The first thing you notice when you drive up to Phyllis and Bob’s home is the Phillies flag! Whether it is baseball season, Halloween, Thanksgiving or Christmas, their house is always decorated for any occasion. Their lovely home has bookcases filled with books on history, science, and politics and on display are a variety of knickknacks, statues, and trophies. Phyllis and Bob enjoy collecting mementos from the many places they have visited over the years. On September 22, Phyllis and Bob celebrated 57 years of marriage and they are so proud of being together for so long.

Bob, a lifelong Wilmington resident, loves to tell the story of how they met: Bob was just out of the Army where he was a captain and found a position at the Seaford Dupont Nylon plant. Phyllis was a lifelong Seaford resident, but was working in Wilmington and living at the YWCA. Phyllis was president of the “girls” council that was holding a dance to raise money and met Bob when he was home visiting and a cousin matched them up – it was “love at first sight.”

Bob attended University of Delaware and graduated with a degree in Chemistry, a minor in engineering, and important coursework in German which he needed for his work. Bob left Dupont to work for American Viscose in Marcus Hook (now FMC) where he worked for 40 years as a Process Engineer, with five years as Quality Control Manager. Bob developed a specialized mixer machine to make a powder used in pharmaceutical and food products; because of this discovery, Bob was flown on a private jet to Chicago where he received an award from the Chairman of the Board of this world-wide company! Bob also traveled to Ireland to start a new plant and has several papers published. When Bob turned thirty, he started running and ran 3 – 4 days a week until he was 75! He loves to show his trophy case with over 80 trophies and medals.

They have three daughters: Natalie who lives in Maryland, Marjorie who is an artist on the west coast, and an adopted daughter, Chris, who is blind and met the family 19 years ago at Holly Oak Calvary Methodist Church when she was a foster child. For over 15 years, Phyllis sponsored a child from Honduras through World Vision and enjoys exchanging letters and pictures.

Phyllis and Bob are so grateful for the rides and other services JFS Village provides. They also credit the physical therapy they started a year ago at Neuro Fitness to helping them be stronger and in better health this past year. The secret to their long marriage: as Phyllis says, “we enjoy each other’s company by discussing the events of the day; we accept each other as we are; and, most of all, going to church.”
"The youth is the hope of our future."
- Jose Rizal

Five years ago, Dallas contacted the Village to ask if she could do her high school community service hours with one of our members. Little did any of us realize or expect that Dallas would be volunteering not only throughout her 4 high school years, but that she and the Village member she assisted would develop such a close friendship.

At first, our member just wanted Dallas to do some light housekeeping; however, she soon found out about Dallas’ computer skills and Dallas became the tech-tutor to this retired teacher. The member was thrilled when she was introduced to google, where she could look up anything. She also learned how to shop online, which was a great help for her as she was becoming more homebound. Dallas also introduced her to ‘Alexa’, the voice-controlled smart speaker – now she could sit in her recliner and ask for all kinds of information, music, and so much more. A whole new world opened for her! Best of all – she and Dallas enjoyed their time and had so much fun together. Even though Dallas was very busy at Brandywine High school as the Captain of the Color Guard, Student Council Secretary, Tri-M Secretary, a board member of the BHS/Rotary Club, International Relations President, and Joint Student Council Member, she always found time for her meaningful volunteer work with the JFS Village.

Dallas graduated from Brandywine High School this past June and is now studying at Penn State with a major in International Politics – she hopes to be a Foreign Service Officer in Korea.

Thank you, Dallas, for all you did for the Village! We wish you well!

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Providing medical care for individuals with dementia and guiding families through their journey.

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UPDATES & EVENTS

JFS Memory Café
October 16th from 1:30-3pm at Congregation Beth Emeth
A social gathering for people living with memory changes and their care partners. Contact Karen to register: 302-478-9411

JCC Field Trip: Shady Maple Smorgasbord & Shopping
Monday, October 28 from 7am – 2:30pm
Breakfast buffet and local shopping; includes transportation $20/member, $25/public; Call the JCC to register: 302-478-5660

The JFS Village
A Membership Community
The JFS Village is a community of support that provides older adults the services they need to enhance quality of life, remain active, and encourage independence.

Volunteer Hours
September 152 hours
Year-to-Date 1495 hours

JFS Mission & Vision
To strengthen individuals, families, and the community by providing counseling and support services, based on Jewish values.

Our vision is to use our evolving position as a key social service in Delaware to strengthen the support available to our most underserved populations.