



# Fairmount

*Dedicated to Faith, Family & Community*

In the early days of the COVID-19 pandemic, Fairmount leadership asked how we can meet our mission of serving the community and demonstrate our core value of compassion. After much prayer, lengthy consultation with our Medical Director and other medical professionals, and weeks of study and preparation, Fairmount took the bold step of creating a special “COVID treatment center.” A first-floor hallway named Dogwood, with its own separate entrance for admissions, was outfitted with negative pressure equipment to move air outside rather than circulating inside to prevent cross-contamination. Dedicated team members, specially trained in caring for persons with infectious diseases, offered to work in this area.

Not only was Fairmount ready to serve its own residents who tested positive with COVID, it was equipped to take residents with COVID-19 from hospitals, other retirement homes, and the local community who needed a place to recover. While other nursing homes were turning these residents away, Fairmount was welcoming them.

By the end of 2020, the Dogwood COVID Unit had reached the milestone of serving its 100th resident. Since the first resident was admitted into Dogwood in early April 2020, 121 individuals have been served in Dogwood.

Thank you to our dedicated team of caregivers who made this venture a success!

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Fairmount is located at 333 Wheat Ridge Drive, Ephrata, PA 17522.

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L-R: (standing) Cathy Umble, Katie Seibert, Karina Dussinger, Elisa Cano, Debbie Zeiset;  
(seated) Holly Keim and Karlie Watson.



L-R: Mary Keener (resident) and Sandy Longenecker (Director of Personal Care).