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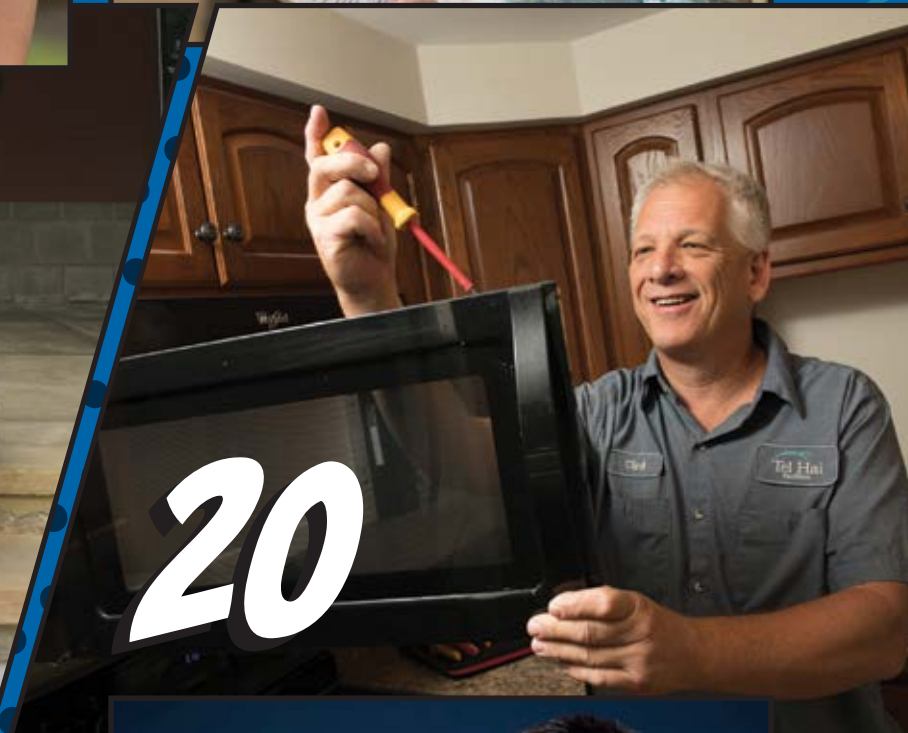
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On the cover: Wendy Corle, George Young, and Sue Kimani. Photo by The Premise Studio.

EVERYDAY SUPERHEROES

Keeli Looper, Vice President of Human Resources

Honey Brook: a lovely, rural village community surrounded by the beautiful and rolling hillsides of Chester County. But for this issue of Life magazine — Everyday Superheroes — it's like we're in Gotham City!

Just like Clark Kent (Superman), Bruce Wayne (Batman) and countless other hero and heroine characters from our youth, we're in the epicenter of everyday people doing amazing things. From team members to volunteers to residents, we've got unmasked superheroes among us. They wave at you as they stroll down Evergreen Drive, they greet you at lunch at the Garden Café, and they open the door for you as you enter the StoneCroft Aquatics Center.

During my nine years at Tel Hai, I've seen incredible acts of service, heartwarming moments of people saving the day, and truly heroic actions. But in combination with those memorable occasions, it's the

masses of "everyday people" who have touched my heart. I first joined our community as Director of Volunteer Services in 2011, and was promoted to Vice President of Human Resources in 2015. And with that, I've had the privilege of experiencing the exceptional.

Turn the page, and you'll meet George, Wendy and Sue. Their stories, their impact and their testimonies are unique, personal and immense. They aren't just do-gooders. Each in their own way, they are serving, helping and lifting up those around them with love and compassion. It's not who they want to be, it's who they are.

You'll also read in this issue about Volunteer Services and how to get

started. I hope you'll explore our vast volunteer opportunities that can provide you with an enriching and purposeful connection with those who live and work at Tel Hai. Volunteering is always a great way to experience our culture *before* you move here. I can assure you — your time, gifts and talents will be gladly used for maximum impact by our talented team members.

On page 12, you'll also learn about the good works being done locally, regionally and internationally by residential living residents Bonnie, Connie and Rick. Close to home and in lands far, far away, they are changing the world with each picture taken, book read and training completed.

Lastly, I'm excited to share with you how to "Be Your Own Superhero" on page 18. As many of my fellow team members at the Hill of Life can attest, we often hear from residents that "moving to Tel Hai was one of the best decisions I've ever made." We want you to join them.

It's time to take your future into your own hands by putting on that mask, tightening up that cape, and taking the leap. I promise you'll be glad you did!

Sincerely,

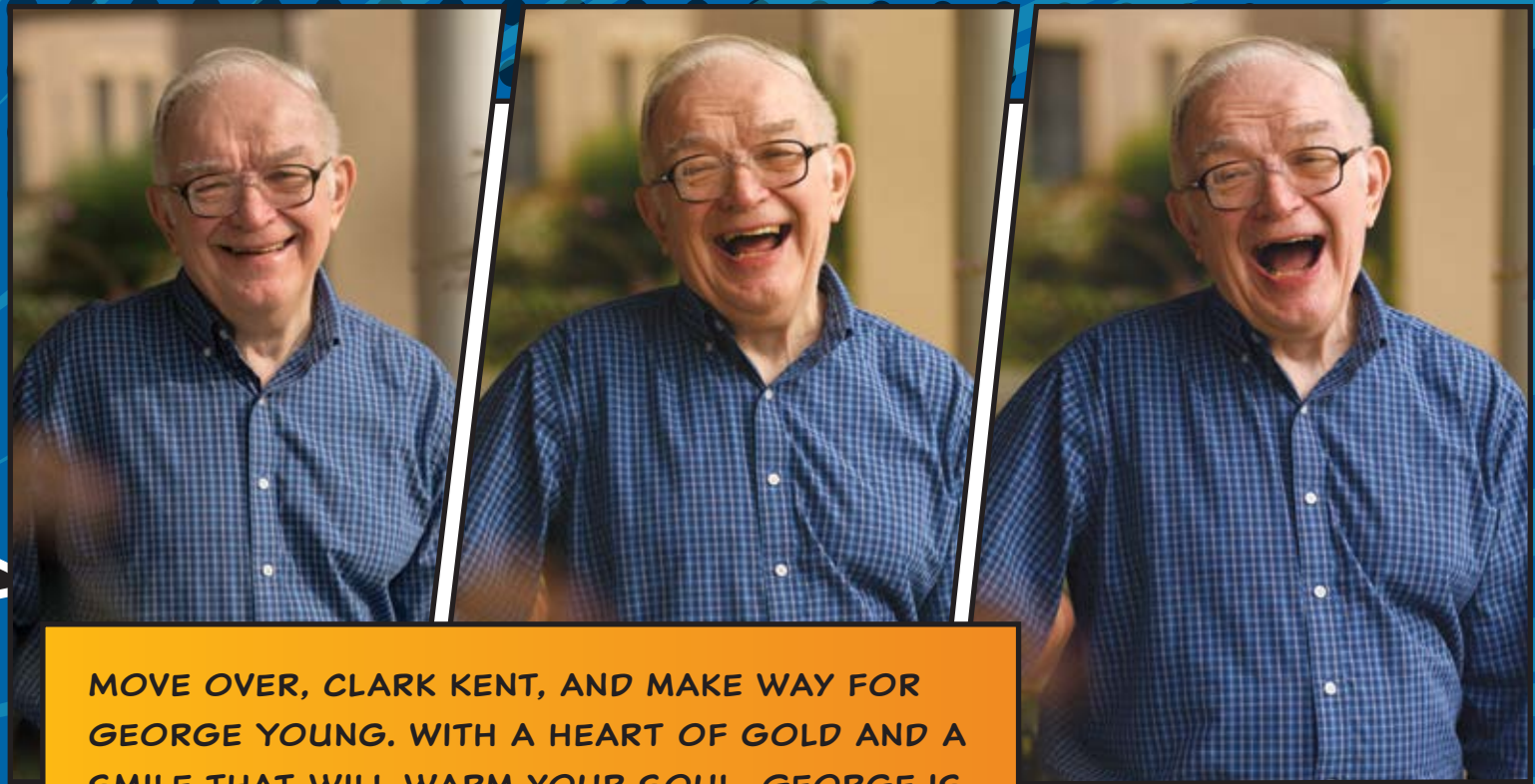
Keeli Looper



2019 Team Member Award Winners: (L to R) Janice Williams (Leader of the Year), Cassandra Brendlen (Rookie of the Year), Tammy Jacobs (Harmony Award), Sharon Stephens (Team Member of the Year), Suzanne Hafer (Harmony Award)

