

## **GARDEN SPOT VILLAGE FALL FESTIVAL & BENEFIT AUCTION SET FOR SAT., OCT. 9**

*Tethered hot air balloon rides available 8 a.m. – 10 a.m.*

**NEW HOLLAND, Pa. — Sept. 9, 2010** — A bird's-eye view of New Holland is among the highlights available to attendees of this year's annual Garden Spot Village Fall Festival & Benefit Auction on Sat., Oct. 9, from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. on the campus of the retirement community at 433 S. Kinzer Ave.

Tethered rides in a hot air balloon festooned with the Garden Spot Village logo and scenes of Lancaster County farmland will be available from 8 a.m. until 10 a.m., wind and weather permitting. This is the first year for rides in the balloon, which made its inaugural flight in May.

The festival will also offer the Share-a-Meal program introduced last year. For \$20 per person, participants can buy tickets to enjoy a meal prepared by a Garden Spot Village resident, staff member or friend at a future date. Participants can purchase individual tickets to attend the meal, or they can purchase all the tickets available for a meal.

“Last year, residents and staff donated nine different meals. People who bought tickets raved about the food and fellowship,” said Linda Dodge, director of development at Garden Spot Village. “Some of the meals people are donating so far this year are finger-lickin’ ribs, Chinese New Year, breakfast in the Garden Spot Village main kitchen, crab cakes, dinner in the new Garden Spot Village conservatory and shrimp supreme.”

With something to entertain everyone in the family, the Fall Festival & Benefit Auction draws attendees from throughout Pennsylvania and beyond. Face-painting, pumpkin decorating and other activities will be available for children from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. Visitors can also enjoy the community's model train room and model airplane flight simulation, as well as shopping at craft tables or in the Village Store and the Share and Care Shop.

Auction-goers can bid on handcrafted furniture and accessories, hand-sewn quilts, textiles, glassware, handwoven and hooked rugs, artwork and wooden toys at a live auction that starts at 10 a.m. and runs until 2 p.m. Items can be previewed in the chapel beginning at 8 a.m.

A silent auction will feature baskets, gift certificates and other items. Themes include food and entertainment, home and garden, automotive and hardware, health and beauty, and sports. Bids will be accepted beginning at 8 a.m.; tables start closing at 11 a.m.

Fall is time to celebrate the harvest, and festival-goers can enjoy chicken barbecue, chicken corn soup, hot dogs, hamburgers and other hot and cold sandwiches and wraps., as well as soft pretzels, ice cream, home-baked goods, cider and apple dumplings—a fall festival favorite.

Proceeds from this popular annual event benefit the Garden Spot Village Benevolent Fund, which helps support residents who need financial assistance. In the most recent fiscal year, Garden Spot Village provided more than \$1 million in benevolent care.

“Escalating healthcare costs significantly increase the need for benevolent care,” said Dodge.

To pay for this care, Garden Spot Village relies on contributions from individual and corporate donors and fundraising events, such as the Fall Festival.

For more information about the Garden Spot Village Fall Festival & Benefit Auction, call 717-355-6000.

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