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There is something for everyone here, including a Woodshop!



When it comes to dedication and details, Charlie Bates knows a thing or two. He's a well-respected man on campus who doesn't do anything halfway. He has helped to turn the White Horse Village woodshop into a well-organized and equipped space to create works of art – including several outstanding handmade items for Octofair on Oct 8th. He also has a green thumb, a generous heart, and a sense of humor that his friends and neighbors know well. And, he will tell you exactly how it is with a twinkle in his eye.

Charlie and his wife Gail had been looking to make the move to an active senior living community and after visiting, Gail was certain White Horse Village would be the right place for both of them. "We found a place here. My wife knew the Workshop would be great for me," he remembers. "She said, 'Charlie, this is where you need to be!'"

Unfortunately, not long after they moved in, Gail had some medical challenges. After a short stay in Skilled Nursing, she passed away. As Gail had predicted, Charlie developed friendships and quickly became active around campus in a variety of activities, including ten years as chair of the Performing Arts Committee.

According to Charlie, a Continuing Care Retirement Community (CCRC) is key when looking for a senior living community. "I am eternally grateful for Gail and her insight," Charlie shares. "She knew what to look for in a community because she worked in resident care at a nearby senior living community. Many people move in here and don't realize that this is a gift to their family. Their family doesn't have to worry whether their loved ones are being cared for."



Charlie lives in a Garden Cottage which he says is perfect for his needs. "The proximity to the Clubhouse from my Garden Cottage is fantastic. I am under cover when I walk down there. I don't have to go through snow or anything in the winter. The place is warm and comfortable and very convenient to everything. My canopy is very nice. There aren't too many places that have this. And, the extra room/den is great! You have plenty of room to do things."

For Charlie, another winning feature about our community was location. "You can't find a location that is this secluded and convenient to almost anywhere. When you really think about this place and analyze it, it is close to almost anything. It takes 10 minutes most of the time to be anywhere you need. And the fact that you are

surrounded on three sides by the park makes it so peaceful!"

But, without a doubt, Gail was right, the Woodshop was the winning feature for Charlie. "There is only one other woodshop in the Philadelphia area that can come even close to what we have here," he shares. A talented woodworker, Charlie has been integral in helping redesign the workshop and upgrading the equipment and tools. He often assists and advises others with their projects and has been known to help out his fellow residents by doing minor repairs on furniture. As most residents could tell you, if you are looking for Charlie, check the Woodshop because that's likely where he will be.

Life at White Horse Village comes with many amenities, as Charlie will tell you, but it is the friendship and humor of the residents that is a benefit you can't buy. One "friend" Charlie and Gail brought from their Bucks County home is Miss Piggy, the beloved Muppets character. When Charlie moved to the Garden Cottage, he wasn't sure where to put Miss Piggy, so he put her on a bench in front. A passing security guard thought it was the previous owner's item and put her in a storage closet. The word went out to the community, and at 9:30 p.m., the very apologetic guard brought her back home to Charlie. The community rallied around the oinker, and now, with a collective sense of humor, Charlie and some friends decorate and accessorize Miss Piggy for various occasions. She does not seem to mind!