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THE TEL HAI COMMUNITY IS FULL OF UNMASKED SUPERHEROES. SIMPLY PUT, THEY'RE EVERYDAY PEOPLE DOING AMAZING THINGS. THEY'VE OVERCOME PERSONAL CHALLENGES, TURNED TRAGEDY INTO TRIUMPH AND TRANSFORMED THE LIVES OF OTHERS WITH THEIR LOVE AND COMPASSION. WHAT AN INSPIRATION TO LIVE IN A COMMUNITY WITH A REAL-LIFE SUPERMAN, WONDER WOMAN AND BATGIRL. **ARE YOU READY TO JOIN THEM?**



MOVE OVER, CLARK KENT, AND MAKE WAY FOR GEORGE YOUNG. WITH A HEART OF GOLD AND A SMILE THAT WILL WARM YOUR SOUL, GEORGE IS A FORCE TO BE RECKONED WITH.

George's life is one of two births—both special and both life affirming. “I was born to Christian parents [pictured on right] and my father was a Baptist minister,” George reflected on being raised as a single child in Factoryville, located in Northeast Pennsylvania. “My mother was first pregnant with a boy, but he died within his first day. Seven years later, she prayed that if God can’t use me, to take me. But I survived.”

Born with cerebral palsy, George's upbringing was very much like that of his peers but not absent of challenges. “Back then, they sent kids like me away. But my mother wouldn't have it. My school district provided me additional support. For three extra hours a day, my teacher gave me envelopes with tests. And at 18, I graduated from Lackawanna Trail Junior-Senior High School in 1966,” shared George.

But his most important life milestone also came at 18: his rebirth. “I had accepted Jesus Christ as my Lord

and Savior. I decided to give my life over to Him,” said George. “And things in my life were starting to change.” George was accepted at a vocational training school in Johnstown, Pa. Evaluated mentally and physically for a job skills fit, George spent time shadowing the custodian of the school.

After landing his first job working second shift as the Custodian at the Coatesville Vo-Tech, George spent his next 37 years as a Custodian at Octorara School District. A beloved employee retiring in 2006, George is still fondly remembered by his former students and co-workers, many within the Tel Hai community.

In 1991, George married Barbara, whom he met through his church, Parkesburg Baptist. They enjoyed two decades of a loving life together, making their home on Third Street in Parkesburg. Diagnosed with dementia, Barbara attended Adult Day Services 3 days a week. As the disease progressed, the Youngs moved to Tel Hai into Lakeview



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Left to Right: Barbara, George, George's mother Ida Needham and stepfather Carlton Needham (seated).

Personal Care in 2006. Barbara utilized the continuum of care and transferred to Meadows Health Care until her passing in 2010.

"People in my life have been good to me. It's part of my own Christian commitment to show love to others as God loves us," shared George, as he reflects on his inspiration behind his steadfast commitment to serving others.

On any given day, George can be found performing an act of service, love and support to his neighbors. He transports wheelchair-bound residents to and from Meadows Health Care to the salon, Chapel service or to an activity. He provides friendly visitation, bedside prayer and escorts residents outside for a stroll on fair weather days.

He accompanies residents to a weekly Bible study discussion and can be found setting up projection equipment for a Saturday night movie or serving on Lakeview Personal Care Residents Council.

"George has one of the biggest hearts I've ever known. He inspires me and people within our community to be more giving and kind, just by his actions and unwavering mission to serve God. He's just awesome!" shared Amy Whary, Volunteer Services Coordinator. In 2016, George was named "Volunteer of the Year" for his servant heart and outstanding service.

Within his church, George is known for his deep humility and service to others. He's taught Sunday school and led adult Bible studies, served on a mission trip and as a deacon. In 2015, George received the "Man of the Year Award" from the American Baptist Men of Pennsylvania and Delaware.

An avid reader of biographies, history books and the Bible, George's favorite passage is found in Philippians 2:5-9, which has become a compass for his life. "To me, this is the Gospel message. To be like Jesus is to be a servant and to serve others. This is how I live my life," George said.

WONDER WOMAN WENDY CORLE, AN LPN IN MEADOWS HEALTH CARE, HAS TURNED TRAGEDY INTO TRIUMPH MORE THAN TWICE IN HER LIFE.

"I entered the nursing field because I saw the incredible power that came with nursing when my grandfather got sick. I was his primary caregiver when I was younger and I watched him suffer. It was heartbreaking. But when he was helped by professional nurses, I saw the grace and merciful care that was given to him, the sick, the aging," shared Wendy. "It changed my life."

Joining the Tel Hai team in 1999, Wendy began her clinical career as a Nursing Assistant in Meadows Health Care. In the midst of raising three children and working full-time, Wendy went back to school to become a Licensed Practical Nurse in 2001. After moving to night shift, Wendy found her "sweet spot" in the Meadowbrook neighborhood for the last ten years.

During that time, Wendy endured a divorce and life as a single mother, and later navigated the waters of combining her family of four with that of her second husband, Larry, who had two children of his own. "We had five teenagers in our house at the same time," shared Wendy. "It was quite the challenge."

But Wendy's biggest challenge—and what she calls the ultimate test of faith—was the death of her 28-year-old son Christopher in 2017. Diagnosed with schizophrenia,

Chris fought for years to overcome the effects of past abuses at the hands of a trusted church friend. Experiencing a psychotic break after the death of Wendy's mother from cancer, Chris accidentally overdosed on prescription medication and passed in his sleep.

"Chris's death was the biggest battle of my life. Either I could shrink away or turn to forgiveness," shared Wendy. "I decided to surrender and let God take the wheel." And take the wheel He did.



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Finding inspiration in knowing Chris was saved, Wendy felt led to turn her personal pain to productivity. It first started with volunteering monthly in meal preparation with City Gate Mission in Coatesville, a ministry serving at-risk communities, prisoners and broken families.

Next, it was volunteering weekly with Adopt-A-Block in Reading with others from her congregation

at Morgantown Community Church. "We entered some of the most disadvantaged areas of Reading City and served mothers, children and families. We met their most basic needs first," said Wendy.

Then, she began her own Adopt-A-Block in Morgantown, serving low-income seniors in a mobile home community. "At first, people wouldn't even open their doors to us. Now, they can't wait to see me,"

Wendy reflected. Whether it's providing food, friendly visitation or physical support like trash removal or beautification efforts, Wendy considers herself "grateful" to have found a career and a personal passion for helping others.

"I'm excited for the future and to see God bear more fruit with the work we are doing," said Wendy. "Transformations can happen with forgiveness, surrender and compassion."

