



Baptist Retirement  
COMMUNITIES OF GEORGIA, INC.

# FALL 2016

## NEWSLETTER

### From the President

#### **FUNDRAISER ROUNDUP: BLUEGRASS, BOOTS, & BBQ Palmetto Park**

Palmetto Park Senior Living Community held its first Bluegrass, Boots, & BBQ fundraiser on Saturday, September 24, 2016. Organized by Palmetto Park employees and BRCGA corporate, the event hosted BRCGA supporters and Palmetto Park employees, vendors, residents, families, and friends. All proceeds

went toward concrete pathways for the planned resident gardens at Palmetto Park. The gardens will have raised boxes to enable residents to stand or sit to work with their favorite flowers, herbs, fruits, and vegetables. A greenhouse will also be part of the new gardens.

A silent auction was held in conjunction with dinner. Items for the auction were either donated or consigned from a wholesaler specializing in such events. Guests excitedly bid on a wide variety of items, including autographed sports memorabilia, themed gift baskets, electronics, floral arrangements, spa certificates, beauty packages, artwork, and jewelry.



Josh Watkins, Director of Dining Services at Palmetto Park, and his team served up a fabulous buffet complete with barbecue pulled pork and chicken, Brunswick stew, macaroni & cheese, baked beans, potato salad, Texas toast, and delicious peach cobbler with vanilla ice cream for dessert. Attendees were encouraged to wear western attire, and many boots saddled up to the buffet more than

once!

**Facing South** bluegrass band provided musical entertainment prior to and following dinner. Sharalene Roper, Executive Director of Palmetto Park, and Shannon Watson, Senior Executive Director of Hiawassee Park, did an outstandingly beautiful job decorating the Palmetto Park Clubhouse in our western theme. All participants proclaimed the event a success. The entire evening was a fine example of cooperative teamwork for the whole ministry.

**Blessings,**

**Peggy Beckett**

**President & CEO, BRCGA**





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## Resident Spotlight

### CHRISTINE SPAULDING: No Place Like Home

#### Hiawassee Park

With an ever-present smile and joyful spirit, Christine Spaulding and her dog, playfully named Luke Skywalker, have been residents at Hiawassee Park Senior Living Community for two-and-a-half years. She happily recounts what led her to Hiawassee Park and the life she loves in the beautiful North Georgia mountains:

*I am so very thankful that God brought me to Hiawassee Park. For over 40 years, I lived in Indiana and loved being helpful to my family and friends. When I realized I needed to move, the first thought was to find a retirement community that was Christian and safe, but I learned that I needed over \$100,000 as a non-refundable entrance fee plus monthly rent!*

*After contacting the Southern Baptist Convention, I received information about several retirement communities in Florida and Georgia. I have always loved the mountains and the pine trees, so Hiawassee Park was my choice. Praise the Lord the fee to hold one of the units was just \$1,000! Since moving here, I have found that my family and friends from Indiana love to visit and often comment on the great weather and friendly people.*

*Every day, as I walk my dog along the pine-lined path or sit on my front porch viewing the mountains, I am so very thankful. In fact, God gave me more than I ever thought I needed. I have a spacious home with a double garage, maintenance, and health care service, and activities are always available. With Christian friends, a good Bible-believing church close by, and surrounded by the beauty of our Lord and Savior, it is really as close to being in Heaven as a person can be.*



Christine, along with her adorable dog, Luke Skywalker, both star as "Dorothy" and "Toto" from *The Wizard of Oz* in the fun & entertaining BRCGA fundraiser calendar for 2017.



Christine has even more to smile about as she is enjoying double the spotlight this fall. Not only is she our featured resident in this issue, she also posed for our recently-published 2017 Cinema Classics fundraiser calendar. In the month of November, *The Wizard of Oz* is highlighted with Christine as "Dorothy," Luke Skywalker as "Toto," and fellow Hiawassee resident Jeff as "The Scarecrow." No doubt Christine would tap together her ruby red

slippers and say "there's no place like home" at Hiawassee Park!

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## Community Spotlight

### CREST RESIDENT VOLUNTEERS ARE THE "ICING ON THE CAKE"

#### Clairmont Crest

Many residents volunteer their services to help build community and make "the Crest" a warm and happy place to live. The variety of volunteer work is amazing!



Our Garden Club is far better than any landscaping service in planting the most beautiful flowers in the courtyard and entrances. The volunteer librarian recycles books on 20 bookshelves around the Crest. There are those who play piano and love to sing and lead music. Our weekly Bible Study leader is as inspirational and educated as a seminary professor.



Residents work together on planning some of our activities, leading a prayer ministry, serving on the Resident Council, calling BINGO, teaching jewelry making, and leading an exercise class. Many enthusiastic patriots at the Crest celebrate our veterans and troops by donating needed items and sending cards throughout the year.

Those who have that wonderful volunteer spirit remind Cathy Humphrey, Clairmont Crest Executive Director, of a bumper sticker that reads: "Don't Honk - PUSH!" Anyone can blow a horn, but not many are willing to get out and push. Volunteers at Clairmont Crest are out there pushing to help get things done. They have pitched in and helped to make things better. It is a joy to serve with those who actively support every worthy project with all the strength God has given.

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## NOW AVAILABLE!

### 2017 Cinema Classics Calendar

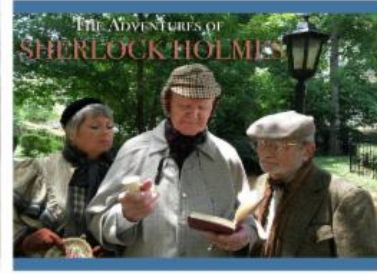
What better way to remember some of your favorite movies than to recreate the classic scenes?

Baptist Retirement Communities of Georgia has done just that with the *2017 Cinema Classics Calendar*. **Each month stars our very own fabulous residents from Clairmont Crest, Hiawassee Park, & Palmetto Park in beloved film classics!**



We know you will love this calendar as much as our residents loved creating it. To see more scenes from your favorite movies, including *Casablanca*, *Phantom of the Opera*, *South Pacific*, and more, pick up your calendar copy at any of our communities. Grab some for your family and friends, too! Christmas is right around the corner, and these calendars will make great

gifts.



Proceeds of this calendar benefit all of our BRCGA communities as we continue to *provide comfortable, attractive homes and services for senior adults at an affordable price enabling them to age in place in these homes within a Christian environment.*

**For more information of how you can purchase a calendar, please call or visit one of our three senior living communities:**

**Clairmont Crest**  
1861 Clairmont Road  
Decatur, GA 30033  
(404) 325-9077

**Hiawasse Park**  
89 Hiawasse Park Drive  
Hiawasse, GA 30546  
(762) 500-2021

**Palmetto Park**  
519 Perkins Road  
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