

Jim Wallace Keeps on Learning!

After a career in international marketing and sales for Lubrizol, managing a summer camp for decades, and doing a stint as a Huntington Learning Center owner, Jim Wallace was looking for new challenges. In 1994, he began his adventure with Fairhill. Ever since, from scraping paint in a townhouse bedroom to re-engineering the organization in the boardroom when he served as Chairman of the Board, Jim Wallace has been both advancing and demonstrating Fairhill's mission of making connections for successful aging.

In 1998, the Cleveland Foundation offered to help fund development of a computer center affiliated with Senior Net, a national organization which helps older adults learn how to use computers. Together, Jim and CEO Stephanie FallCreek wrote the grant and established Fairhill's Senior **Computer Learning Center**, (CLC) with four computers, one basic course, a few volunteer instructors – and 200 people on the waiting list. Ten years later, with one part-time paid staff person and 40+ unpaid staff, the CLC annually serves 400+ older adults.



Showing his commitment to lifelong learning, Jim currently is teaching himself how to use Fairhill's revenue and accounting software programs, so he can develop user-friendly management tools to support Fairhill's Director of Successful Aging Programs, Stacey Rokoff. In his "spare" time Jim serves as the Board Treasurer, Chairman of the Finance Committee, and the accounts receivable conscience.

Jim has been a partner, conscience, and inspiration – almost since the day he arrived. With a fondness for focused, structured projects, "he has jumped into the organizational mix on several occasions and always to good effect," said Dr. Stephanie FallCreek. "I am honored that he has chosen to remain such an integral part of our team for so many years (and more to come, I hope!)."

Jim was recognized with the first Fairhill Lifelong Learner award at the "**It's a Learning Affair**" benefit on Sept. 20, 2008.

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