So what's up next for Wendy? Perhaps completing the college credits and clinicals she needs to become a Registered Nurse. What is certain? Expanding her love and support of those who need her the most, the vulnerable, the weak and the forgotten.

SHE MIGHT NOT FIGHT CRIME LIKE BATGIRL, BUT TEL HAI TEAM MEMBER SUE KIMANI IS, IN HER OWN RIGHT, VERY MUCH A HEROINE.

Originally from Muranga, Kenya, a province northeast of Nairobi, Sue was one of seven siblings raised in a rural farming community. Growing up in a Catholic home, Sue knew a youth filled with discipline, work ethic and faith.

"We worked hard, very hard. We had to work the ground to grow our food and tend to our animals," shared Sue. Her father was a foreman for the railway and

modeled self-sacrifice, as her mother was ever-present in the home, keeping the children safe and the homestead operational.

Sue worked in housekeeping for an insurance company, and later transferred to a human resources clerk. When the owner retired and closed the business, the daughter of the owner relocated her family to the United States. She asked Sue to join her as a housekeeper and nanny.

"I knew that was my chance, my opportunity," shared Sue. The opportunity was to take her skillset and expand her earnings to support her then 16-year-old son Vincent, who remained in Kenya. Working with the family until they relocated again in 2015, Sue joined the Tel Hai team as a housekeeper in 2011 for additional income.

That's two full-time jobs for more than four years. "I put my life in God's hands. Sometimes it gets hard, but God always keeps me moving," she reflected. Sending financial support back to Kenya for Vincent and her extended family, "My son and his future is my life. I want him to have a home, his own family, and I want to provide him security for his future. That is why I work so hard."

And work hard she does. Transitioning into the Housekeeping II Special Projects position, Sue leads the cleaning efforts for all new construction and renovated accommodations. Prior to a household joining the community and entering their new home, Sue is the one who makes it shine. From appliances to window tracks to ceilings, Sue knows when it's ready to welcome its new occupants.

"Sue is absolutely amazing. She's dependable, trustworthy, hardworking, gracious, kind and treats everyone with compassion. In everything she does, she just dedicates herself to doing the job right and doing it with a genuine smile," shared Housekeeping and Laundry Supervisor Jackie Bean.

Sue is responsible for the weekly inventory of housekeeping supplies, disbursement of received orders, and housekeeping inspections. She also fulfills critical work orders that are time sensitive or hazardous. Her area of responsibility has also grown and includes both private and public areas throughout the campus on a daily, weekly and monthly schedule.

"This is my home now. Tel Hai is like my second home," shared Sue. And, in fact, it is. Sue—who lives in Honey Brook—became a United States citizen in December of 2016. "This community, the team members and the residents, they are like my family. I know them, their stories and their struggles. I get to interact daily with people who care about each other."

This summer, Sue enjoyed some well-deserved time off. She was able



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to return to her "first" home in Kenya for more than three weeks. Enjoying precious time with 26-year-old Vincent, who is trying his hand at being a musician, her 76-year-old mother, siblings and extended family, "God always provides," reflected Sue.

VOLUNTEERS: ORDINARY PEOPLE, EXTRAORDINARY IMPACT

Purposeful volunteering is a cornerstone of life at Tel Hai. Through the work of Volunteer Services, the lives of others are blessed through the joyful service of everyday, ordinary volunteers who have an extraordinary impact.



Volunteer opportunities range from an hour a week to several hours a day. Volunteers choose when and how they spend their time, graciously performing purpose-driven work they enjoy. Opportunities are vast and can be customized to a volunteer's desire. From pet visiting to driving the shuttle, volunteers from all skill levels and interests are welcome.

Annually, volunteers devote thousands of hours to significantly enhance not only the quality of life for residents, family members and guests, but also the work environment for team members. It allows qualified team members to work at the top of their license and skillset, while freeing up opportunities for volunteers to give of their time and talents in a flexible and fun atmosphere.

For example, clinical team members in Meadows Health Care rely heavily on resident volunteers for things like escorting to/from the Chapel for events and concerts. It provides a meaningful opportunity for relationship building, visitation and conversation between the resident

and volunteer, but also frees up critical minutes for the team member to deliver timely medication or life-saving tactics. Without desk greeters, paid team members would sit at our front desks to welcome guests and answer phone calls in addition to completing their necessary job functions that make our community run smoothly.

Volunteering also provides future residents a wonderful opportunity to connect with those who live and work at the "Hill of Life." Many resident-led clubs and committees welcome individuals from the greater community to join in their efforts to serve others, like the Sew Creative and Chime Choir.

"Volunteering is like investing in your future home. And by volunteering, you are also doing research to find out if Tel Hai is the place for you or to help solidify that Tel Hai *IS* the place for you!" shared Volunteer Services Coordinator Amy Whary. "We love when future residents volunteer before they move in. Through volunteering, they learn so much about how our community functions and



develop friendships with team members and their neighbors. They know the faces and the places!"

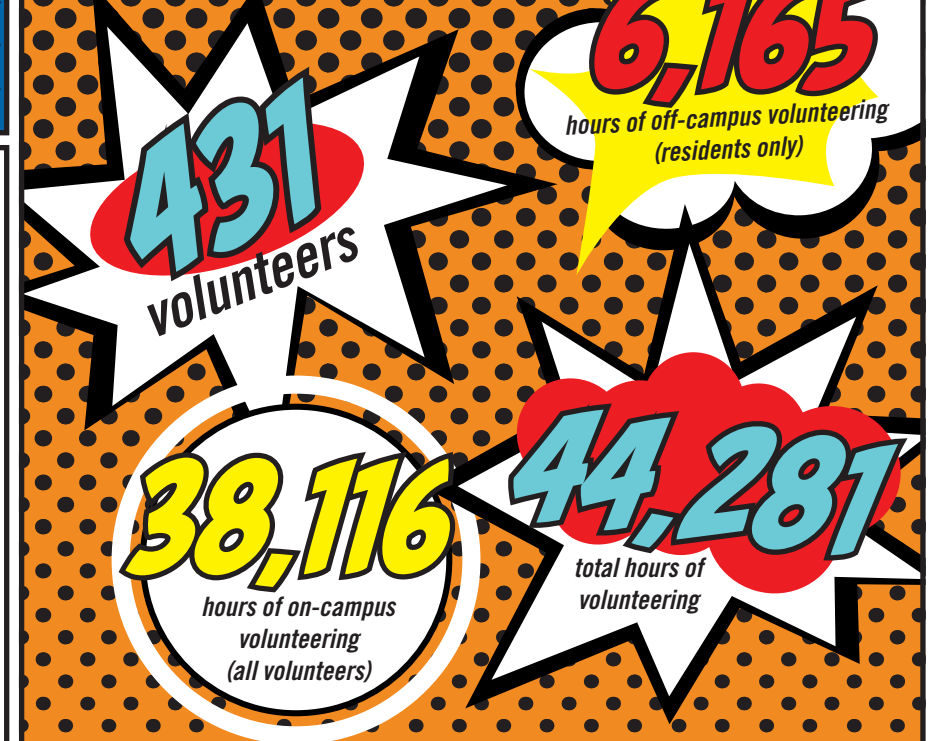
Just ask resident Bill Good. "My biggest gain from volunteering before becoming a resident was meeting other residents. I like to know what's going on around me, and it was a great way to hear and experience life at Tel Hai."

Plus, volunteering isn't just providing a wonderful life-enrichment opportunity for the giver and the receiver. Did you know that Volunteer Services records volunteer hours as part of a formula used to demonstrate that we're an Institution of Purely Public Charity (Act 55)?

