

# Legacy Gifts Fund Sharon Towers' Wellness and Health Care Transformation

The Campaign For Sharon Towers received two generous gifts that will help set the course for wellness and health care at our senior living community for years to come.

Current residents Ed and Agnes Weisiger's gift of \$1 million will fund the Weisiger Health Center, while a \$1 million gift from the estate of former residents John and Peaches Hicks will provide initial capital for the John and Peaches Hicks Wellness & Physicians Clinic.

The Weisigers' gift helps to fund renovation and expansion of the Sharon Towers Health Care Center, which will almost double the Center's square footage while keeping the same number of resident rooms. These larger rooms will enable families to enjoy time together more comfortably in this re-envisioned setting.

"Health care is a part of life," says Agnes Weisiger, who spent years caring for residents of Sharon Towers as a nurse practitioner. "You want to be in independent living for as long as you can. But one day you're likely to be in the health



Agnes and Ed Weisiger

care center. And we wanted a place where residents and staff would feel comfortable and happy. A place where families can visit with their loved ones."



Peaches and John Hicks

It is a natural extension of Agnes' many years of service as well as Ed's parents' retirement to Sharon Towers in the 1970s. And since Ed and Agnes moved into their own Sharon Towers residence last fall, they look forward to being able to see the community enjoy their generosity firsthand.

The focus of the Hicks' gift is the wellness center and physicians clinic. There, a licensed nurse serves independent living residents' daily wellness needs, providing emergency response services and other health services. This minimizes the need for residents to leave campus for routine care.

"Sharon Towers had a very special place in their hearts," said Clarkie Brown of her parents, John and Peaches Hicks.

"It was their home — the place they would be taken care of in their final season of life."

Before becoming residents in 2005, John and Peaches were Sharon Towers supporters, largely through their involvement at Covenant Presbyterian Church. John served on the Sharon Towers Board of Directors from 1972–74. He passed away in 2011, and Peaches continued as a resident until her death in 2019.

The two gifts help fund the Health Care renovation, the total cost of which is estimated to be \$45 million — part of a \$106 million Campus Master Plan. Construction on Phase I of the plan began in December of 2019 and includes the new Deerwood independent living apartment building. The first phase is expected to be completed in mid-2022, while the entire Campus Master Plan is anticipated to take 10 or more years to complete.

"Generous legacy gifts such as those Sharon Towers received from the Weisigers and the Hicks family are integral to the redevelopment of our Health Care," according to Anne Moffat, CEO of Sharon Towers. "But those gifts also fuel the transformation of the entire campus into a community to support our senior population for many years to come."

The Campaign for Sharon Towers continues to solicit donations to fund the ongoing master plan. **Anyone interested in finding out more about the campaign should contact Jennifer Morgan at 704-553-3817 or [jmorgan@sharontowers.org](mailto:jmorgan@sharontowers.org).**