

GARDEN SPOT VILLAGE DEDICATES GRAND PIANO

Donors give the retirement community the gift of music

NEW HOLLAND, Pa. — Nov. 15, 2010 — Three pianists from the group Piano4 played to a full house when Garden Spot Village dedicated its new Boston Grand piano last Saturday in the chapel of the retirement community at 433 S. Kinzer Ave.

“This beautiful instrument is a legacy that will be enjoyed by Garden Spot Village residents and members of the surrounding community for years to come,” said Linda Dodge, director of development at Garden Spot Village. “We are extremely grateful for the generosity of all those who made this gift of music possible.”

The 7-foot Boston Grand, designed by Steinway, is a refurbished like-new instrument obtained through Reifsnnyder’s Pianos, Lancaster. It was previously used by Piano4, a piano quartet based in Philadelphia, on the group’s concert tours.

On Saturday, Norma Meyer, Randall Hartman and Michal Schmidt from Piano4 played two concerts on the piano at Garden Spot Village. In the afternoon, the group gave a brief performance for donors to the Grand Piano Campaign. On Saturday evening, they played for an hour in a chapel filled with residents. The pianists played four-handed and six-handed arrangements of classical selections by Beethoven, Brahms, Bizet and Mendelssohn as well as popular tunes by Scott Joplin and Rodgers and Hammerstein.

After Dodge welcomed the audience, Garden Spot Village CEO Steve Lindsey offered an expression of appreciation. Chet Yoder, director of pastoral services, said a pray, and Colleen Musselman, director of life enrichment, introduced the guest pianists. A reception was held in the Village Square following the concert.

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(Left to right) Randall Hartman, Norma Meyer and Michal Schmidt, of Piano4, and Steve Lindsey, CEO of Garden Spot Village, at a concert to dedicate the retirement community’s new grand piano, which previously was one of Piano4’s touring pianos. The pianists played four-handed and six-handed arrangements of classical and popular selections at the concert, held last Saturday evening at the New Holland retirement community.

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