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A QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER FROM
BETHANY CHILDREN'S HOME

Bethany Children's Home Receives Largest Gift in Recent History

Bethany Children's Home, Womelsdorf PA has received their largest philanthropic gift in recent history from the Estate of George M. and Dorothy D. (Dautrich) Seaman.

The Seaman's have created their legacy at Bethany with a \$2 million gift to support capital improvements and renovations to continue providing a safe, nurturing, caring environment for youth to learn skills for their future and take back their lives.

Mr. Seaman was a 1932 graduate of Reading High School and The Wharton School of the University of PA in 1936.

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George M. and Dorothy D. (Dautrich) Seaman

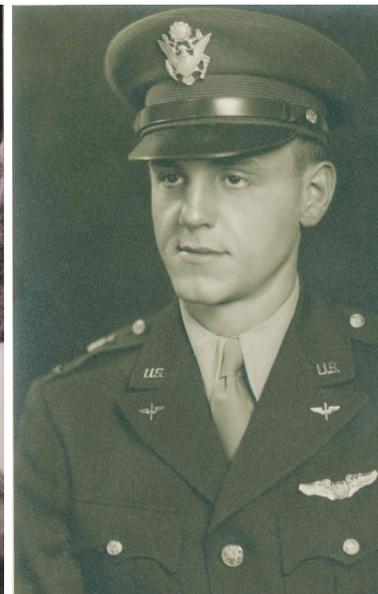
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He retired from Carpenter Technology Corp. after his father in law passed away to become the owner and operator of Dautrich Seafood from 1948-1981. He was a US Air Force Veteran and the Director of the Wyomissing Park Commission for 18 years.

Mrs. Seaman was a 1932 graduate of Reading High School and a 1936 graduate of Albright. She was employed in her family's business Dautrich Seafood prior to coming co-owner with her husband, George.

George and Dorothy spent most of their free time at the Berkshire Country Club playing golf and enjoying meals with friends. In addition, they were active members of Atonement Lutheran Church.

George and Dorothy were known by their friends as kind, caring and willing to help others. George, known for his brilliance and strategic thinking, specifically sought to leave a legacy in the community in the most humble and quietest of ways. He expressed sadness in personal letters that he and Dorothy did not have children of their own so he wanted to ensure that his legacy was to



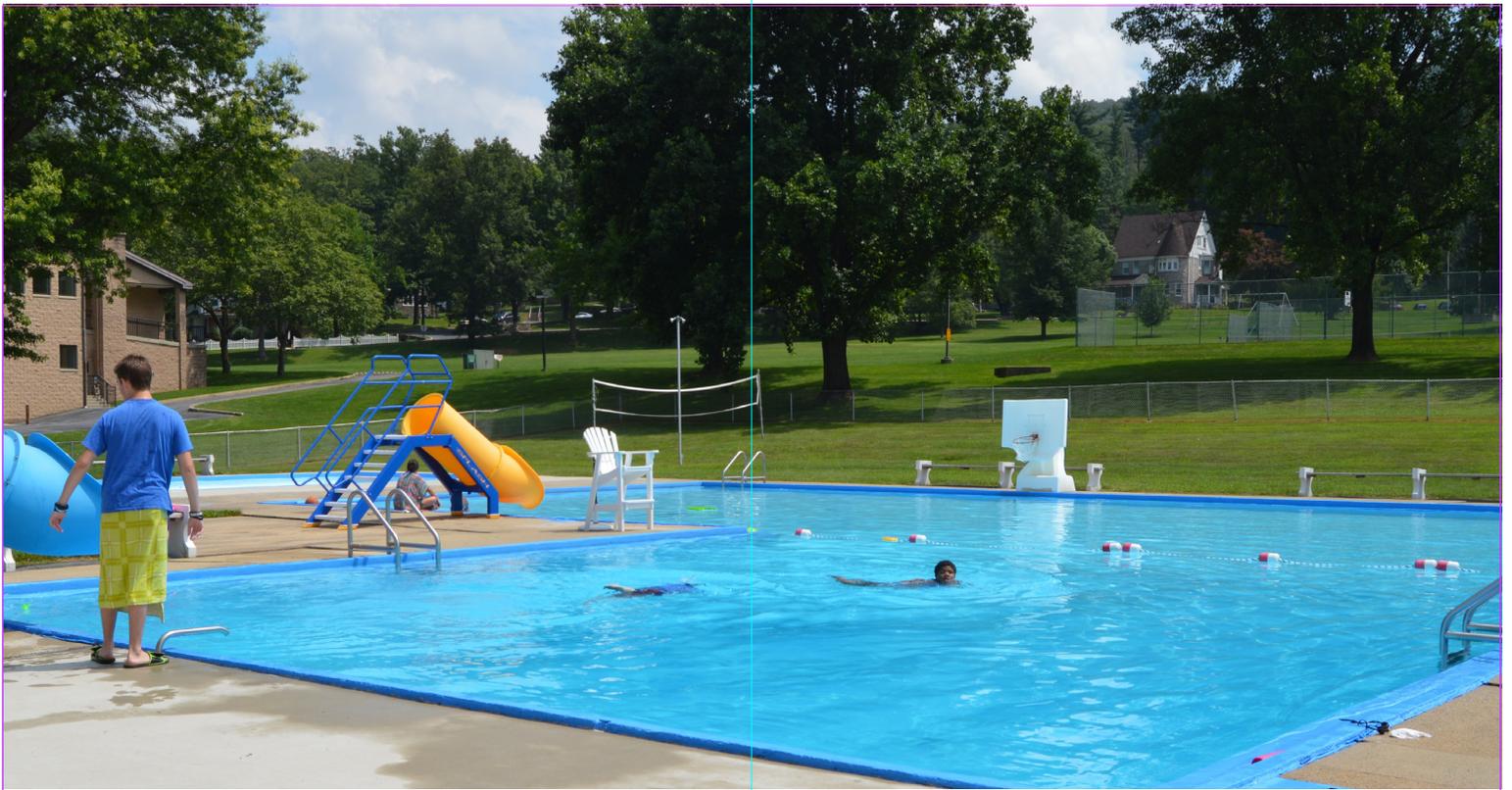
provide for children in need to ensure that they received the care, support and opportunities to grow up in a safe, secure environment.

