

*Charting the Course for the Future is the theme of this year's annual report. As you read the messages from our CEO and Board Chairmen and review the statistics you get a sense that the future is now. Inscribed on a statue outside the National*

# CHARTING THE COURSE FOR THE FUTURE

*Archives in Washington, D.C. is a phrase from a Shakespeare play that reads "What's past is prologue." Simply put, it means that we learn from our history and it influences what is to come. The National Archives houses our country's most treasured documents including the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution and the Bill of Rights to name a few. But we don't live in the past; we live in the here and now, in doing so we plan for the future.*

*We don't see our clients and residents as statistics; we see them as people with a story. This year we want to share with you one story about a couple who chose to remain at home and receive the services necessary to allow them to age respectfully. **This story can be shared over and over by the 1,224 residents we served on our campuses, and the 1,726 clients served by our Home and Community Based Services in 2010.***

*Join us now as we "Chart the Course for the Future."*

*"WANDERLUST" is a wonderful word. It's a German word that refers to the strong desire to travel and explore the world.*

*Wanderlust is strong with Bill and Lenore Pursch. In their long and remarkable lives, they wandered through 62 countries and 47 U.S. states. They've had an amazing adventure that ultimately brought them to their current home at the Springfield Masonic Community.*

*Their journeys today are much shorter, but it's clear that Bill and Lenore, with the help of the Cornerstone Home Health staff, continue to live their lives to the fullest.*

## THEIR *NEW* SPRINGFIELD HOME

*"Bill and Lenore came here in June 2009 from Bradenton FL, where they'd retired," said Brother Jerry Guess, President of the Springfield Masonic Community.*

*"They live in one of our villas. Although their villa home is independent, they are only a short distance from all of the facilities, resources and medical services on our campus.*

*"When you enter their beautiful home, the first things that strike you are all of the souvenirs and mementos on display from hundreds of trips they have taken through the years."*

*"The travel started with my military career," Bill says as he clearly recalls each relocation. "I started with two years in the infantry. My first assignment was in Germany. I spent some time in Vietnam and then in 1968, I went to Okinawa."*

*Between Vietnam and Okinawa, Bill married Lenore on August 26, 1967.*

*"I retired from the Army, earned my PhD at Ohio State and returned to the service as a senior civilian consultant to the Air Force in Dayton, Ohio. I retired a second time with over 33 years of federal service. From there, we moved to Bradenton FL."*

## THE *NEED* FOR MORE CARE

*But what really brought them back to Ohio was the progression of Lenore's muscular dystrophy. Bill had always been able to care for Lenore on his own, but her weakening muscles required him to lift her and help her move around their home.*

*"I hurt my back while lifting her," Bill recalled. "With no other family around Florida, that incident started me to think about who would care for Lenore if something more serious happened to me."*

*"A friend knew about our connection to the Dayton area from the 23 years we'd spent there, was very familiar with the Springfield community and suggested that we think about the Springfield Masonic Community. We looked around a bit, considered our options and decided that Springfield was where we wanted to be."*

## HELP AT HOME

Based on Lenore's condition and the couple's preferences, the Pursches initially relied on Cornerstone Helping Hands to provide some minor help around the home. As she required additional services, Cornerstone Home Health assumed responsibility for Lenore's care. "The ability to tailor the care and services for the Pursches is part of the services we provide," explained Mary Lough-Pencil, President of Cornerstone Home Health & Hospice. "Providing clients with the services they need to let them live where they want and how they want, while having additional services available whenever they need them. We accompany and aid people, regardless of the path they take."

The Pursches rely on Cornerstone to visit each weekday and provide personal care,

mainly with dressing and bathing Lenore. Twice a month, a nurse visits to provide some medical services. Many other services are available, but for now, that is all the Pursches require.

*"Around the house, I am Cinderfella," Bill stated with a chuckle. "But when it comes to assisting Lenore, I'm thankful for the services provided by Cornerstone."*

## MAINTAINING MOBILITY

Even though their globetrotting days are done, that doesn't mean the Pursches are content to sit still.

"Lenore has a scooter chair that lets her get around the house," Mary said. "Their home is equipped with a special lift to move her from the bed to her scooter or even the bathroom. They also have a specially equipped van which allows Bill and Lenore to travel."

"The Pursches are doing everything they can to overcome Lenore's limitations, and we're happy to help them any way we can. We are advocates for giving clients the freedom to live their lives as fully as possible. Our services make that possible."

*"We enjoy going to Ohio State football games," Bill said.*

*"We know President Gee and established a scholarship fund for students wanting to travel to England. One of our daughters studied in England, and that's an opportunity we want to give to other students."*

*"Mostly we're homebodies and don't go out much, but there's so much going on around campus. There are lots of things to do and see. We really enjoy Home Day each year, with the food and entertainment."*

## THE RIGHT CHOICE

"The Pursches are just one example of how Cornerstone Home Health and Cornerstone Helping Hands assist our clients every day "to remain independent at home," explains Mary.

*"We are as independent as we can be, and snug as a bug in our home," Bill said. "We feel very safe and secure. For us, it's made all the difference in the world."*

The Ohio Masonic Communities and their Home and Community-Based services make "all the difference in the world" to residents and clients of many ages with a multitude of varying needs. The options for living and the array of services provide a comforting, caring living environment regardless of location.

