

The legacy of strong leadership lives on

There is a long history of individuals who carry this organization forward in faith, wisdom and charity.

March 26, 2012 marked the 102nd anniversary of the incorporation of Baptist Homes Society. In celebrating the anniversary, we also reflect on our impressive history—from the churches who banded together to create the organization to some of the longtime board members who had the vision to move forward and take risks.

Our founding churches and their congregations built Baptist Homes Society with faith, wisdom and a lot of hard work. We would not be here today without them. They had a wonderful dream in 1910, and today we continue their legacy as a fiscally sound, responsive, and intentionally benevolent organization.

If past leaders could see the organization that thrives today, they would be amazed and impressed at the positive changes that have been made in senior living and care.

Two leaders who come to mind are Harold Stull and Frank Bowen, members of the Board of Directors for more than two decades (Both passed away in 2001). Back in the late 1950s, it was their vision to create the endowment that still

today helps us guarantee funds for residents in financial need. In the 1960s, they recognized the



Baptist Homes campus in Mt. Lebanon, looked very different in the 1930s when this photo was taken.

increasing healthcare needs for seniors, and raised money to add the Nursing Center; they later led a campaign to raise \$750,000 for

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capital improvements that included construction of Baptist Manor. They also recognized the diminishing need for the orphanage, and ended that program in the early 1970s.

Our strong fiscal heritage, guided by leadership with the courage to move forward in response to changing need, was also the impetus for the creation of Providence Point in 2009.

While Baptist Homes remains a

vibrant community and continues to add amenities and services such as the wellness center, the

solarium, and the rehabilitation center, our ability to expand services is limited by the property's size and age.

In response, the leaders created Providence Point, which has been described as “the future of senior living—today.”

In addition to the many amenities such as a pool, fitness center and four dining venues,

Providence Point offers seniors a lifestyle of independence, security and wellness. From indoor, underground parking to a full-time fitness coordinator, our services focus on the wellbeing of our residents.

Since the time of Harold Stull and Frank Bowen, Baptist Homes Society has more than tripled in size. Our mission of service to seniors continues to focus on providing excellent care. Now—perhaps more than ever in our history—Baptist Homes Society has become an example for others of what senior living should be.

Happy birthday and thank you to all Baptist Homes Society leaders past and present. We look pretty good for 102! 🍀