Tabor Talk

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Our Mission

To help strengthen the Lancaster County community by giving people the tools and inspiration to meet their housing and financial challenges and by revitalizing our surroundings.









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Ensuring **Tabor's Future**

As you can read in this newsletter, Tabor will celebrate its 50th anniversary in 2018, less than two years from now. In her final years Grace Wenger, Tabor's principal founder, often said she marveled at how the organization had grown since 1968, the breadth of its housing and financial counseling programs and how it served thousands of people each year. Reaching this milestone will

be a testament to the enduring power and continuing relevance of Tabor's mission, its ability to adapt to changing times and needs, the dedication of its staff and the faithful and generous support of its many friends. In the coming year we will be planning a variety of activities to celebrate the history and accomplishments of Tabor's 50 years





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-Bob Thomas, President

A win-win-win!

Anna Rose Schannauer can't remember exactly when she started volunteering for Tabor, but it's been over a dozen years. She has helped prepare newsletter and annual appeal mailings, worked on events and held Bible studies for the women of Beth Shalom.

We've always known her as Anna Rose. She was named for her father's sister, Anna, and her mother's sister, Rosa. Neither of them had children, so when her parents passed, she became their caretaker, handling their bills for them. But her high school and college friends only knew her as "Diffy." "My maiden name is Diffenbaugh," she explains. "As a child I called my father Dee-dee, so that became my nickname and eventually it became "Diffy."

She taught elementary school for 33 years, including 30 years teaching kindergarten.



"I loved getting up every morning and going to teach," she says. "When I retired I volunteered at the library and Catholic school doing story hours. I just couldn't give up my time with the 5-year-olds. It's a delightful age."

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When Phyllis, Tabor's Vice President for Development, approached Anna Rose about making a planned gift to support Tabor, Anna Rose selected a gift annuity through Everence.

Her gift annuity provided an immediate tax deduction for a portion of her gift. Everence is paying Anna Rose (or a beneficiary, if she has chosen one) a dependable, fixed income for life. The remaining balance will be transferred to Tabor at the end of the contract (the death of the last beneficiary). A portion of Anna Rose's annuity payments are also tax free.

"Providing an annuity for Tabor was very easy to set up and, if you have the finances, it is one of the best things you can do with your money. You receive money from the annuity on a schedule you set up and in the meantime, your money is being invested. It's not just sitting in a bank account. It's working money. I knew I could afford it and when I am no longer here [to support Tabor], my money will be doing actively good.

"I feel God is so good and I have been so blessed, I just want to give back. Tabor is one of those organizations that helps so many people.

"I'm thinking of all the lives that this gift is going to touch ... the women of Beth Shalom ... the people in TLC ... people, who through no fault of their own, lost their housing ... people who need a second start. Tabor is a wonderful support organization for those people. I'm sure many people can be blessed by the gift."

Anna Rose likes the 50 for 50 Campaign because it's a good way to get more people to hear about what Tabor is doing and what they can do with their finances. She says, "I would like Tabor to be more well-known, so more people would support them."

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of service to Lancaster County residents and community. We look forward to your joining us in these activities in 2018.

One of the ways in which we are already celebrating Tabor's golden anniversary is to encourage our supporters to consider including the organization in their estate plans with a legacy gift. Rather than being used to fund operating costs, these gifts will be invested in Tabor's endowment and help grow an asset that will support our mission for years to come and ensure its sustainability. Planned gifts are wonderful ways for us to make statements that will live on in the future about what we believed to be the most important and enduring values and commitments of our lives.

We have organized our efforts to encourage

legacy gifts into the *50 for 50 Campaign* – *Ensuring Tabor's Future*. The campaign's goal is to secure commitments from 50 of our supporters to include Tabor in their estate plans in time for our 50th anniversary in 2018. And I am delighted to report to you that **26 of our friends have already made that pledge!**

As we publically announce the 50 for 50 Campaign this month you will begin to hear more about this undertaking and how you can be a part of it. I encourage you to consider, regardless of where you are in your lives – young and just starting out to more senior and finalizing your estate plans and all the years in between – making a statement about your most important values and helping to ensure Tabor's work in the Lancaster community will continue for years to come.



