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Residents of White Horse Village, Inc. Partner with the Chester Charter School for the Arts

Many of the residents of White Horse Village, a continuing care retirement community in Edgmont, PA., enjoy a partnership with the Chester Charter School for the Arts (CCFA) volunteering, reading with the children, providing friendship, giving financial support and fulfilling the dreams of the youth of Chester. At CCSA, Chester children as young as five participate in the arts program— fine, performing, choral music, ballet, painting, design, drama and playwriting. CCSA’s mission is to prepare students to employ their intellectual and creative talents to enrich their community. The new CCSA campus opened in 2016 and many White Horse Village residents provided financial support for the building.

Peter and Peggy Thompson, residents of White Horse Village, are the co-chairs of the Chester Fund Planned Giving. “In a world where poverty is hard for families to overcome, we have discovered a meaningful way to make a difference. CCSA has demonstrated that Chester’s children can grow and flourish when given access to excellent education. We have volunteered for several years at CCSA and have had the opportunity to interact with the children and love them like our grandchildren. We are excited by the prospect of providing them with the additional resources through a planned gift.”

The CEO of CCSA, Akosua Watts wrote: *Peggy Thompson, whose curiosity, flexibility of mind, and commitment to community, have inspired diverse groups together to transform the lives and opportunities of our children. Your commitment to us is translating into fulfillment of our mission— to provide the children of Chester with exceptional educational opportunities.* Prior to their work with CCSA, Peter and Peggy were involved at the beginning of the Chester Children’s Chorus led by John Alston and they worked alongside Swarthmore music professor Tom Whitman, taking the Gamelan program into public schools in Chester.