

# ZERBE RETIREMENT COMMUNITY

Zerbe Retirement Community was founded in 1958. Sisters Dot and Sis Zerbe and Ann Zerbe Good, along with Ann's husband, Curly (Omar) Good, began caring for elderly people in their farmhouse in Bowmansville, PA. Dot, Sis and Ann became Licensed Practical Nurses in 1960 when they realized their hospitality services were transforming into a legitimate business. They then moved to their current location in Narvon. They felt deep in their hearts that God led them to this vocation and location, and they were happy to serve the Lord in this fashion. When the time came that the sisters were not able to run the business anymore, their niece, Nancy Caffrey Schafer, stepped into the leadership role.

Now, 62 years after Zerbe Retirement Community's humble beginnings, Nancy Caffrey Schafer has passed on the torch to her son, current CEO Dan Caffrey. Caffrey has proudly carried it into the next generation, expounding on the values and legacy of compassion originated by the sisters. Caffrey has been a part of the Zerbe Retirement Community since he was a boy, working in the maintenance department at the age of 14. In fact, after all these years, you might still catch Caffrey in the maintenance department helping out where needed. Caffrey states that Zerbe Retirement Community was founded upon strong family values, and over a half-century later the business still exemplifies these values by committing to the wardship and service of their residents with the utmost care and compassion. Caffrey credits his success to Zerbe Retirement Community's outstanding leadership team and their amazing staff members, who are dedicated to the well-being of their residents.

There are many factors that set Zerbe Retirement Community apart from other, similar businesses in the area. One of these factors is the size of the current site. It's smaller than other facilities in the area, which gives it a "down home" quality. The quaint size enables the staff to give many different levels of care, whether in the main housing unit on the campus, or in the 58 independent cottages. Plus, the quiet, country location is hard to beat! They are a CCRC (Continuing Care Retirement Community) and have consistently passed their state inspections in the Skilled Nursing Center and Harvest View Personal Care categories with zero deficiencies and are rated a 5 star facility.



L-R: (front) Stephanie Erb, Jenny Eagler, Amy Epting, Heather Rees; (middle) Lisa Kready, Annalisa Stoltzfus, Jennifer Weitzel, Alice Rowan, Jasmeng Lo; (back) Erin Hall, Matt Minch, Charles Trimble, Danny Jones, Anthony Ziolkowski and Sam Kulp.



Director of Independent Living Lynne Bickta states that she and many other staff members get a great amount of satisfaction from helping people live happy and comfortable lives. Bickta points out that lifelong friendships are established here between staff and residents alike, and that she believes Zerbe Retirement Community is truly an amazing place to work. Bickta likes to share the testimonials of some of Zerbe Retirement Community's residents with others to show the level of satisfaction Zerbe Retirement Community instills in people. Here is one of her favorites, written by Ruth Heimer: "My husband did not want to come to Zerbe Retirement Community until he saw the huge basement. He created his dream wood shop in his half of the basement. I have enjoyed the quiet location, ease of living, good friends, the large rooms and my flower gardens."

Zerbe Retirement Community is located at 2499 Zerbe Road, Narvon, PA 17555. They can be reached at 717-445-4551, or via their website, [www.zerbesisters.com](http://www.zerbesisters.com), and they are open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.