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## RETIRED WARTBURG BOARD MEMBER AND FORMER CONCORDIA PROFESSOR ESTABLISHES WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT ENDOWMENT

MOUNT VERNON, NY (December 11, 2023) Wartburg proudly announces the creation of a Workforce Development Endowment, established thanks to a generous contribution from retired Board Member, Dr. Wally D. Borgen.

Dr. Wally D. Borgen, Professor Emerita of Business at Concordia College-NY is currently an adjunct in Public Speaking at Colby-Sawyer College in New London, NH. Dr. Borgen has been involved with Wartburg since 1965 when she was a freshman at Concordia bringing an all-female singing group to perform for the nursing home residents.

Dr. Wally D. Borgen, is well known throughout the Lutheran Community for directing the “New Beginning Singers,” a small traveling group of students, performing in churches, schools, and Lutheran conventions. Others know her as “Wally says” lecturing to church and school secretaries, administrators, and pastors on church management issues. Also, filling her time since retirement, she has rekindled her love for music and performing through her involvement with a local community theatre group called SKIT. Wally has performed in numerous shows, written and directed two musicals, and directed a play. In addition, she has performed at the New London Barn Theatre and Interlakes Theatre in Meredith since 2006. For 12 years she directed and performed in a traveling troupe. “It’s Vaudeville” was born as a fund raiser for “The Fells” but eventually took on its own life with 26 performances as fund raisers for non-profit organizations. In addition, she spends many hours as a volunteer for the John Hay Estate at the Fells in Newbury, NH as a docent, chair of the Hospitality Committee, and anything else that comes her way.

At age 61 she met and married Bud Dick of Akron OH and Kingfield ME, neither of whom had ever been married. “It’s never too late to try something new.”

Dr. Borgen’s generosity creating a Workforce Development Endowment will be a resource for Wartburg employees who wish to advance their education and skills. Wartburg President & CEO Dr. David J. Gentner said “We are honored that Dr. Borgen would continue to be a committed supporter in retirement. This endowment will help us to ensure our team will achieve their maximum potential.”

For information about Wartburg or to learn more about planned giving options at Wartburg, please visit [wartburg.org](http://wartburg.org) or contact the Development office at 914-513-5179.

### About Wartburg

Wartburg, located in Westchester County, NY, offers integrated, comprehensive senior residential and healthcare services. Unlike conventional retirement communities, Wartburg provides a wide range of services to both residents living on their beautiful 34-acre campus and people in their own homes. From independent, assisted living and award-winning nursing home care to inpatient/outpatient rehabilitation, home care and adult day care services, their continuing care approach has earned them a trusted reputation. Wartburg also provides caregiver support at every stage with an array of options to find the level of care that considers the whole family. Wartburg was named one of the “Best Nursing Homes in New York State” by *U.S. News & World Report* and *Newsweek* for the twelfth consecutive year in 2024.

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