Tel Hai must regularly demonstrate we meet Act 55 guidelines to maintain our PA sales tax exemption status. Because we advance a charitable purpose, operate without the need to generate profits for stockholders, donate services, benefit people and relieve in part the government burden, every recorded volunteer hour is critical to our ongoing financial health.



VOLUNTEER IMPACT*



* Statistics are reflective of the 2018 calendar year.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- RECREATION AND ACTIVITY HELPER
- ON- AND OFF-CAMPUS SHUTTLE DRIVER
- WHEELCHAIR ESCORT
- SPECIAL EVENTS AND PROJECT ASSISTANCE
- CAMPUS CARE AND FLOWERS
- SOCIAL VISITOR
- DESK SERVICES/GREETER
- MAIL SERVICES
- POOL MONITOR
- MUSICAL TALENT
- RESALE SHOP SORTER/REPAIRER/HELPER

GET STARTED VOLUNTEERING

- 1. CONTACT US!** Complete an interest form online at: www.telhai.org/volunteer
- 2. WE'LL CONTACT YOU!** We'll review your information and contact you to chat about your time, talents and interests and our available volunteer opportunities.
- 3. BECOME OFFICIAL!** Complete all final paperwork and compliance-related training and off you go!

GOT QUESTIONS? Contact Volunteer Services directly at (610) 273-9333, ext. 2010 or email volunteer@telhai.org and let's chat about your gifts, talents and desires. We look forward to discussing opportunities that will best pair you with us!

TO INFINITY AND BEYOND

CLOSE TO HOME AND IN LANDS FAR,
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BOOK AND ONE TRAINING AT A TIME.

BONNIE (MCCURRY) V'SOSKE REUM »IMAGINEASIA

SHE'S HARNESSING THE POWER OF
ONE FOR THE BENEFIT OF MANY.

I don't believe in retirement. I believe in passion. And if you have the passion, you can make anything happen," shared Tel Hai resident, mover and shaker Bonnie (McCurry) V'Soske Reum.

As an English teacher, Bonnie invested her professional career in the development and success of her students. Prior to "retiring" in 2007, Bonnie first visited Afghanistan in 2005 with no real vision of what her future would hold. But she knew her compassion and love for people wouldn't cease.

"Kabul had been decimated. We were driving through parts of the city that had once been beautiful, which were now piles of bricks. We saw a refugee family living in what had been a basement of a government building. We asked the mother what we could do to help and we decided that we would purchase a flock of goats which could forage right there in the ruins," she shared.

Inspired by the woman she met during her visit, Bonnie raised the

money to buy her a flock of goats, which then opened the door to trips, anti-poverty initiatives and projects ranging from medical textbook donations for doctors to winter clothing drives for families in the Afghanistan highlands.

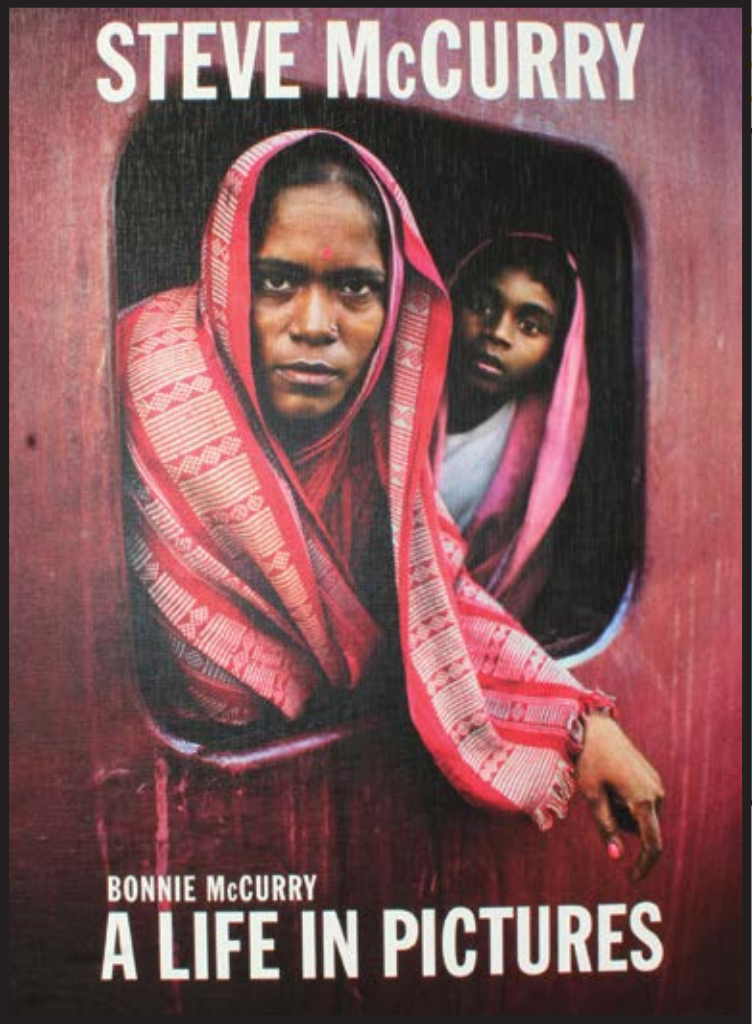
Today, Bonnie serves as volunteer Executive Director of ImagineAsia, founded by Bonnie's brother Steve McCurry in 2007. As a non-profit organization, they work in partnership with local community leaders to provide educational resources and opportunities to children.

Well known for his image of the young green-eyed Afghan Girl taken in 1984—which appeared on the cover of *National Geographic*—Steve is one of the most iconic voices in contemporary photography over the past forty years. Bonnie recently documented Steve's life as the author of *Steve McCurry: A Life in Pictures*.

ImagineAsia is also home to Bonnie's personal passion, the Young Women's Photography Initiative.



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LEARN MORE ABOUT STEVE MCCURRY AND HIS WORK WHEN BONNIE PRESENTS "A LIFE IN PICTURES" ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3, AT 1 PM IN THE STONECROFT CENTER FOR WORSHIP AND PERFORMING ARTS, AS PART OF THE LIFE ENRICHMENT COMMITTEE'S WINTER LINEUP OF EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING. SHE'LL SHARE IMAGES AND INSIGHTS INTO THE CULTURES AND PEOPLE COVERED BY STEVE IN AFGHANISTAN, INDIA, AND MANY OTHER REGIONS OF ASIA.

Bonnie and her volunteer team provide students the opportunity to document their communities by giving them the tools to create their own art through photography. They provide the equipment and training, and the students are empowered to capture their culture.

And on an international scale, Bonnie has big plans. "One of my upcoming goals for ImagineAsia is to provide a safe exhibition place for our young photographers in both Afghanistan and Puerto Rico," shared Bonnie. "Finding places to expand the classroom capacity and spaces for them to share their work. Last year in Ponce, P.R., we held a

photography class for special-needs young adults with our instructor Victor Figueroa. I'd love to see that effort grow."

Locally, "we're currently looking for a skilled photographer who's willing to provide photography instruction to mentor teens at The Parkesburg Point," shared Bonnie. Serving the most vulnerable youth in the Parkesburg community by providing a safe, engaging and Christian environment, "we'd love to expand our work by creating a new platform of photography to join their current programming."

IA IMAGINEASIA HOW TO HELP

CONSIDER BECOMING A PRAYER PARTNER FOR BONNIE, STEVE AND THE IMAGINEASIA TEAM. PRAYERS OF SUPPORT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THEIR LOCAL MINISTRY GOAL AT PARKESBURG POINT AND THEIR CURRENT INITIATIVES THROUGHOUT THE WORLD WOULD BE WELCOMED.

