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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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Through Your Support

As Tabor nears the end of the current fiscal year and the beginning of a new one in July, our management team has necessarily focused in recent weeks on our operating budget as an organization – both our revenue and expenses. I am pleased to report we will end 2016 – 17 in the black as we have consistently done in past years, and prospects for the 2017–18 budget look good.

Focusing on our budget makes me especially mindful of how important the financial support of Tabor's many friends is. To be sure, we are deeply grateful for it. Your generosity says so much about your values and personal priorities, and its growth in recent years has been particularly encouraging to the staff.

Those of us who work at Tabor know we are very fortunate to receive your gifts, and please know we are careful stewards of them. You should know too that without your support our staff could not serve all the people they do every year. In fact, without it we could not even exist as an organization.

But even beyond our gratitude for your support, the most important thing you should know about your gifts is the difference they make in the lives of the people Tabor staff help every day. Individuals and families who have been

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-Bob Thomas, *President*



The Road to Gratitude

Beverly and Barry have faced many hardships, but with Tabor's support, they are working toward a better life. Their journey still continues to present challenges, but they are grateful for the support that they have received at Tabor and persevere through the trials they face.

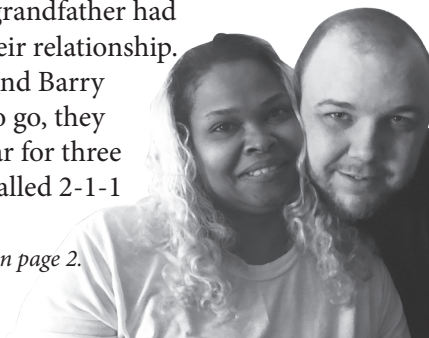
Beverly works full-time and is the mother of four. Her 23-year-old son lives with his family in Chambersburg. Her other three sons are 21, 17 and 15. The youngest has an autism diagnosis, and at times presents a challenge for Beverly. Her first son was born when she was 17, the same year she graduated from high school. She had been in and out of foster homes most of her life and lived on her own since she was 14.

At the age of 18, she spent her first night with

her mother, who met her grandson for the first time. Her mother passed away in June 2016, and her aunt, who was like a second mother to her, passed away this February. Beverly's only family is Barry, her four sons and her sister.

About a year ago, Beverly and Barry were living in a house under the same lease with Barry's grandfather. However, they decided they had to move because Barry and his grandfather had problems in their relationship. Since Beverly and Barry had nowhere to go, they slept in their car for three days. Beverly called 2-1-1

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Tabor's Hearthside Program

This program offers permanent supportive housing to families experiencing homelessness who have one family member with a disability and have school-aged children. Participants are assisted in locating and securing permanent housing on the open rental market, and the program provides rent subsidy when needed.

The goals of the program are to support families in sustaining their permanent housing through increasing the family's income, strengthening their community and natural support system, and ensuring the children are enrolled in, attend, and achieve academic success in school.


Gratitude *continued*

which resulted in a referral to TLC, a program of Tabor where they lived for a month. While there they were offered an opportunity to participate in Tabor's Hearthside program. With assistance from Andrea, Tabor's Housing Location Specialist, and Kiyana, their Hearthside case manager, and with Beverly's initiative contacting landlords regarding apartments for rent, they found a place in Lancaster where they have lived for nearly a year. Andrea was instrumental in explaining the Hearthside program to the landlord and getting approval for Beverly and Barry to rent from month-to-month.


Unfortunately, due to downsizing, Barry recently lost his job. But with Andrea's and Kiyana's help, he is currently seeking employment. They let him know when there are job fairs and when local businesses have open positions.

In addition to other trials that they have faced, Beverly was a recent victim of identity theft and was unable to claim their tax refund for ten months. Despite these many challenges that Beverly and Barry have encountered, they still have goals that they plan to achieve. They hope to own a home, and they hope for their two sons, who are still in school, to graduate and attend college.

Because of their past experiences, they both have "big trust issues." However, they say, "We trust Andrea and Kiyana. They care about us and are part of our family. They make us feel like we are somebody." Both Beverly and Barry advise people with some of the problems they've encountered to "Call Tabor. Andrea and Kiyana really helped us. Without Tabor, I don't know where we'd be."

To Tabor's donors, Beverly says, "Thank you, we appreciate your help. Your donation helps more than you may think it does. I donate to Tabor because we want to help others who need help like we did." 