Kevin Snyder, CEO of Bethany Children's Home, stated the Seaman Legacy will provide the youth served at Bethany the supportive environment they need to help them work through the trauma they have faced; build new life skills to overcome survival skills; and to plan for their future. This gift will support significant renovations and updates to Bethany's 149 year old campus to ensure we are here for our community youth for another 100 years.

Tabor Church Donates Nightlights and More for Youth



Tabor UCC in Lebanon donated nightlights, flashlights, and batteries to Bethany in June. Bethany provides a nightlight for each youth in our care. The lights are a comfort and a safety feature in our youth's bedrooms. Bethany is thankful for the donation and looks forward to growing our relationship with the congregation at Tabor Church.



Bethany Pool Ready for Another 50 Years!

A special gift made in memory of Anna E. Schneider has provided much needed repairs to our pool so the kids can swim this summer! The swimming pool was built in 1960 and named the Dubbs Pool. In 1994, the pool pavilion was built. Today, the swimming pool is the site of Bethany's traditional Summer Wednesday Night Activities and is appreciated by youth and staff alike.

Reformed Church of the Ascension Donates 8 Hand Sewn Quilts

Joan Hagerman and others from Reformed Church of the Ascension in Jeffersonville, PA donated eight hand sewn lap quilts to Bethany in May. The quilts were for graduating seniors at Bethany. Bethany is thankful for this generous donation of time, treasure, and talent. Each graduating senior was given a quilt to have with them as they continue their education and keep building their life.



Go Over the Edge with Bethany Children's Home for Local Youth

Over the Edge **#OTE4BETHANY**
Go Over the Edge with
Bethany for local Youth



Bethany Children's Home has launched a unique fundraising and marketing campaign called Over the Edge to create awareness of the services they provide for local youth who have experienced trauma in their lives.

Over the Edge is known for its signature rappelling fundraising events all over the world and helping organizations raise millions of dollars since its inception. The first of its kind, the event in Reading, PA will be held on October 12, 2016 at 525 Student Apartments, located at 525 Lancaster Avenue, Reading PA.

The first 92 people who raise a minimum of \$1000 to support Bethany Children's Home will secure a place on the ropes. Additionally, for those who exceed that goal, there are incentives to enhance the rappelling experience, including live video footage.

Kevin Snyder, CEO of Bethany, stated that this campaign will provide an opportunity for the community to learn more about the critical issues of our community youth and the services provided at Bethany to keep them safe.

"We are looking forward to sharing Bethany's

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Bethany Children's Home is a place where youth can heal from their pasts, learn how to live safely today, and prepare for their futures.

When you participate in **#OTE4BETHANY** you support Bethany's mission to provide healing and help reunify youth in their local community.

Will you Go Over the Edge with Bethany for local youth?

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mission of providing a safe place of nurture, protection, and supportive care to aid our local youth in their self-understanding, growth, and healing toward a brighter, healthier future. Each and every day, our kids are working to take back their lives in a safe, secure setting that provides them the support they need to work through the trauma they have faced.”