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CONNIE EELLS »FAMILY SERVICE OF CHESTER COUNTY

SHE'S A READER EXTRAORDINAIRE. HER SUPERPOWER? SHE HARNESSES THE STRENGTH FOUND IN VOWELS AND CONSONANTS.



Tel Hai resident Connie Eells has spent 20 years blasting through reading hurdles with kindergarteners at Rainbow Elementary School in the Coatesville School District.

A Registered Nurse by trade, Connie retired in 1999 from the Coatesville Veterans Hospital after a storied 41-year career in private nursing, intensive care and administration, earning a bachelor's degree from Immaculata University and a master's degree from Widener University.

"As soon as I retired, I started to volunteer at the school. It is such a treat, I just love being with the children. I absolutely love it, and I've had the pleasure of being with the same teacher—Dawn Wooten—since the beginning," shared Connie.

Logging her hours and participation through the Family Service of Chester County, formerly the Retired Senior Volunteer Program, Connie's lost count of the thousands

of hours over the years when she's helped children develop critical reading skills. From one-on-one reading sessions to working on their letters, numbers and even full paperback books, Connie's a beloved classroom constant for all the children. Even after moving twice following her retirement and experiencing the loss of her husband in 2008, Connie's remained committed to her weekly volunteer responsibility.

A graduate of the Scotland School for Veterans' Children in Scotland, Pa., Connie was a recipient of the Spanish-American War Veteran Auxiliary scholarship and was accepted to the Germantown Hospital School of Nursing, now through La Salle University.

"My education as a child changed my life. I think it's the most important thing in any child's life and even with my own children, I've always had a passion for education. These children are worth investing in. They are just awesome," said Connie, as she reflected on the generous

benefactors who supported her educational path from Scotland.

Busy in her own right outside the classroom, Connie is dedicated to her two children, three grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren, in addition to the Chime Choir, Ukulele Band, friend visitation duties and serving as Program Director for the Honey Brook Seniors.

HOW TO HELP

CONTACT THE FAMILY SERVICE OF CHESTER COUNTY TODAY IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING LIKE CONNIE. THEY SERVE CRITICAL COMMUNITY NEEDS IN A WIDE RANGE OF LOCATIONS, INCLUDING NONPROFITS, SCHOOLS, LIBRARIES AND HOSPITALS.

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RICK AND EILEEN RODRIGUEZ GLOBAL TRAINING NETWORK

TOGETHER, THEY'RE THE DYNAMIC DUO OF MINISTRY. THEIR ATTIRE? THE HELMET OF SALVATION, THE BELT OF TRUTH, AND THE SHIELD OF FAITH.



A third-generation Floridian with Cuban roots, Rick first met his “partner in ministry” Eileen when they attended Florida Bible College in the 1960s. After marrying and relocating to the Philadelphia area, they spent the last 52 years serving together.

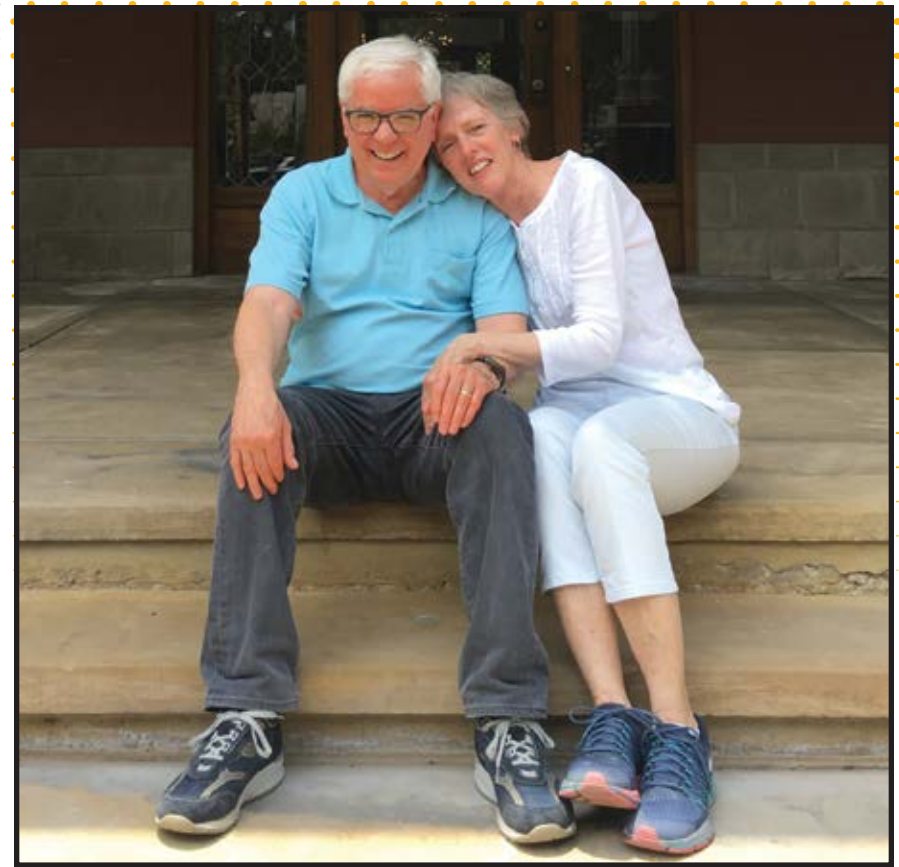
First, they started a youth ministry in Ridley Park, followed by seven years on staff at Grace Chapel in Havertown. During this time, Rick served in the United States Marine Corps. “While at Grace, I was Youth Pastor and we expanded the youth ministry program at the church,” Rick said. After he earned his master’s degree in Biblical Studies from the Dallas Theological Seminary, he then held the position of Assistant Pastor at Grace.

Next, they were led to a new calling at Calvary Fellowship Church in Downingtown, Pa. and later Church of the Open Door in York, Pa. Returning to Calvary in 1999, Rick served for 15 more years and retired in 2014 as Pastor of Care and Prayer.

“I prayed for more than 25 years that God would allow me to go to the mission field. I always felt I had a calling, but God led me elsewhere,” shared Rick.

Through the years, Rick’s life intertwined with that of Carl Green. “I first met Carl when I was his youth pastor. Later, he worked for me and I worked for him in various ministries. Upon my retirement, Carl was the one who encouraged me to consider the cross-cultural teaching of nationals,” he said. “Carl was working with Global Training Network, whose purpose is training church leaders to effectively lead their communities for Christ. The organization works in 78 nations around the world.”

“The thought of working with such a group excited Eileen and me. For both of us, working with GTN is a volunteer opportunity that has become our calling at this point in our lives.” Rick made his first trip with GTN in 2017. He and his team, led by Carl, traveled to South Africa, Zambia and Zimbabwe.



Rick recently returned from an October trip to Liberia. His instruction included “Preaching the Gospel with Clarity” and “The Attributes of God.”

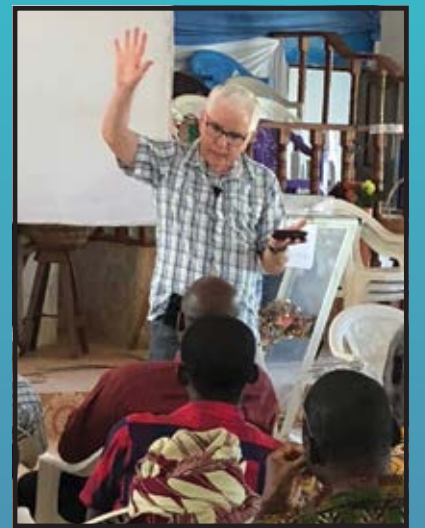
Rick is headed to Nepal through early December, and back again to

Liberia in January. Next summer, he hopes to join others from GTN to serve displaced Congolese believers in Mantapala, Zambia, the largest refugee camp in Africa. After that, they’re off to Myanmar, located in Southeast Asia.