Go to www.tabornet.org and click on "Donate Now." Now you can choose to set up automatic bi-weekly, monthly, or quarterly gifts. If you prefer mailing your donation, please use the envelope enclosed. Thank you for your generous support!



Win-Win-Win continued

Anna Rose will be 88 in February and continues to volunteer. We and the other volunteers always look forward to her cheerful presence. "Volunteering is something I can do," she says, "I don't think I could keep up with 5-year-olds anymore.

"When I was in college I was very active in sports. Because of that, I was inducted into the Kutztown Athletic Hall of Fame when I was 75. I played basketball and soccer (my favorite) and won a lot of awards for archery.

"I have good health ... that is the biggest blessing I have had.

"I think this tax annuity is a win-win-win. I get a tax benefit, Tabor gets money to help people, and the people Tabor helps also win. It is a 3-way win."







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90% of us make donations to a community benefit organization such as Tabor in our lifetime. **But only 7% of us designate a charitable gift in our will or estate plan.** When our lives are over, our gifts to Tabor are over as well, unless a planned gift has been arranged. What if 10% of us, or 20% of us, decided to give for the future? What kind of long-term impact could Tabor make in our community?

Tabor Community Services 49th Annual Banquet SAVE THE DATE: Thursday, May 4, 2017 | **6:00 PM**

We have outgrown our previous venue and are excited to announce that we are moving our Annual Banquet to Shady Maple.



CAR DONATION PROGRAM



Donate your car, boat, truck, RV, jet ski or snowmobile to Tabor and receive a tax

deduction. This no-cost, no-hassle process begins when you contact our fundraising partner, Donation Line LLC, at 877.227.7487. Be sure to ask for Tabor Community Services.



50 for 50:

Ensuring Tabor's Future

In 2018 Tabor Community Services will celebrate 50 years of helping our clients rebuild their lives and serving the needs of the Lancaster County community. Established in 1968, today Tabor serves over 4600 clients annually assisting them in developing the knowledge and skills they need to meet their housing and financial challenges and learning how to help themselves.

The generous support of Tabor's many friends has been an enormous part of our ability to serve so many throughout our history, and continuing to nurture that support will be vital to our future ability to continue serving. Therefore, as part of our 50th Anniversary Celebration, we will be having the 50 for 50 Campaign: Ensuring Tabor's Future with the goal of securing at least 50 planned gifts from our supporters. These legacy gifts will help to ensure Tabor has the resources to continue serving clients and the Lancaster community for generations to come.

Supporters who make legacy gifts will become members of the **Grace Wenger Society**. Grace played a central role in establishing Tabor in 1968, and her deep commitments and vision helped to propel the organization in its growth and enable it to serve so many in our community.

Tabor is partnering with both the Lancaster County Community Foundation and Everence to offer assistance and guidance to you and your financial and legal advisors in determining the planned gift that is best for you.

We invite you to consider making a planned gift to Tabor, join the Grace Wenger Society and help to ensure Tabor's ability to continue rebuilding lives

and the Lancaster community.





PRE-PARTY

11.18.16 | DROP-IN 5-8 PM

Please join us and support Tabor Community
Services as well as other local non-profits as we
host an Extraordinary Give Pre-Party at 308 E.
King (Tabor's building). Our party will feature **live**entertainment, displays for Tabor and other nonprofits, a donation station, and **local food trucks**!
As we approach the Extra Give, please check Tabor's
Facebook page and website for more information.

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The Extraordinary Give is Lancaster County's largest day of giving. If you are unable to attend our event, please give to Tabor Community Services on

11.18.16 at www.extragive.org.





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