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## HAGEN CARE CENTER

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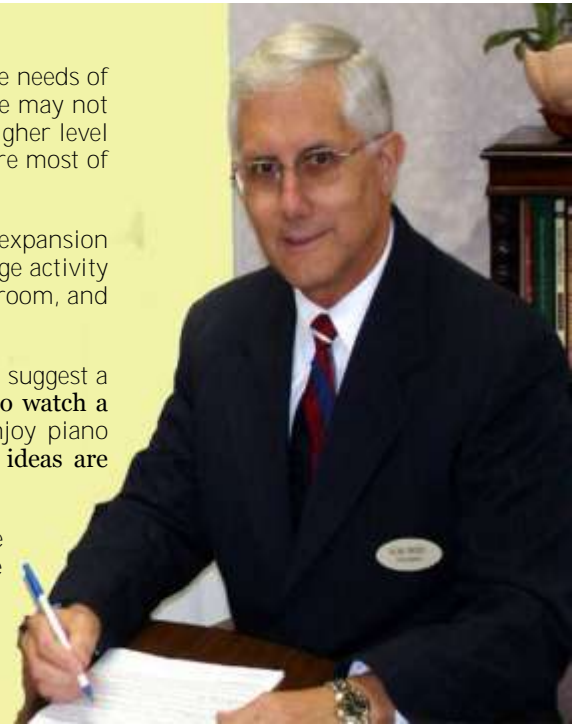
Hagen Care Center (HCC) at Penney Retirement Community meets the needs of those residents with significant memory loss and dementia. While nursing care may not be needed for the active, early retirees, those residents with dementia need a higher level of supervision and support. HCC has served its residents since 1989, long before most of us knew about Alzheimer's disease.

Recently Hagen Care Center undertook a major renovation and expansion program scheduled for completion January 15, 2009. Four private rooms, a large activity room overlooking the outside gardens, a remodeled dining room, a new family room, and other amenities have been added.

Special murals in the Activity Center have been painted on the walls to suggest a small town street scene, called "streetscapes". Activity stations for residents to watch a movie at the theater, hold and squeeze (stuffed) pets at Penney Paws, or enjoy piano favorites at Maggie's Music Shop, are placed around the town. All of these ideas are designed to enhance the dignity and self-esteem of residents who have dementia.

The next time you are visiting Penney Retirement Community, come see Hagen Care Center. If you want to be part of this project, contributions are tax-deductible and most appreciated. I know that you will be proud of what has been done.

Bob Rigel  
President



## Want More Information?

If you would like more information about Penney Retirement Community or *The Legacy*, just give us a phone call, send an email, or drop us a note. Whether for yourself or for someone you care about, we will be delighted to respond to questions or send you or your friend a packet of information.

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ABOUT THE COVER—The Fall 2008 cover pictures Hagen Care Center and two members of the PRC staff who have been highly instrumental in achieving the remarkable addition to Hagen (PRC's memory care facility). Hagen Care Center Director, Barbara Brown, is discussing the final touches needed with Wayne Boone, Capital Projects Manager, who leads PRC's construction of the addition. Full story on pages 4 and 5.

***There's No Place Like ...******Penney Retirement Community for the Holidays!***

Cars, bikes, and golf carts fill parking spaces around Barrows Hall in early November. The annual Arts and Crafts Christmas Sale attracts folks from the area as well as from PRC. For months those residents involved in making all sorts of crafts, ceramics, wood carving, wood working, weaving, stained glass, pine needle crafts and painting have prepared their wares. Numerous women and a few men have baked delicious treats or created yummy candy for this special event. Across the street at the Commons, library volunteers sell discarded books, videos, audio books, and pecans from Georgia in order to purchase new titles.

**With grateful hearts for God's goodness throughout another year,** the PRC family gathers at Penney Memorial Church on Thanksgiving Eve. The singing **of the Women's Chorus is a tradition at this annual service.** On Thanksgiving Day, a family-style turkey dinner with all the trimmings will be served in the dining room.

Music, an integral part of joyous Christmas celebrations, takes many forms. The Messiah Sing Along will be held off campus this year, but many residents will participate. Chancel Bells, the Chancel Choir, and the PMC Ensemble will glorify the Savior at Wednesday evening Advent services or at Sunday morning worship services. **The Men's Chorus will present a special Christmas concert. Traditionally, the Women's Chorus sings at the Christmas Eve service.** This year a professional violinist will play several numbers, accompanied by his mother, a resident and the organist at this service.

Gala dinners are festive occasions of the holiday season. Handsome men dressed in tuxedos or their best suits and lovely ladies in dazzling finery gather in the beautifully decorated dining hall for the Christmas banquet - delicious food, great fellowship, and delightful entertainment. Dinner on Christmas Day is always special, too.

