



# FELLOWSHIP FOUNDATION

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Dear Friend of Fellowship,

*“Everybody needs beauty as well as bread, places to play in and pray in, where nature may heal and give strength to body and soul.” – John Muir; naturalist, author, environmental philosopher*

On behalf of the Fellowship Foundation and Fellowship Senior Living, please accept our deepest gratitude for your support this year. We know how much you care for Fellowship Village and it showed in the generosity of you and your neighbors. As a community, we truly came together as one in the true spirit of fellowship.

As we are approaching the end of this year, it is a great privilege to provide you with an update on Fellowship Senior Living’s next community enhancement project. As a nation, there is a growing connection between nature and quality of life. This budding relationship has been enhanced this past year as we all pivoted to make the best out of a very difficult situation. Research also suggests that individuals who live near and have contact with natural environments will live longer and healthier lives. Some of the benefits associated with spending time in nature include reduced blood pressure, tension and depression as well as improved mental health.

Fellowship Village is blessed to be located on a beautiful campus. Throughout the year it is not uncommon to see residents and their guests outside enjoying a walk in the diverse natural environment. As part of Fellowship Senior Living’s goal to continue to make Fellowship Village a destination community, the Fellowship Village Walking Trail committee was established. Building on Fellowship Village’s scenic 72 acres, this project will increase access for all to particular areas of campus not previously accessible. Specifically, a walking trail will be constructed across the conservation area behind the Health Center. The walking trail system will connect to existing paths and will consist of six-foot-wide board walks, sitting areas, and a bird blind. Aside from all of the recreational opportunities the trails will offer, the plan will further protect sensitive wetlands by striking a balance between access and preservation. Additionally, the pine grove at Shiloh will also be enhanced with new walkways and seating, and an observation deck will be constructed at the Ephesus pond.

Fellowship will also honor and celebrate the legacy of Candace “Candy” Ashmun by dedicating part of the walking trail in her name, which will be determined by the number of gifts made in her memory. As a pioneer resident and a noted conservationist Candy brought a wealth of knowledge and experience to this project. She is sometimes referred to as the “Godmother of the New Jersey Pines.” As an original

commissioner who served on the New Jersey Pinelands Commission for four decades, she shepherded that project from a dream to reality. Candy's contribution to environmental issues in our state is nearly unparalleled. Even at the age of 96 years old, that same dedication to the environment showed in her participation with the Fellowship Village Walking Trail committee. Her expertise and critical input ensured this project is the right one for this community and one residents will enjoy for many years.

Currently the committee and management have finalized the architect's plans and are ready to move onto the next phase. Experts have advised that winter is the perfect time to start construction when there is less foliage on the trees. **Will you help get this project through to the next phase by making a donation today?**

**100% of *your* contribution in response to this appeal will support the Walking Trail.**

COVID-19 has posed unique challenges for the senior living industry overall and Fellowship Senior Living in particular, in keeping our most vulnerable population well informed, healthy and engaged. **Your gift to the 2020 Annual Appeal will support the Walking Trail project to contribute to the improved health and wellness of residents at Fellowship Village.**

As we approach Thanksgiving, spending time with family and friends, and embracing all that life offers, *will you consider investing in our mission through your philanthropic support?*

Whether your motivation is to create more exercise opportunities, a convenient bird watching location, or to support conservation efforts, you can truly make a difference. A gift today will allow construction to begin promptly, with an anticipated completion date being set for spring 2021. At that time a ribbon-cutting event will be planned to mark the completion of the walking trails. We hope to see you there!

Your thoughtful contribution will be greatly received and deeply appreciated. Our focus is unwavering: we will continue to deliver care with those people we serve as our primary focal point. As a person who cares about our community, *you too, are critical to our success.* **Can we count on your financial support?** A reply card is enclosed for your convenience. Alternatively, gifts can be made online at [www.fellowshipseniorliving.org](http://www.fellowshipseniorliving.org), by clicking on "Giving" and then "Ways to Give."

On behalf of the Fellowship Foundation and Fellowship Senior Living, we wish you the best this season and always.

Warm regards,



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**P.S. - Make your tax deductible donation today to support the Fellowship Village Walking Trail!**

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