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RESIDENTS OF KENDAL AT HANOVER

Some might think of Kendal at Hanover primarily as a place where aging folks live a full life. In fact, it is one of the leading continuing care retirement communities in the country. As one resident put it, “Living here has encouraged me to do things I couldn’t otherwise have done.”

But, very few know that Kendal is a vibrant community of people who help to care for the local community and the world in amazing ways. These residents at Kendal give of their hearts, minds and intellects to “make outstanding contributions to our community through their leadership and individual efforts in civic and charitable activities”.

Last June, a survey among more than half of the Kendal residents, presented a surprising lens through which to understand this remarkable, caring and giving community. For starters, Kendal residents provided an average of 12,804 volunteer hours per year to 84 different organizations, including DHMC, ILEAD, local churches, local musical and drama centers, museums, and community governing agencies. They contributed 2,377 gifts of money to 836 different organizations. These contributions included donations to 68 different religious organizations across twelve denominations; 113 community agencies, including Listen, Habitat, Vital Communities, The Haven, Headrest and others; and 93 colleges and universities.

During the same time period, Kendal residents gave 452 gifts to 110 healthcare agencies of all kinds. And their interest in the future of the world is evidenced by 289 gifts to 122 environmental agencies. They also had a significant impact on the cultural landscape, contributing 624 gifts to 150 public and private organizations, including public media, musical groups, the Hopkins Center, Opera North, the Hood Museum, local drama groups, local libraries, and local historical societies.

Finally, Kendal residents delivered 232 gifts to 57 catastrophe and disaster relief agencies, including Doctors Without Borders, Red Cross, Salvation Army, and others. There were also many gifts to other advocacy and action groups, including the League of Women Voters, ACLU, Special Olympics, Elderhostel, and the Council of Indian Nations.

Since these results are based on feedback from a little more than half of the residents, imagine the extent of the total impact if all had responded! Any way you look at it, the data reflect the remarkable commitment, dedication and generosity of Kendal residents!