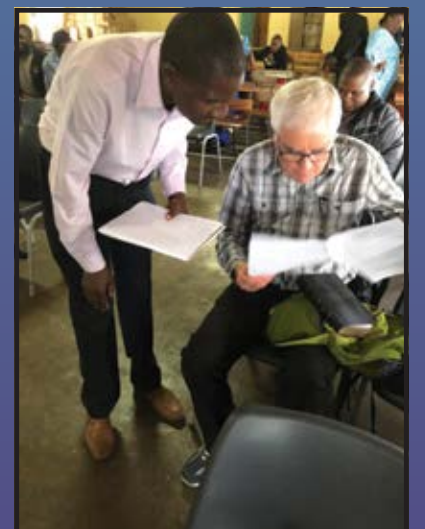
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CONSIDER BECOMING A PRAYER PARTNER FOR RICK AND EILEEN. SPECIFIC PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THIS CRITICAL MINISTRY INCLUDE SAFETY FOR TRAVEL AND TIME IN EACH COUNTRY; CLARITY FOR CROSS-CULTURAL TEACHING AS THE TEAM SPEAKS THROUGH AN INTERPRETER; AND FOR UNDERSTANDING FOR THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO COME AT GREAT COST (FINANCIALLY AND PHYSICALLY) TO LEARN.

VISIT: [HTTPS://GLOBALTRAININGNETWORK.ORG/WHO/RICK-AND-EILEEN-RODRIGUEZ](https://globaltrainingnetwork.org/who/rick-and-eileen-rodriguez)



“FOR BOTH OF US, WORKING WITH GTN IS A VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY THAT HAS BECOME OUR CALLING AT THIS POINT IN OUR LIVES.”



It's a Bird... It's a Plane... It's...

THE FUTURE RESIDENT LIST

Remember kryptonite? It was the green, crystalline material that would emit radiation to weaken Superman. In its presence, Superman would lose his strength, control and power.

*What's your kryptonite as you plan for your future?
What's holding you back from being your best?
What's constricting your life?*

*For many of you, the answers may be the same.
You need to rightsize your belongings. You have SO much stuff. Or maybe you need to shed the financial and physical burdens of homeownership. You're dreading yet another fall of endless hours of leaf raking or a winter filled with snow removal woes. When, how and where do you start?*

BE YOUR OWN SUPERHERO!

As we've shared in previous issues of *Life* magazine, we believe that indecision is today's kryptonite. Indecision is actually a decision, a decision to do nothing.

It's time to do something. Time to become your own superhero and to do it today. Let's replace your worries and what-ifs with a clear plan for the future. A future that includes a carefree lifestyle with time to pursue your passions, discover new talents, and spend each day doing the things you truly enjoy. At Tel Hai, we make it easy to get started.

Upon successful completion and acceptance of your application for residency, you'll join the Future Resident List. Often called a "waiting list," the Future Resident List provides you the peace of mind and assurance you've prepared for your future. You'll be invited to exclusive community events and special connection activities until your desired accommodation becomes available.

If you're interested in moving to Tel Hai in the near future, you'll also have the additional opportunity to enroll in the Ready-Set-Go Program at no additional cost. This means you'll "jump ahead" of people

who aren't ready to commit to advancing their interest in moving to Tel Hai right now. It's not faster than a speeding bullet, but you do advance faster than non-enrollees.

"The Marketing and Communications Team are mythbusters; it's our secret power! At least weekly—if not daily—we share with individuals that we do not have immediate availability. We often have extensive waiting lists for cottage, townhome and apartment accommodations that can extend for years. It's best to plan ahead and join the Future Resident List now," shared Tracy Weaver, Residential Living Counselor.



TAKE FLIGHT TODAY

Tighten up your cape and prepare to take flight. It's easier than ever to get started on your journey to Tel Hai. Take your future into your own hands and be amazing. We know you can do it!

1. REQUEST INFORMATION www.telhai.org/information

Request our detailed brochure, which includes information on our vast array of continuum services, amenities, a variety of accommodations, refund options and pricing. Additionally, we can personalize your information packet with specific floor plans that may interest you.

2. SCHEDULE A VISIT www.telhai.org/visit

We encourage future residents and their families to visit our community. We want to meet you and explore together your wishes for the future. We'll discuss the services, programs and accommodations at Tel Hai and tour the spaces and places that interest you.

3. APPLY FOR RESIDENCY www.telhai.org/residency

Upon successful completion and acceptance of your application for residency, you'll join the Future Resident List. You will be invited to community events and special connection activities, and have access to our Moving Resources Program. Also, you'll be eligible to join the Ready-Set-Go Program, exclusive to members of the Future Resident List!

4. CONNECT WITH US www.telhai.org/connect

From enriching volunteer opportunities to energizing aquatics classes, there are countless ways to begin connecting within the community. We encourage you to reconnect with old friends, meet new ones and become immersed in life at Tel Hai, even before you move here.

VISIT THE BATCAVE!

Also known as the Welcome Center, it's the Marketing and Communications Team "headquarters" of sorts and our not-so-secret lair!

We're located in Cottage 304, adjacent to the Hertzler Apartments. Once on our campus, simply follow the signs and we'll be waiting for you.

We're open 8:00 am to 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday.

Better yet, let us know you're coming and give us a ring at (610) 273-9333, ext. 2144.

UP, UP AND AWAY

Environmental Services

THEY SLICE THROUGH SHRUBBERY
LIKE WOLVERINE.

THEY MOVE FURNITURE
LIKE IRON MAN.

THEY SLAY BACTERIA IN THE WATER TREATMENT
PLANT LIKE AQUAMAN.

THEY HELP, SERVE AND PROTECT.

THEY ARE
ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES.

If every day is an adventure, then the Environmental Services Team at Tel Hai is blazing a new trail. They might not be climbing mountains, but they're climbing water towers. They might not be swimming with sharks, but they're testing the pool water. And they might not be fighting off bears, but they're exterminating insects.

The Environmental Services Team—composed of three divisions including Facilities, Laundry and Housekeeping—includes a dedicated workforce of 48 team members who are tasked with the charge of keeping our community safe, orderly and clean.

Within Facilities alone, Tel Hai employs specialized technicians in trades including carpentry, electrical, painting, renovations, plumbing, groundskeeping, mechanics, and heating/cooling/ventilation. That means we can serve the community quicker, faster and with greater accuracy than outside contractors or outsourced labor sometimes found at other communities.

At Tel Hai, residents always come first. Upon move-in to the community, new residents receive 2 hours of complimentary facilities assistance that can include anything from hanging pictures and drapery to arranging and assembling furniture.

Our Environmental Services team members aren't just workers, they are like family. They perform preventive maintenance tasks inside residents' homes, like replacing air filters, and emergency-related situations like disaster, fire and security response. One day they may be in your kitchen fixing your dishwasher, and the next day clearing snow from your driveway.

With square footage of indoor spaces totaling just shy of 1 million (that's right, 1,000,000 sq. ft. of indoor spaces), our extraordinary housekeeping and laundry team members work hard in keeping it clean and smelling fresh.

