

# Tom Brackett . . . Making a Difference!

Highlights from the successful aging journey of someone from the Fairhill campus. Someone adapting to change, enjoying relationships, and living life with purpose and joy! Know someone who fits the bill? Email Lydia at [lbohm@fairhillcenter.org](mailto:lbohm@fairhillcenter.org) with your favorite successful ager.



Chance, friendship, and professional experience – plus recognition of Fairhill’s assets – have led Tom Brackett to volunteer as Fairhill’s property and casualty insurance advisor.

Chance and friendship combined to link Tom with former Fairhill President, Jim Wallace. The men are friends of long standing, playing tennis two or three times a week at the Cleveland Racquet Club, in Pepper Pike. Jim’s enthusiasm induced Tom to visit the Center, and to spend time with Dr. Stephanie FallCreek, President/CEO, and with Betsy Cisek, Associate Director of Management Services.

Tom, who was experienced in nonprofit work from volunteering for the Big Brothers of Cleveland and the former Health Hill Hospital of Cleveland, found himself impressed with Stephanie and Betsy. He was also impressed with the campus, so he was moved to put his 40 years of insurance experience to work for Fairhill.

Tom, now 71, earlier specialized in non-profit insurance, with University Circle and the Cleveland Institute of Music as clients. As Betsy Cisek commented, “Tom’s role as an unpaid staff member is a perfect example of how an individual can make a significant contribution to the organization by making a donation of time. A non-profit like Fairhill would not be likely to be able to afford to pay for such valuable advice – Tom’s expertise in the insurance industry adds depth and breadth to the work that I can do as a paid staff member.”

Tom and his wife Margo have two sons, and three grandchildren.

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