**Don't forget the parties! On the first Friday in December, the residents host the Employees' Christmas Party** in Barrows Hall. Bingo with great prizes, music by the Sunshine Band, mounds of homemade cookies, bottomless glasses of punch, bags of gifts **for employees' children six years old and under, and generous bonuses are anticipated.**

The entire town of Penney Farms loves the Christmas parade! Decorated floats and vehicles of all sorts from golf carts to fire trucks delight citizens lining the streets. Children and adults alike scurry to catch or pick up candies thrown to them! A picnic follows at the Town Park. What a wonderful Saturday!

The annual **New Year's Eve service** begins in early evening at Penney Memorial Church. The holiday season culminates at Barrows Hall with dancing to the PRC Jazz Ensemble, games, a play, and refreshments.

**Truly, there's no place like PRC for the holidays!**

Norma Jenkins  
Class of 2002



Each Frame Above Is a Separate Life-Size Mural *Streetscape* Helping to Create...

## BIG NEWS FROM

It seems that everyone on the Penney Retirement Community (PRC) campus is sharing the excitement over things going on at Hagen Care Center. Hagen is PRC's Memory Care Facility, a nurturing environment for residents with Alzheimer's disease and other memory disorders. The cutting edge when built in 1989 by Paul and Maggie Hagen, this important facility needed some changes, and it got them!



Hagen Care Volunteers Enjoy the New Activity Room Addition

The excitement at Hagen features a 3,333 square-foot addition to the facility that promises to benefit the lives of Hagen residents dramatically. Barbara Brown, LPN, Director of Hagen Care Center, enthusiastically shows four new rooms for residents, including two rooms that can be made into a suite for a resident and spouse. Other brand new additions are a medication room, handicapped restroom, and a strategically positioned Director's office with upper glass walls for easy observation of residents.

Perhaps the addition that has most first time visitors saying, "Wow!" is the huge new activity room with accompanying garden. Wayne Boone, PRC Capital Projects Manager, headed the team that constructed the addition. Wayne enthusiastically shows the features of

the new wing. Large windows let in light and a panorama of the garden/yard, where residents are able to go in and out by themselves to walk among trees and flower beds. The high ceiling and abundance of lights illuminate the hand-painted murals that adorn the walls with pastoral views, scenes from the 50's, and a city park with a comfortable bench. Several interactive areas with murals as backdrops are among the most fascinating: Maggie's Music Store with a piano, WPRC radio station with antique radios, Hagen's Hardware Store, Penney Paws Pet Shop with stuffed animals, a PRC movie theater with DVD's of 1950 movies, and, of course, a JC Penney Store.

Accomplishing the construction project with people in residence has been a special challenge. Wayne and Barbara and their staffs have done a masterful job. When two male residents showed assertive interest in the construction, they were given the honorary title of building supervisors! Although the new addition is completed, the construction team will continue involvement in Hagen with renovations of the previously existing section. A private family room, an expanded on-site laundry, additional space in the kitchen, as well as lighting improvements and fresh paint in residents' rooms and more are targeted for a January 2009 completion.



Director, Barbara Brown (Far Right) and Her Hagen Staff



# HAGEN CARE CENTER!

The joy of the entire addition is watching the Hagen Care Center residents getting acquainted with their bright, new facilities! As well as whole-group activities, Barbara is eager to initiate new small group and one-on-one activities now possible by utilizing the new facilities.



The PRC Management and Resident Leadership Team for the Hagen Care Project— L to R, Frank Knott, Rebecca Hight, Soukhy Luz, Bob Rigel, Barbara Brown, Wilma David and Wayne Boone

Readers who are gaining first insights into Hagen Care Center will be interested to learn that the success of the new addition, as well as the remarkable program for Hagen Care residents, is the outcome of a vast team effort. The President, Board of Directors, senior management, PRC health care leadership, and a strong maintenance team support Hagen facility Director, Barbara Brown, and her staff as they strive to make an outstanding Hagen Care Center program even better.

The contributors to Hagen's success do not stop with the above list! Wilma David, a PRC resident, trains staff, families and others on campus in relating to residents with Alzheimer's and dementia disorders. Wilma is a Licensed Geriatric Social Worker and also has a Trainer/Provider Number from the State of Florida. Other social workers and specially-trained residents also conduct classes and lead discussion groups for families of Hagen Residents and volunteers.

Hagen is wonderfully served by 93 PRC resident volunteers led by Volunteer Coordinator, Rebecca Hight. Hagen volunteers share their talents and enthusiasm every day of the week. Two teams of three people each are there every weekday, and one team on Saturday, - eleven teams in all - providing an hour in the morning and an hour in the afternoon of activities, music, physical exercises, and games for the residents. A volunteer plays quiet piano music for an hour nearly every weekday. Resident volunteers lead a worship service every Sunday. Volunteers help staff serve meals that are sent from the kitchen to Hagen's steam table. Every Wednesday morning, volunteers *push* residents to the Pavilion Pond, where they feed and observe the ducks, then tour the campus for a bit before returning home.



