



THE WESLEY COMMUNITY

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**The Wesley Foundation to hold a “Golden Gala” as part of
50th Anniversary celebration**

Annual gala is the first in a series of celebratory events slated to commemorate the senior care community’s opening in 1972

Saratoga Springs, N.Y., April 25, 2022 – The Wesley Foundation, the philanthropic arm of The Wesley Community in Saratoga Springs, will host its annual gala at the Lodge at Saratoga Casino Hotel on Saturday, May 14, from 6 to 10 p.m. This year’s event, part of a year-long series to commemorate 50 years of service, will mark the first in-person gala for The Wesley Community since 2019.

Presented by The Adirondack Trust Company, this year’s theme is “Golden Gala,” a tribute to Wesley’s 50th year as a vital non-profit organization supporting seniors in the community. Founded in 1972, The Wesley Community was established as a long-term senior care community and has steadily grown into a continuum-of-care campus featuring independent and assisted living apartments, compassionate skilled nursing and memory care services.

“The Wesley Community has been providing exceptional senior care and services for five decades and we are excited to celebrate our rich history with the return of our annual gala,” said The Wesley Community CEO J. Brian Nealon. “This exciting event will provide valuable funding to support Wesley Health Care Center and allow us to continue to evolve to bring high-quality care to our families and friends for generations to come.”

The first in a series of celebratory events planned for 2022 as part of its 50th Anniversary, the “Golden Gala” promises to be an elegant and unforgettable evening of music, entertainment and excitement. Guests are welcome to dress in cocktail attire for the occasion.

Proceeds will support the ongoing renovations of the Springs Building at Wesley Health Care Center. Fundraising for this project was temporarily paused during the global pandemic to allow staff to focus exclusively on delivering the best possible care to residents. The goal of this important renovation project will be to provide home-like comforts and welcoming surroundings for the long-term care residents who live at the Springs building.

The Honorary Chairs of this event are Gary and Aimee Dake, who have been long-time supporters of The Wesley Community. Wesley Foundation board members Geriann Eddy and Timothy Busch are spearheading the planning efforts.

“We are excited to chair the event and feel very fortunate to have an asset like Wesley in our community to provide continued care for our Seniors,” said Aimee Dake. “Ensuring there is a high-quality residence which allows individuals to age in place is essential to retain and attract interested and involved Seniors to our greater Saratoga community,” Gary Dake shared. “My own mother being a resident of Wesley’s Independent Living gives me peace and comfort.”

Adirondack Trust Company recently presented a \$10,000 donation to The Wesley Foundation in support of the 2022 gala.

“Adirondack Trust is glad to be the Presenting Sponsor for the Gala’s return this year,” stated President and CEO, Charles V. Wait, Jr. “We are also pleased to be a part of the continued efforts to raise funds to support the second phase of renovations at the Springs Building of Wesley Health Care Center, Wesley’s oldest nursing home building.”

Other major sponsors for the gala are Marshall & Sterling Insurance, Angerame Architects, Saratoga Casino Hotel, The Fort Miller Group, Ray Martin & Crescent Hill Partners. Additional Sponsors include Allerdice Building Supply, Bonacio Construction, Fine Affairs, D.A. Collins Companies, MLB Construction, Gary and Aimee Dake, Longfellows Inn and Restaurant and Olde Bryan Inn.

Tickets for the Golden Gala can be purchased for \$150 per person or \$250 per couple. Reservations are required and can be made by phone at 518-691-1420 or at www.thewesleycommunity.org/gala.

The Lodge at Saratoga Casino Hotel is located at 1 Nelson Ave, Saratoga Springs.

The Wesley Foundation is poised to host more events that will pay tribute to The Wesley Community’s 50th Anniversary, including:

- **Share A Step for Seniors - June 24 to June 30**
The week-long fitness initiative offers participants the opportunity to raise funds for The Wesley Community while working toward a fitness-oriented goal, such as running, walking, hiking or completing a long bike ride. Participants track their workouts, share their progress on social media and encourage friends and family to support their efforts.
- **Saratoga 9 and Wine - August 9 at Saratoga Lake Golf Course**
The third annual golf fundraiser is a fun afternoon tournament featuring nine holes of scramble-format golf with wine-and-spirits tasting along the course. Enjoy a great afternoon on the links with friends while supporting the Wesley Health Care Center.
- **Wesley’s 50th Anniversary Celebration - September 20 at the Saratoga City Center**
The 50th Anniversary celebration series will culminate with a special community event this fall. The ceremonial event will honor and reflect on The Wesley Community’s 50

years of service after opening its doors for the first time to residents in September of 1972.

More details on each of these celebratory community events throughout the year can be found at www.thewesleycommunity.org/wesley-foundation/special-events/.

About The Wesley Community

The Wesley Community is a 37-acre, not-for-profit agency in Saratoga Springs, NY, which serves the needs of the elderly, as well as active seniors, adults and pediatrics. Sponsored by United Methodist Health and Housing, Inc., The Wesley Community's unique continuum of care community provides independent and assisted living for seniors, affordable independent senior housing, short-term rehabilitation and long-term care, as well as home care services and outpatient therapies available for people of all ages.

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The Adirondack Trust Company recently presented a \$10,000 donation to The Wesley Foundation in support of its 2022 Golden Gala. The Adirondack Trust Company is the presenting sponsor of this year's gala. Pictured from left: CEO of The Wesley Community Brian Nealon; President & CEO of The Adirondack Trust Company Charles V. Wait, Jr.; Assistant Director of The Wesley Foundation Katelynn Donovan; Chief Operating Officer of The Wesley Community Dutch Hayward; and Executive Vice President, Chief Administrative Officer, Chief Financial Officer & Treasurer at The Adirondack Trust Company Jack Arnold.