They're unmasked superheroes who are one step ahead and clearing the path for you.

FACTS AND FIGURES

THE CREW

 **5**
LAUNDRY TEAM
MEMBERS

 **5**
GENERAL SERVICES
TECHNICIANS

 **19**
HOUSEKEEPERS

 **19**
MAINTENANCE TEAM
MEMBERS

THE WORK

 **48**
WORK ORDERS
COMPLETED DAILY


 **885**
WORK ORDERS
COMPLETED MONTHLY

 **13,523**
WORK ORDERS
COMPLETED ANNUALLY

 **26,700**
HOURS WORKED
TO COMPLETE WORK
ORDERS

THE HEAVY LOAD

 **63**
HOURS SPENT
PER WEEK OF TRASH
COLLECTION

 **365**
MANUAL SAMPLES
TAKEN OF WATER
RESIDUAL CHLORINE
LEVELS ANNUALLY

 **700**
LOADS OF LAUNDRY
MONTHLY

 **448,124**
POUNDS OF LAUNDRY
ANNUALLY

 **20,823,615**
GALLONS OF WATER
USAGE ANNUALLY

* Work and load numbers cited are averages as calculated by the TMSonline Work Order System and internal tracking measurements.

Life at Tel Hai is enriching and rewarding. Join us for dynamic events, including educational lectures, entertaining concerts and enrichment opportunities.

COME

to Life

CALENDAR of EVENTS

WINTER 2019 & 2020



A Character Singer Sings in Character: A Tel Hai Performing Arts Series Event
Tuesday, January 7, 7:30 pm
StoneCroft Center for Worship and Performing Arts

Pianist Jeffrey Uhlig brings his musical friend, baritone John Anker Bow, for a captivating and fun evening of music—in character, of course! A graduate of Rider University, Bow has recently performed for Disney Cruise Line’s European itineraries and regionally at the Dutch Apple Dinner Theatre and Montgomery Theatre in Souderton.

China: Past, Present and Future Giant
Mondays, January 6, 13, 20 and 27, 1 pm
StoneCroft Center for Worship and Performing Arts

Why has China become the US’s biggest supplier and rival in the world today? How has China survived 3,000 years of history while the rest of the world’s civilizations fall apart? What can we expect from China in the future? Join Dr. Tom Ellis—who has studied, taught, and traveled to China for more than 40 years—for this four-week series. Nominal fee charged.



Questions? Contact Judy Schweitzer, Community Life Coordinator, at jschweitzer@telhai.org or (610) 273-9333, ext. 2154

Christmas at the White House
Tuesday, December 3, 1 pm
StoneCroft Center for Worship and Performing Arts

Learn about how the First Lady and White House staff plan and decorate The People’s House for the holiday season. Join us as we go back in time and discuss the annual tradition and parties that started with John Adams. From family pets to Christmas ornaments sold by the White House Association, what will this year’s theme include?

Tribute Celebration
Thursday, December 5, 6 pm
StoneCroft Center for Worship and Performing Arts

Remember and celebrate the lives of your loved ones by attending our annual Tribute Celebration. Registration is recommended by Friday, November 22. Contact Alicia Guthrie, Development Office, at aguthrie@telhai.org or (610) 273-9333, ext. 2036.

Holiday Bazaar
Thursday, November 21, 10 am-2 pm
StoneCroft Center for Worship and Performing Arts

From home-based businesses to skilled craftsmen, our annual Holiday Bazaar is a great place to get a head start on holiday shopping. Local vendors display their wares, including handcrafted wooden crafts, jewelry, stained glass, pottery, and florals. View the event details at www.telhai.org/HolidayBazaar



Steve McCurry: A Life in Pictures
Monday, February 3, 1 pm
StoneCroft Center for Worship and Performing Arts

Steve McCurry rose to become one of the most iconic voices in contemporary photography over the past forty years, including his well-known image of the young green-eyed Afghan Girl. The 2018 book *A Life in Pictures* is the most complete and definitive volume of his life and work. Presented by Steve’s sister and Tel Hai resident Bonnie (McCurry) V’Soske Reum, she’ll share images and insights into the cultures and people covered by Steve in Afghanistan, India, and many other regions of Asia. His work includes coverage of many of the most important turning points in world history, including numerous wars, the fall of the Berlin Wall and September 11.

Worship With Us

Our non-denominational services welcome individuals of all faiths.

Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service
Wednesday, November 27, 7 pm
StoneCroft Center for Worship and Performing Arts
Join us in worship at our yearly Thanksgiving Eve Service, which is a special service of praise with time for music and meditation.

Candlelight Christmas Eve Service
Tuesday, December 24, 3 pm
StoneCroft Center for Worship and Performing Arts
Join us in worship at our yearly candlelight Christmas Eve Service. This joyous Christmas Eve service will celebrate the birth of our Savior with guest musical performers.

Holy Week: Maundy Thursday Communion
Thursday, April 9, 2 pm | Auditorium/Chapel
Lancaster-based drama group Piercing Word will present the “Passion of the Christ” production, following the life of Jesus from Palm Sunday through Easter Morning. This service is based on the words of the Gospels, and will include Communion.

Holy Week: Good Friday Community Breakfast Featuring Bridge of Hope National
Friday, April 10, 8 am
StoneCroft Center for Worship and Performing Arts
Join Edith Yoder and Bekah Bowland from Bridge of Hope National, which trains and equips local Christian faith communities to respond to homelessness in practical, tangible, and neighboring ways. Registration is required by April 1 by calling Pastoral Services at (610) 273-9333, ext. 2009 or emailing at therr@telhai.org. Nominal fee charged.

Holy Week: Easter Sunrise Service
Sunday, April 12, 6:30 am
The Hillside Amenities of Tel Hai: Outdoor Amphitheater
Join us for our Easter Sunrise Service as we celebrate the Resurrection. Service will be moved indoors to Grandview Commons in the event of rain. Dress warmly. Hot refreshments provided after the service.

8 Non-Financial Ways to Prepare for Retirement
Monday, February 10, 1 pm
StoneCroft Center for Worship and Performing Arts

Thinking of retirement or recently retired? How will you add value and meaning to the quality of your life? Ready for a new, meaningful challenge? Join Chaplain David Hicks as he breaks down author Joel Malick’s tips for a purposeful retirement. Don’t retire, rewire.

Macular Degeneration
Monday, February 17, 1 pm
StoneCroft Center for Worship and Performing Arts

Experts from Levin, Luminais, Chronister Eye Associates will discuss macular degeneration, the leading cause of severe, irreversible vision loss in people over the age of 60. Together, we’ll discuss the symptoms, causes, diagnosis, tests, treatments and prevention techniques available.



Armchair Travelogue: Ecuador and Galápagos Islands
Monday, February 24, 1 pm
StoneCroft Center for Worship and Performing Arts

Join Tel Hai residents Barbara and Bruce McCleary for an armchair travelogue of their trip to Ecuador and the Galápagos Islands. Stand with them on the equator in Quito and experience the thrill of seeing sea lions, tortoises, blue-footed boobies and much more up close and personal on the Galápagos Islands.



