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# CONCORDIA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

The newsletter of the Community Foundation at  
Concordia Life Plan Community.



## Welcome to Concordia Community Foundation

Welcome to the spring edition of the Concordia Community Foundation Newsletter! We invite you to join us on this exciting new journey and can't wait to see what God has in store for us.

This quarterly newsletter will serve as an update on our progress of the foundation's initiatives and the Kamman Chapel expansion project. This will also provide opportunities to hear from our leaders on future plans and upcoming events. Between quarterly issues, we encourage you to visit [www.concordiaseniorliving.com/StrongerTogetherCampaign](http://www.concordiaseniorliving.com/StrongerTogetherCampaign) for the latest news!

We know that when we join hands and hearts and come together to build God's Kingdom, we will be blessed for our faithful support. We know we are Stronger Together and are so thankful you are joining us on this incredible journey!

# GET TO KNOW YOUR FOUNDATION PRESIDENT



**Name:** David Seaman

**Family:** I met my wife Elizabeth during college. We have two children. Clara lives in Pittsburgh with her husband Michael, and Chester lives in Oklahoma City. Our mother, Ruth Clark, has been a resident at Concordia Life Plan Community since it opened in 2007.

**Church:** We are members of St. Mark Lutheran Church in Edmond.

**Education & Career:** I attended high school in Springfield, Missouri. I graduated from University of Missouri (Rolla) with a MS in Engineering Management, and an undergrad degree in Engineering Management. My family has moved with my job to a number of states starting in Missouri, Arkansas, Illinois, Wisconsin, Iowa, New York, and Oklahoma. We moved to Oklahoma in 2003. The last job during my career was in the Oil & Gas industry, and that role allowed me to travel to a number of countries in the world to include China, Russia, Argentina, Mexico, Yemen, Kuwait, Oman, Chad, Africa, and UAE. I retired in October 2020.

**Volunteerism:** I enjoy serving on the Lutheran Senior Citizens, Inc. Board of Directors for Concordia (8 years) as Vice President, and the Concordia Community Foundation Board of Directors (1+ years) as President.

**Hobbies:** Several of my hobbies include baking, cooking, and traveling. Elizabeth and I hope to travel the United States as well as Europe and Great Britain while we are foot loose and fancy free!

**Philanthropy:** My family supports Concordia and our church, among other charities, and we include these ministries in our Top 3 for charitable giving/tithing.

## Donor Advised Funds

by Jeffrey Maltz, LCEF Vice President, Oklahoma/Kansas District

Concordia Life Plan Community Friends and Supporters,

There are many giving opportunities available and all are important. We make it easy for you by accepting donations in many different ways. Whatever method of giving you choose, we thank you for your support. Please consider a gift by using your Donor Advised Fund.

Donor-advised funds are the fastest-growing charitable giving vehicle in the United States because they are one of the easiest and most tax-advantageous ways to give to charity.

A donor-advised fund is like a charitable investment account, for the sole purpose of supporting charitable organizations you care about. When you contribute cash, securities or other assets to a donor-advised fund at a public charity, you are generally eligible to take an immediate tax deduction. Then those funds can be invested for tax-free growth and you can recommend grants to virtually any IRS-qualified public charity like Concordia Community Foundation.

Distributions out of a DAF can be made at the time of the donor's choosing, in the amount of their choosing, to do the work they care most about including the Concordia Community Foundation, which exists for the sole purpose of advancing the mission and ministries of Concordia Life Plan Community. The benefits of a donor-advised fund go well beyond timing, taxes and impact.

Please contact Paige Mills-Haag, Director of Fund Development at Concordia Life Plan Community to discuss your giving options or consult your Gift Planning Counselor/Financial Advisor. Paige can be reached by calling (405) 219-2927 or by email at phaag@concordiaseniorliving.com.

Lutheran Senior Citizens, Inc. (dba Concordia Life Plan Community) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. All donations for Christian charities are tax deductible as allowed by law. Our Tax Identification Number (also known as Employee Identification Number or EIN) is 73-1032864. As of January 2020, all donations for Concordia Life Plan Community are administered by Concordia Community Foundation, and our EIN is 84-4257175.

Concordia Community Foundation would like to thank everyone who contributes, including those whose annual gifts help support Concordia Life Plan Community's programs and services.

# Letter from the President

by David Seaman

Hi Everyone,

Ahhhh, spring is almost here. I hope this newsletter finds all of you well and virus free. I hope you have been successful in attaining your two Covid vaccinations.

Here is my second address to all of you and yes, my topic is about giving.

I want to relate to all of you a short story from a time in my life where I realized that giving can be fun.

Going back in time (not quite to Biblical times) to my college days. My wife and I had saved up so that I/we could go back to college in Rolla, MO. (1980ish). We were living on a shoestring, money was very tight, looking at our savings account going down each month as we paid the bills was not much fun.

However, the Christmas season was fast approaching.

There was an organization in Rolla called LOVE (Local Organization for Various Emergencies). The LOVE organization was collecting gifts to give to poor families. We wanted to give something, but again, money was tight. So, we prayed and asked God for guidance.

We decided that we would set aside \$300 to spend on gifts for LOVE. We took our \$300 down to the local Walmart, got 2 shopping carts, and started back to the toy department.

We had a great time filling both baskets with \$300 worth of toys. We felt like the Rockefellers as these dollars were freely given/spent without anyone telling us we had to. It wasn't a utility bill or a gas bill or a food bill. We both had a very free feeling shopping in this carefree manner. Oh, we looked for the good buys and the bargains, but there was no pressure on our paying out the \$300 because we had to.

We all are faced almost daily with the chore of paying our bills. Whether it is the mortgage, the rent, the car payment, or whatever someone we really don't know very well is telling us we must pay.

I encourage all of you to pray and set aside in your budget a portion of your income for charitable giving. When you write the check or pay the cash to something that you decide you want to support, the experience is quite different than when you are paying a bill.

That Christmas we delivered our wrapped gifts to three families. We decorated the packages and left them on the doorstep of each of the three houses. I rang the doorbell and ran for the car parked down the street. The feelings we experienced when we watch the family open their front door to find a box of Christmas gifts on their front porch was amazing. It is hard for me to describe the tingly feeling we felt seeing the joy on their faces. God was right and telling us we would be alright using a portion of our money this way. We never were wanting for the rest of my college career. God has also blessed my family during the hard times of my working career. We never have lost sight of being sure to give charitably.

So in closing, I want to encourage you to help us and support the CCF with your donation. Your donations will save some senior the heartache and turmoil of having to move if they should be blessed with more years of life than dollars for their rent.

May God bless you and keep you in His care,  
David Seaman

Concordia Community Foundation (CCF) exists for the sole purpose of supporting Concordia's programs and ministries, and we want to make it easy for you to support our efforts! CCF raises funds for two major causes; 1) Concordia's Benevolent Fund, called the Good Samaritan Fund, helps Concordia Life Care residents in their time of need to stay in their home at Concordia should they be blessed with more years than available funds, and 2) to raise \$3.5M to build a new Kamman Chapel at Concordia to accommodate up to 100 residents for worship services and activities. To give to these worthwhile causes, please make your check payable to "Concordia Community Foundation" and mail to: Concordia Community Foundation, 7707 W. Britton Road, OKC, OK 73132. Donations accepted by credit or debit card via our secure website at <https://www.concordiaseniorliving.com>. The foundation also accepts gifts of stock, bequests from a will or trust, charitable gift annuities, IRA, retirement plan, and insurance plan beneficiary designations, and real estate or tangible personal property.



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