

# *Growing Kindness and Rooted In Mission:*

## How Cornwall Manor Nourishes Community Life



*Terry Woodnorth, Community Volunteer and Katie Landis, Farm Manager prep produce going to two local non-profits.*



*The community refrigerator at CSCC is stocked with produce.*



*Trailside Organic Farm*

At Cornwall Manor, community engagement extends far beyond campus borders. Cornwall Manor's onsite organic farm—*Trailside Organic Farm*—has become a vital partner in addressing food insecurity in the city of Lebanon. What began as a sustainability initiative has grown into a meaningful outreach effort, cultivating not only fresh, organically grown produce, but also relationships, dignity and renewed hope for neighbors experiencing food insecurity. The farm reflects a thoughtful approach to stewardship, where the land is cared for in ways that nourish both people and community connections.

Central to this work is Cornwall Manor's mission to enrich the lives of residents and those in the broader community through service, compassion and responsible stewardship. By leveraging its resources to meet critical needs beyond its campus, Cornwall Manor demonstrates that its mission is not confined to resident care alone—it extends outward in purposeful and measurable ways. Initiatives like *Trailside Organic Farm* embody this commitment, transforming values into action and reinforcing a culture where giving back is an essential part of daily life.

One of the most meaningful partnerships shaped by this philosophy connects *Trailside Organic Farm* with the Chestnut Street Community Center (CSCC), a collaborative hub serving some of the county's most vulnerable residents and Lebanon County Christian Ministries (LCCM), a food bank and shelter

providing community support. Each growing season, vegetables harvested at Cornwall Manor move directly from the fields to families and individuals in need—stocking a community refrigerator, supporting emergency shelter residents and reaching neighbors facing hunger with fresh, nutritious food that might otherwise be inaccessible.

The impact is both tangible and growing. *Trailside* donated 2,062 pounds of produce to CSCC and LCCM in 2023, more than doubled that amount to 5,578 pounds in 2024 and contributed 4,720 pounds in 2025.

Volunteers from Cornwall Manor and the surrounding community play an essential role in sustaining this effort, assisting with harvesting, packing and delivering produce while building meaningful connections along the way. Educational partnerships—including gardening and food preparation programs with Penn State Extension—add another layer of impact, equipping individuals with the knowledge and skills needed for long-term empowerment and greater food independence.

Through *Trailside Organic Farm* and its trusted partnerships, Cornwall Manor brings its mission to life beyond campus—transforming harvests into hope and helping cultivate a healthier, more resilient Lebanon County.