

## **Bethany Life Foundation Receives \$200,000 Pledge**

The Bethany Life Foundation announced October 22, 2006, during their Celebration of Chaplaincy dinner, that they have received a \$200,000 pledge in support of the “Walking Together in Faith” Chaplaincy Endowment campaign. The donor has requested that their gift be kept anonymous.

Larry Elphic, the Bethany Life Foundation Director stated, “The couple who have made this extraordinary pledge are long term supporters of Bethany Life; they understand the needs of our organization and the importance of the spiritual care we provide to our residents and their families. They are very humble and caring people. We are honored and thankful to have received such a generous gift”.

The intent of the Bethany Life Chaplaincy Endowment Fund is to fully endow the Chaplaincy program to insure that future budgetary demands of the organization will never impact this service. Betsy Warburton, President and CEO of Bethany Life Communities stated, “Our Foundation created the Chaplaincy Endowment Fund in 2005 knowing that with the dramatic increase in healthcare costs and the limited funds available through federally funded initiatives; it is only a matter of time until ‘non-required’ programs and services could be negatively impacted. Endowing our Chaplaincy services will give our organization the funds necessary to preserve and grow the Chaplaincy program. I am overwhelmed with gratitude in knowing that we have friends who are willing to support our ministry in such a significant way”.

The Bethany Life Foundation is focusing their fundraising efforts with the Chaplaincy Endowment Fund towards deferred gifts. Elphic commented that, “Our Chaplaincy Endowment Fund will need significant gifts to reach its goal of raising \$1.2 million over the next ten years. We would like our friends to consider a planned legacy gift that can be pledged today. Our Foundation can work with the donor, their financial planner or lawyer in making sure that their pledge meets their needs, the needs of their heirs, and the needs of our Chaplaincy program.”

To learn more about Bethany Life Communities’ Chaplaincy Endowment Fund you may call the Foundation Office at 515-733-4325.