

## GREATER EXPECTATIONS

According to the National Center for Health Statistics, the average life expectancy for U.S. babies born in 2007 (the latest year for which statistics are available) is nearly three months longer than those born in 2006. From a much broader perspective, U.S. life expectancy has risen to a new record to nearly 78 years. Interestingly, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention announced last year that U.S. life expectancy had inched above 78 years; however, recent changes in the manner in which they calculate life expectancy caused estimates to shrink below 78 years. The new all-time high life expectancy for U.S. citizens represents a growth of nearly one-and-a-half years in the past decade.

Located in a quiet West Chester neighborhood, Barclay Friends is a Quaker-related, not-for-profit facility that offers outstanding rehabilitation services, including physical, speech, and occupational therapies that help seniors maximize their independence and return home after an injury or surgery. Kanchan Jindal, RN, has successfully completed all requirements for certification by the National Alliance of Wound Care (NAWC). Please call us at 610-696-5211 if you would like to schedule a visit. We are located at 700 N. Franklin Street in West Chester.

P.S. According to the World Health Organization, the United States trails about 30 countries in expected life span.