

## Ways You Can Help Support Deer Meadows Retirement Community

**The Benevolent Fund** provides support for residents who can no longer pay a portion or all of their monthly expenses. Unless earmarked otherwise, all individual gifts as well as proceeds from many of our fund-raising events go to this Fund.

Our **Charitable Gift Annuity Program** offers an outstanding way for a donor to support Deer Meadows while providing income for life to the donor *ALONG* with certain tax advantages to the donor. To view a PDF of our brochure, *click here*. (NOTE: This button takes them to a PDF of our CGA brochure.) To request a no-obligation printed illustration of how a Charitable Gift Annuity can help you, please call us at: 215-624-7575.

Did you know that, on average, 6 out of every 10 Americans pass away without executing a legal and valid Will? This basic document can insure that your estate is disbursed in a timely manner without confusion. We can help you think through the basic parameters of a Will, as well as assist you in the broader context of **Estate Planning**. To learn more, *click here*, to read our **5 Myths about Wills**.

The **Cameo Ball** is the major fund-raiser event of the year. This elegant black-tie event raises in excess of \$50,000 annually for the Benevolent Fund. Corporate Sponsorships are available. To view a PDF of our brochure, *click here*. (Takes you to the Cameo Ball brochure.)

The Holidays are a special time that everyone looks forward to. At Deer Meadows, it is also a time to remember and honor loved ones and friends who have touched our lives in a special way. We usher in the holiday season each year with our **Tree of Life** program. Held on the Saturday evening of Thanksgiving Weekend, this event includes special music, a tribute to loved ones who have gone on before us, and the official lighting of the Christmas Tree for the season. A time of refreshments follows. We invite you to be a part of this special event by honoring a family member or friend. Contact Deer Meadows to learn more. Proceeds benefit the Benevolent Fund.

Fund-raising activities and the management of Deer Meadows Benevolent and Restricted Funds are managed by **The Baptist Home Foundation** on behalf of Deer Meadows. To learn more about the Foundation, *click here*.

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### **5 Myths about Wills**

1. **I don't need one.** Many people mistakenly believe that their Estate can be just as easily settled without a Will, as with one. This is incorrect. The truth is that anyone with any level of assets who desires to see those assets distributed in a clear and coordinated fashion **needs** to have a Will. This is especially true for those with children in order to insure that their children are properly cared for.
2. **I'm not rich enough.** You may not be a millionaire. In fact, most people in America are not. But, that doesn't mean you don't need a Will. If you have assets that exceed your debts, than you have an Estate that needs to be settled and distributed. Therefore, you need a Will. Wills are not just for the super-rich.

3. **Paying a lawyer is a waste of money. It's too expensive to do a Will.** While we understand that this is often a person's perspective, the fact is that basic Wills that provide for the needs of the average person are relatively inexpensive to draw up. Most attorney's can do this for a few hundred dollars, or less. Considering the pain, angst, and waste of time that your heirs will endure if they have to wrestle with the courts over your Estate because you did not execute a Will, a Will is really relatively small expense and a wonderful gift to your heirs.
4. **My money is automatically going to my kids.** Not true. They only "automatically get it" if you write a Will and "Will it to them." The truth is that the State becomes the primary beneficiary of your Estate if you die without a Will. This leaves your children in the position of having to hire a lawyer and appeal to the State for your assets. This can be a long and expensive process. Not to mention unnecessary. But, it can only be avoided IF you execute a Will while you are living.
5. **I know, I know...someday I'll get around to it.** No, you probably won't. Procrastination is a risky business. Don't put off to tomorrow what you can do today. Because, no one promised you tomorrow. Read again the points we've made above and make a commitment to do something about your Will and Estate Plan – TODAY!

To learn more and/or for help in thinking through how to best structure your Will to meet your goals, please feel free to contact **The Baptist Home Foundation** at: 215-624-7575.

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The Deer Meadows Board of Trustees established ***The Baptist Home Foundation*** for the purposes of: 1) managing fund-raising efforts for Deer Meadows, 2) maintaining and managing the Benevolent Fund for Deer Meadows, and 3) investing and managing the Trustees Fund, which is comprised of donor restricted and Board designated funds.

Deer Meadows and the Foundation maintain a close relationship through the appointment of Board members to the Foundation Board, and a reporting of the Foundation's work to the Deer Meadows Board on at least a quarterly basis.

The Foundation is registered with the IRS as a non-profit 501(c)3 organization, and described as a Foundation under IRS code 509(a) (3).

The Board and Officers of the Foundation are:

Anthony J. Visco, Esq. - Chair  
Frank Bockius – Vice Chair  
Mark Nessel – Treasurer  
David Lightfoot – Secretary  
Alan Stasson  
Laura Visco

John Bryant serves in a part-time capacity as Consultant/Director to the Foundation. He has over 10 years experience in fund-raising and estate planning. John also serves on the Board of Trustees of Deer Meadows.

Investment Management Services are provided to the Foundation by Beneficial Investments, an arm of the Beneficial Savings Bank.