Support *continued*

homeless are able to receive shelter and then return to permanent housing and the security it provides to them. Others learn how to manage their money more effectively, pay off debt and improve their financial stability. Some who aspire to become homeowners for the first time are able to achieve that dream with the counsel of our staff. Still others save for further education that will help them get a better paying job and provide for their children. I urge you to never lose sight of the fact that your gifts help to make all of these things and more possible every day. 

Are you interested in making arrangements for a planned gift to Tabor, or would you like more information on planned giving? 

Please call Phyllis at 717.358.9383.

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Making Lancaster a better place

Daphne Messersmith was involved in ministry in Lancaster City trying to address housing needs in the community. Under the leadership of Father Pete Greenfield, rector of St. John's Episcopal Church on West Chestnut Street, the church did some work with Harb Adult (now TLC, a program of Tabor), which was just starting out.

As she grew older, Daphne realized she wanted to use her resources in a thoughtful way. She made a commitment to give a certain amount to Tabor every year. She sees providing a planned gift to Tabor as an extension of that commitment.

You hope that beyond your gift and beyond your lifetime, the work will continue, keep evolving and grow and make Lancaster a better place and really benefit all these folks that Tabor serves.

"My husband [Ed] and I are downsizing, getting rid of a lot of stuff, and we are putting our wills together," Daphne explains. "We wanted to make sure that the things we've supported over the years received a chunk of money when we die. So we decided to start a donor-advised fund that would name Tabor as one of the three beneficiaries and to which we will be adding money over the years. Eventually, there will be a significant gift that will help sustain Tabor."

Ed and Daphne had thought about different vehicles for making a planned gift. Their financial advisor suggested the donor-advised fund, also known as a charitable gift fund. It is one of the most flexible tools available for charitable giving while providing tax deduction(s) to the donor. It allows donors to donate nearly any type of asset and recommend the charities they want to support on their own timetable. And donors may choose to have the funds invested.




▲ Daphne & Ed Messersmith

"It was easy to set up. Our financial advisor made out the papers, we went and signed them, then I notified Tabor. We made a contract, a promissory note in a way, and we get reports monthly on how things are doing investment-wise, so hopefully it will keep growing. So it was really easy.

"I'm hoping the continued financial support of this place will keep it alive ... keep it growing. I think that's the point of most monetary gifts. You hope that beyond your gift and beyond your lifetime, the work will continue, keep evolving and grow and make Lancaster a better place and really benefit all these folks that Tabor serves."

To someone who is considering a planned gift, Daphne would say, "Do it now. Don't put it off. Most non-profits struggle to make ends meet. Having this endowment would help folks to relax a little, to do their work without worrying.

"What Tabor is doing, being responsive to the changing needs of Lancaster ... It's a great model for making a difference. It's always been a really cool example of urban service. And I want to say 'Yes! Please keep doing it.'" 



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ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL YEAR

Thank you to all our friends who attended, sponsored and contributed to Tabor's 49th Annual Banquet

Clients recognized for their accomplishments:

- **Linda Williams** - Housing Counseling Client of the Year
- **Brian and Emily Patterson** - Financial Counseling Clients of the Year
- **Jayne Bowman-Stokes & Stanley Stokes** - First-time Homebuyers of the Year

Others recognized for their contributions:

- **Darren Neff** - Landlord of the Year
- **Don MacDougall & Mike Evanko** - Volunteers of the Year
- **Chestnut Housing Corporation** - Housing Partner of the Year

The award nominators and recipients were videotaped for the presentation of awards. Filming and editing was provided by **aideM Media Solutions**. Please check out their work at aidemsolutions.com.

Dutchland Rollers and Tabor's own faithful group of volunteers helped with banquet activities throughout the evening.

Also recognized were staff members who served with Tabor for:

15 Years

Jacqueline Graham
Phyllis Stacks

10 Years

Katie Burnett
Doug Hopwood
Bob Thomas

5 Years

Debbie O'Neal
Roger Steffy

We hope you will be able to join us next year as we celebrate Tabor's 50th year of service to the Lancaster County community!



Tuesday, May 15, 2018



Who are our 2017 sponsors?

You can see exactly who sponsored Tabor's Annual Banquet by going to www.tabornet.org. There you'll find the list of all the businesses, organizations and people who generously sponsored the banquet.

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