjunct in the Honors Department as well as the Global Leadership Studies Program at Belmont University. With expertise in southern and urban history, she has recently published Athens of the New South: College Life and Making Modern Nashville as well as All-Girls Education from Ward Seminary to Harpeth Hall. Dr. Pethel is thrilled to tell the story of the WEHF with this fall's release of A Heartfelt Mission: The West End Home Foundation Since 1891.

AGENCY SPOTLIGHT: ALIVE HOSPICE



The Residence at Alive Hospice Murfreesboro

Alive Hospice Murfreesboro celebrated the Grand Opening of their 21,300 square foot facility on May 30 and began admitting the first patients in June. They currently have 10 beds with the ability to expand to 16 beds and anticipate serving 200 patients and their families in the first year of operation. Two grief counselors provide bereavement support and event space allows educational programs and grief support groups to meet. The WEHF is proud of our partnership with Alive Hospice over the past five years.



Alive Hospice Murfreesboro Groundbreaking (L to R) State Senator Bill Ketron, Sallie Norton, WEHF Board, Anna-Gene O'Neal, Alive Hospice President & CEO



Alive Hospice Murfreesboro West End Home Foundation Hall

THEN & NOW

2818 VANDERBILT PLACE THE WEST END HOME FOR LADIES

The question we hear the most is "Have you visited the Home to see what has changed?" Dianne & Cindy recently dropped in on what is now a Vanderbilt University dorm and spent a delightful half hour visiting with an employee and touring the main rooms downstairs. The first thing you notice when you enter is the staircase has been removed. Once you recover from the shock, you will see that they have retained many of the features that made the Home so lovely. The hardwood floors and the beautiful fireplace both remain. The fountain in the backyard also remains, however it is now filled with plants. The furnishings have been replaced with something more suitable for a dorm of young adults, but if you close your eyes, you can still imagine the ladies enjoying the sunshine and each other's company on the porch.















PHOTO GALLERY

Top Photo:

Hats Off to Bordeaux at FiftyForward

(L to R) Arie Nettles, Vanita Lytle-Sherrill and Kim Hardin

Middle Photo:

WEHF 125th Anniversary Celebration

(L to R) Courtney Hollins, Sallie Norton, Phyllis Heard and Paula Hughey

Bottom Photo

WEHF 125th Anniversary Celebration

(L to R) Vanita Lytle-Sherrill, Jean Farris and Peggy Craig



REMEMBERANCES FROM THE WEST END HOME FOR LADIES NEWSLETTER

Excerpts from a Contribution by: Mary Elizabeth Allen

Nearly five years ago as I followed a moving van with the few treasures I thought I could fit into an area 12' x 14', I felt sad and wondered what I was doing. I was leaving friends made during the fifteen years at Stephen Foster Apartments and some I had known even longer, giving up a five room lower apartment, cookouts in the yard and a wonderful RN.

But what I have found at West End Home has far outweighed all of these. I love my room which a friend calls my "retreat" with all my treasures in it, my nextdoor neighbors well as those down the hall.

There are three well balanced meals served each day in a beautiful dining room by a staff that gives the extra mile to make me happy.

Since I have been a resident, I have spent several nights, and at one time several weeks in Health Care where the staff took the best care of me.

My buddies from the auxiliary have been most attentive and we have shared many experiences together.

When the weather permits, I like to take a book and sit on one of the garden benches near the fountain.

Each time I drive in, I think, This is my home! I'm so glad I decided to move here.

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