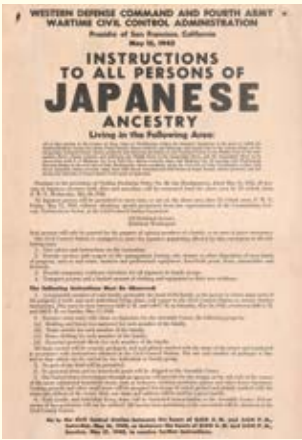
Pianist Jeffrey Uhlig and Violinist David Kim: A Tel Hai Performing Arts Series Event
Saturday, March 28, 1 pm
StoneCroft Center for Worship and Performing Arts

Pianist Jeffrey Uhlig returns to Tel Hai for a captivating afternoon of entertainment with his violinist David Kim. A regular performer with members from the Philadelphia Orchestra, Uhlig is an in-demand chamber music player, vocal coach and accompanist. As the Philadelphia Orchestra Concertmaster and an acclaimed soloist, Kim graduated from Juilliard and teaches at several universities and conservatories.

Visit www.telhai.org/connect for additional programming highlights.

**Armchair Travelogue:
South and Central America**
Monday, March 2, 1 pm
*StoneCroft Center for Worship
and Performing Arts*

Join Tel Hai residents Barbara and Bruce McCleary for an armchair travelogue of their cruise through the Panama Canal, with ports of call throughout South and Central America. We'll see the sights of Chile, Peru, Ecuador, Panama, Costa Rica, Honduras, Belize, and Mexico.



Internment of Japanese-Americans
Monday, March 9, 1 pm
*StoneCroft Center for Worship
and Performing Arts*

Tel Hai residents Herb and Miiko Horikawa will share their personal experience of the evacuation of Japanese and Japanese-Americans into internment camps in 1942 following the entrance of the United States into World War II. Both American-born citizens living in California, they were included among the 120,000 Japanese-Americans who were forcibly removed from their homes and incarcerated into America's Concentration Camps.

**Historical Moments with
Ross Kershey**
*Mondays, March 16-April 13,
1 pm*
*StoneCroft Center for Worship
and Performing Arts*

In this five-week lecture series event, we'll explore the history of the Supreme Court (weeks 1 and 2), Controversial Presidential Elections (week 3), Amelia Earhart (week 4) and the Lindbergh Kidnapping (week 5). Instruction is provided by Ross Kershey, former Coatesville Area Senior High School history teacher and local historian. Nominal fee charged.

GRIEF SHARE[®]
Workshop Series

February 7- May 1, 2020
13 Weeks - Fridays, 10 am
StoneCroft Commons

GriefShare is a special seminar and support group designed to help you rebuild your life after losing a loved one. Through this group, you will have friends to walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences.

Led by caring members of the Pastoral Care team, sessions include video seminar with experts, support group discussion, and focus on personal study and reflection. Registration is recommended. Contact Chaplain David Hicks at dhicks@telhai.org or (610) 273-9333, ext. 2443. Nominal fee charged.

14TH ANNUAL
**Day in the
Country**
OPEN HOUSE
Saturday, May 2, 11 am-2 pm

On the Campus of Tel Hai
Explore Tel Hai's full range of expansive accommodations, amenities and services, including residential living apartments, cottages, townhomes and health services.



**ALPINE ODYSSEY
and OBERAMMERGAU**

9-DAY TRIP: AUGUST 2020 | OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Tel Hai Retirement Community invites the community to join Chaplain David Hicks for a 9-day "Alpine Odyssey Tour and Oberammergau Passion Play" in Germany and Austria from August 10-18, 2020. In conjunction with Educational Opportunities Tours, registration is open for the trip and seating is limited. Trip highlights include visiting Munich, Innsbruck, Salzburg, Oberammergau and the Passion Play, Rattenberg, and Neuschwanstein.

Trip cost includes guided sightseeing, Passion Play ticket, roundtrip international airfare, fuel surcharges, government taxes, administration fees, entrance fees*, gratuities and program fees, buffet breakfast and dinner*, deluxe motorcoaches, and first-class hotels. (*Except where noted.)

Space is now limited. For additional information, final pricing and registration instructions, please contact Chaplain David Hicks at dhicks@telhai.org or (610) 273-9333, ext. 2443 or visit www.telhai.org/oberammergau

The Resale Shop

Founded in 1997, the Tel Hai Resale Shop features a vast array of donated items available for resale to the public, team members, residents and the greater community. Extremely affordable—and many times "one-of-a-kind"—items featured in the shop include jewelry, china, pottery, glassware, collectibles, furniture, lamps, appliances, cabinetry, and endless treasures.

The shop is located in the Hertzler Apartment Building and all sales support the *Care Assurance Fund* for residents who outlive their ability to pay for the care they require. Visit telhai.org/resale for details.

WE'RE OPEN

| FRIDAY 9 AM - 1 PM | TUESDAY 11 AM - 1 PM |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| November 15 | November 19 |
| December 20 | January 21 |
| January 17 | February 25 |
| February 21 | March 24 |
| March 20 | April 21 |
| April 17 | |



"Holidays at The Hill of Life" | Brunch Buffet and Open House
Wednesday, December 11 | StoneCroft Center for Worship and Performing Arts

We're all decked out for this joyous time of the year, and our residents are eager to share why they love "Holidays at The Hill of Life!"

Ring in the holiday season and join us for a delicious brunch, presentation and tours of community common spaces, amenities and well-appointed residential living accommodations including apartments and cottages.

Event begins at StoneCroft Commons located at 4000 Tree Line Drive, Honey Brook. We are only 3 short miles east of Route 10 off Beaver Dam Road. Follow Beaver Dam Road to the campus of Tel Hai, then turn onto Tree Line Drive and follow signs to StoneCroft. Parking is available adjacent to the entrance.

10:30 am
Registration

11 am
**Brunch
and Short
Presentation**

12 pm-2 pm
Open House



Seating is limited. RSVP required by December 2. Call Marketing at (610) 273-9333, ext. 2144 or register online in advance at www.telhai.org/Holidays2019

Tel Hai Retirement Community | 1200 Tel Hai Circle | P.O. Box 190
Honey Brook, PA 19344 | telhai.org



Jingle & Mingle

**“Holidays at The Hill of Life”
 Brunch Buffet and Open House**

**Wednesday, December 11: 10:30 am
 StoneCroft Center for Worship
 and Performing Arts**

We're all decked out for this joyous time of the year, and our residents are eager to share why they love “Holidays at The Hill of Life!” Ring in the holiday season and join us for a delicious brunch, presentation and tours of community common spaces, amenities and well-appointed residential living accommodations including apartments and cottages.

Seating is limited. RSVP required by December 2. Call Marketing at (610) 273-9333, ext. 2144 or register online in advance at www.telhai.org/Holidays2019



**Wednesday, March 11: 1-4 pm
 StoneCroft Center for Worship
 and Performing Arts**

Mark your calendars. This educational event will offer valuable information for those who are thinking, preparing or in the process of moving to Tel Hai. You'll hear from several guest speakers who are experts in their field, like author of *It's Justuff: The Art of Letting Go* Sheree Richnow from Richnow Lifestyle Transitions. Also, we'll have a variety of move-related vendors, from moving companies to auctioneers. Prepare for a jam-packed afternoon that you won't want to miss.

Seating is limited. RSVP required by March 2. Call Marketing at (610) 273-9333, ext. 2144 or register online in advance at www.telhai.org/MovingExpo



“Taste of Tel Hai” Luncheons

If you haven't already, join us for a “Taste of Tel Hai Luncheon” to learn more about the Tel Hai lifestyle. In addition to a delicious lunch, you'll explore all the residential living options at our community and hear from the residents who live here. We'll be holding them at 11 am each month.

Tuesday, January 28
RSVP by January 20
Wednesday, February 19
RSVP by February 10
Tuesday, March 24
RSVP by March 16
Thursday, April 23
RSVP by April 13

Seating is limited, so please register early. Call Marketing at (610) 273-9333, ext. 2144 today or register online at www.telhai.org/tasteoftelhai