



A VISION TO PRESERVE OUR TREES

“Trees are poems that the earth writes upon the sky.” Kahill Gibran

Foulkeways is known as a walking campus. On any given day, you will see residents, staff and even our neighbors walking our trails and grounds. One of the people you often see walking is resident Hadley Robertson, who enjoys the therapeutic effects of being close to nature. In the ten years she and her husband Dick have been residents, they have appreciated the trees common to our grounds, many of which were contributed by residents during Foulkeways' first 47 years, including the 75 young trees recently and enthusiastically planted as a result of the **50 Trees for 50 Years** drive shepherded by resident David West.

The Robertsons are pictured here, many years ago, in the woods of their former home in Fort Washington, PA, a home they purchased from an early Foulkeways resident and fellow lover of trees, Margaret Paschkis. When Dick was transferred to New York, they kept their woodland home and commuted back on weekends to visit the trees in all their seasons. This love of trees has endured, and so, in anticipation of Foulkeways' 50th anniversary in 2017, Dick and Hadley decided they wanted to help Foulkeways ensure the beauty of our campus by protecting one of its most treasured assets – its “treescape.”

Through their thoughtful generosity, the **TreesPlus Fund** was created on April 7th, 2014. During their lifetime, the Robertsons will make significant annual contributions to the Fund. At the time of their deaths, a gift of one



Dick & Hadley Robertson

million dollars or more from their estate will endow the Fund. This generous support is a testament to the type of individuals who call Foulkeways their home. It is abundantly clear how much the residents care for each other. But acts such as the Robertsons' remind us of the depth of their love for our campus and grounds.

You may be wondering what the purpose of the **TreesPlus**

Fund is. The primary purpose is to pay for the care of existing Foulkeways trees over and above the care the Foulkeways Grounds Crew is able to provide. An example is its response to the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) threat to the many ash trees that make up our campus.

Guided by **TreesPlus Fund** advisor David Remy, a Foulkeways resident, plus the Pennsylvania State Forestry Service, a small window of opportunity to protect local ash trees was identified. John Prediger, Foulkeways Grounds Supervisor, quickly chose 86 trees for injection to protect them from the Emerald Ash Borer. With funding available from the **TreesPlus Fund**, these beautiful ash trees have been treated and will continue to be treated for the duration of the threat.

The natural beauty of Foulkeways would not exist today without the commitment and dedication of our residents. Foulkeways is grateful to Richard “Dick” and Jean “Hadley” Robertson for their leadership support to create the **TreesPlus Fund**. Their vision helps ensure that the richly treed landscape of our treasured campus is preserved for future generations.