Tompkins|VIST Bank| Insurance| and Financial Advisors are the Presenting Sponsor for this years campaign. Scott Gruber, President and CEO, states, “Bethany Children’s Home has a distinguished record of service to youth, but is still unknown to many people. That’s why we wanted to do our part to raise its profile and attract donations through this unique fundraiser. ”

All funds raised from the campaign will support Bethany’s art, recreation, academic enrichment, and music therapy programs provided to each youth in care to help them build skills for their future.

Metropolitan Companies and 525 Student Apartments are the host site for the inaugural



Join Me as an Edger! Scott Gruber, President and CEO, Tompkins|VIST Bank| and Financial Advisors

Over the Edge Campaign.

From August – October, at least 92 individuals or teams will be raising funds to participate in the event. To register to become an Edger, support an Edger, or become a sponsor check out www.bethanyhome.org/ote4Bethany.

A vertical event poster for the 'Liquid Courage Cocktail Party & Auction' and 'Bethany Tribute Breakfast'. The poster features a silhouette of a person rappelling down a thick rope against a background of yellow bubbles. Text on the poster includes: 'OTE4BETHANY', 'Liquid Courage Cocktail Party & Auction', 'October 11, 2016', '5:00 PM', 'Crown Plaza Wyomissing', 'SAVE THE DATES', '#OTE4BETHANY', 'Bethany Tribute Breakfast', 'October 13, 2016', '7:00 - 9:30 AM', and 'TOMPKINS VIST Bank Insurance Financial Advisors'.

Three Days of Exciting Events

Day 1: October 11th, 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM, Crowne Plaza Wyomissing - Liquid Courage Cocktail Party & Live Auction

Day 2: October 12th, 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM, 525 Student Apartments on Lancaster Ave. - Rappel Day

Day 3: October 13th, 7:00 AM - 9:30 AM, Crowne Plaza Wyomissing - Bethany Tribute Breakfast

Bethany Youth Graduate

Six youth graduated from CWHS in June



Six youth from Bethany Children's Home graduated with the Conrad Weiser High School Class of 2016 in June. Some of these youth have plans to continue with higher education while others are excited to join the work force. One of Bethany's primary areas of interest is fostering education in our youth. Youth are supported during the academic year as well as during the summer months through the Donald and LaRae Haas Learning Center on Bethany's campus. The Learning Center is staffed with professional teachers who provide additional resources and help youth develop stronger study habits to ensure academic success.



High School Senior Donates School Supplies

Sasha Rubert, Gilbertsville, presents Bethany Children's Home with school supplies, gift cards and a gift to Bethany's Birthday Fund. Sasha asked her friends and family to make donations to Bethany for her Birthday as part of her Senior Project. A special thanks to Sasha for supporting our youth!!

If you are interested in organizing a service project for Bethany Children's Home, please contact:

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Harvest Bible Chapel Service Project, Go Beyond 2016



Members of Harvest Bible Chapel's Myerstown location came together for the Go Beyond 2016 Week of Service, a church-based initiative to encourage, organize and mobilize people to better our community through acts of service.

The group worked to clean up Bethany's campus to improve the quality of life our youth and staff experience everyday!!! We are thankful for this group's participation in the Week of Service and look forward to working together again!!



Girl Scout
Cupboard
#975 Donates
Cookies to
Bethany

Bethany is thankful for a gift of assorted Girl Scout cookies from Cupboard #975 of Myerstown, dropped off by Jody Hostetter. We received 786 individual boxes of cookies, enjoyed by every cottages!





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RETURN SERVICES REQUESTED



Bethany Children's Home
Alumni Appreciation Day
 Friday 8/12/16 1:00 PM

Please No Pets, Alcohol, Tobacco, or Weapons.
 Concert seating on lawn, please bring your favorite chair or blanket!

Schedule of Events

- 1:00PM - Welcome at Pool
- 1:00 - 4:30 - Pool, Archives, Memory Sharing & Recording
- 2:00 - 3:30 - Campus Tours
- 5:00 - Roast Beef Dinner Buffet at ADM, RSVP \$10/PERSON
- 7:00 - 9:00 - The Uptown Band & Concessions
- 9:00 - Fireworks

Reminder!
 Dinner Reservations are
 Required in Advance.
 Please Call 610-589-6827

Bethany Children's Home
Summer Concert Series
 Friday Nights 7:00 PM

Bethany Children's Home
 1863 Bethany Road,
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 www.bethanyhome.org

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JULY 29
Caroline Reese
AUGUST 5
The Dave Mell BAND
AUGUST 12
UPTOWN BAND
& FIREWORKS!



RAIN Freewill OFFERING Accepted. Proceeds to benefit Bethany's mission.
SHINE Concessions Available! **NO Weapons, Tobacco, Alcohol, & Pets!**
 Seating is on the lawn so please bring your fav **CHAIR** or **BLANKET!**

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