Hagen Volunteers Relax in the Hagen Garden Area

All PRC residents are proud of Hagen Care Center and take special joy in the fabulous new addition just completed. The PRC goal is to facilitate *life more abundant* for our residents by having the very best program available. Penney Retirement Community believes we just took a new, giant step toward that goal.

Rebecca Hight  
Class of 1996

## THE LEGACY THANKS YOU FOR GIVING

The Legacy hereby extends our deep appreciation to those who have blessed Penney Retirement Community with their giving from April 2008 through August 2008. It is your heart for giving that helps continue the PRC tradition and enfold you as part of the Legacy of Penney Retirement Community. Names are alphabetical. Those giving multiple times in the time period are listed once.

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### Homes and Apartments at PRC to become available...

#### Great News, Act Now!

Several independent living opportunities will become available following the planned move of several PRC residents from Independent into Assisted Living in late November and December 2008.

There will be a modern, cozy, single family home (two bedrooms, two baths), a large Cottage apartment (two bedrooms, two baths, w/Florida room), a cute small Cottage apartment (one bedroom, one bath) and one delightful Quad Two-Room apartment becoming available for selection very soon.

Those selecting these homes may need to wait until the new year before being ready to move-in, but please do not wait to select and secure your choice! Act now! Contact Marketing to learn more! (Phone: 800-638-3138 or email: [prcphillips@bellsouth.net](mailto:prcphillips@bellsouth.net))

## Resale At The Ready

A visit to the Penney Retirement Community “Resale Store” on a Friday afternoon or Saturday morning would likely find you excited and having fun hunting for bargains. How did such a neat, vibrant shopping opportunity end up in Penney Retirement Community (PRC)?



Bill Waterston, Chair (right) and Charlie Swisher, Ass't Chair, of PRC's Resale Store and Program

The story of the PRC's Resale shop goes back forty-one years to the Rummage Sale at the Spring Fiesta of 1967. At that time the Rummage Sale was part of an effort to raise funds for the Arts and Crafts center. That effort was successful and started a tradition.

By 1973, the Rummage Sale had a new home in some old school buildings that used to occupy the land behind the current Post Office. Twenty-one years later, however, those buildings had to be abandoned for safety concerns. A new name and place, Thursday Treasures, was created in 1998 to advertise the sale day, and the location was in Hedinger Hall. The operation was now a weekly event. Finally, in 2002, the present name and a permanent location became a reality for the Resale program. Friday afternoons and Saturday morning were the new store *hours*. It keeps getting better. In 2008, Resale has seen improvements including a new entrance, store layout, and total air conditioning for the safety and comfort of the growing customer base.



Shoppers Look for Bargains in the Clothing Department

The Resale program is operated by up to 75 resident volunteers who spend hours sorting, cleaning, repairing, and displaying a wide variety of donated household and clothing items donated by other PRC residents. The Resale Program sales proceeds serve as the economic foundation for the **PRC Residents' Association, but it does much more.** It provides material for the PET ministry and the Salvation Army on a weekly basis. It helps several other Jacksonville area charities with used clothing. Resale provides luggage and clothes for Mission groups. It assists the campus Estate Sales program in sorting unsold items. Resale often furnishes incoming retired missionaries with household goods and helps to provide for losses caused by natural disasters. It helps people downsize and adjust to retirement living. The weekly pick-up service enables PRC residents to share unwanted items that sometimes become valued treasures under new ownership.

The next time you visit Penney Retirement Community, take time to visit the Resale Store. Beyond the fun of shopping for bargains, see if you can figure out who derives the **greatest blessing from its activities. Is it the shoppers, the volunteers, the Residents' Association, the ministries supported, the charities supported, the missionaries moving to PRC...?**

Bill Waterston  
Class of 2005

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*Sir, Madam, Watch Your Melon!*

## The Watermelon Ten

Many delicious varieties of vegetables have been grown by PRC residents in the PRC vegetable garden. Watermelons have not been among them - until now!

Fearless gardener, Dee Williamson (Class of 2004), is shown in the photo, documenting her beautiful, eight-pound, PRC grown watermelon. Fellow resident, Keith Barkley (Class of 2006), assists in the harvest.

Immediately thereafter, the melon was rushed to the Quad apartment of Loraine **“Bridge” Bridgeman, where it was iced down.** Once chilled, Keith began cutting the melon into slices.

Then, it happened! Quad residents, Shirley Purdy, Jean Roberts, Alice and Gam Shae, Jean Dickman, Marian Chapman, and Lil Brodish appeared on the scene. Dee, Keith, and **“Bridge” made ten.** Moments later the watermelon was gone for good!



No one seems willing to disclose exactly what took place that day. The word on campus is: if planning a trip to PRC with a watermelon, the wise will watch their melon. No one knows when or where the Watermelon-10 may strike again!