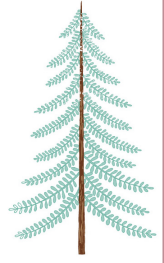




# The VILLAGE VOICE

## NEWS OF WORTHINGTON CHRISTIAN VILLAGE



FEBRUARY 2022



### *Celebrating Our* FAITHFUL & AMAZING EMPLOYEES

It was March of 2020 that the world changed and we started our journey with COVID. Who would have guessed that we would still be fighting this battle almost two years later? It is difficult to try and express how proud we are of our team here at WCV...our very own front-line warriors.

During this time, they have showed up, given the very best of themselves, shared their talents and their love, encouraged each other, and showed back up every-day to take care of some amazing senior adults. We are so thankful for each and every one.

Earlier this year, we took a few days to honor all of our employees. We used an Olympic theme and celebrated their "gold medal" service. Truly what they do each day is an Olympic endeavor...worthy of gold medals all around! While the term "hero" is widely thrown around these days, each one of our dedicated staff is a hero to us.

Part of our celebration included recognizing those who had reached certain employment anniversaries and this year we added a new anniversary category...35 years! Christy Johnson started her journey with Worthington Christian Village on January 16, 1986. The Village welcomed their first residents the day after Thanksgiving in 1985 and Christy joined the team just a few weeks later. She has been here almost since the beginning.

When asked about her time here Christy said, "My greatest joy over the years has been the friendships



A group of some of our amazing employees. They truly make a difference each and every day!



Christy Johnson celebrates 35 years of working at the Village

"I've made with residents. I love talking to them and being able to help them. It really has been a great experience."

Christy is planning on retiring at the end of this year... unless we can talk her into a few more years. Thank you, Christy! Your faithful service has meant so much to so many residents and staff over the years. You are our "long term 35 plus year hero!"



*Thank you!*

A message from Randy Richardson, former CEO/Executive Director as he retires

A little over 24 years ago, I received a call from a member of the Executive Committee of Worthington Christian Village. He told me that the Trustees would like to talk with me about joining the team at WCV. While I had always told God that I would never close a door He was opening for me, I was pretty sure that this was a door that He did not want me to walk through. I was enjoying my work at Mason Christian Village, I was uncertain that I would be in Ohio much longer, and I really was not sure I wanted to work for my Dad!

A couple of weeks later, I met with the Committee and we all agreed to pray about it. A short time later I received an offer to join the team as Assistant Director of Development. Over the next few days, I kept trying to close the door...but as He always does, God clearly let me know that His plan for me involved Worthington Christian Village. Now almost 24 years later, the time has come for me to retire. Where has the time gone?

When I look back on my time at the Village, I am thankful for so many things:

I have met, and my life has been enriched, by so many incredible residents and their families. The folks that call this place home have a way of getting in your heart.

While my title the last 21 years was CEO, I was reminded each day that my job was no more important than any other position. It takes each staff member using their talents to make the Village happen. I have served alongside a skilled team of employees who keep this ministry going 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

I am thankful for our volunteers. No other community our size has the number of people that so freely give of their time and abilities. We are so blessed, and I have been humbled so many times to see what each volunteer contributes. The Village is a



place because of each and every one. I am looking forward to becoming one of those volunteers!

Since before there was a Worthington Christian Village building, there were those who shared their treasure with this ministry. That has continued to this very day. Generous people have kept this important work going and I am so thankful for their heart, vision, and sacrifice.

While my time is coming to a close, I am excited about the future. Patrick Mauger has stepped into this position and I am confident that God has brought him to the Village at just the right time. His heart for senior adults, the spirit in which he ministers, and his understanding of the work of WCV will make a difference as God leads and guides him into this new chapter. The Village is in good hands!

I am most thankful that God is forever faithful! Thank you and God's best blessings to all of you.

Patrick Mauger, Executive Director, Completes CEAL Training

One of the biggest challenges of working in the aging services field is learning about, and keeping up with, all the ever-changing regulations and requirements. Patrick recently took a big step in mastering those by completing the Certified Executive for Assisted Living (CEAL) certification program offered through the Ohio Health Care Association (OHCA) and has passed the NAB (National Association of Long Term Care Administrator Boards) Residential Care/ Assisted Living Administrators Examination to earn the CEAL designation.

CEAL is a comprehensive certification program designed to elevate the skills and professionalism of assisted living administrators in Ohio by providing a national certification along with Ohio's most comprehensive state specific training. The CEAL Training Course is a combination of interactive classroom training, guided self-study and hands-on clinical study. The certification is only awarded after taking both the state and national tests. (Patrick passed both on his first try!)

Congratulations Patrick! We are proud of you.

THE AUXILIARY OF  
WORTHINGTON CHRISTIAN VILLAGE

## *Holiday Craft & Gift Show*

With a room full of vendors, fresh baked goods lining the tables, world-famous vegetable soup on the menu, nuts and candy on the stage, the residents' craft table ready to go, all of the Westerville Christian Church ladies in their spots, books and puzzles carefully arranged, and a whole lot more...the Auxiliary Craft and Gift Show roared back to life.

After cancelling the show last year, and with a whole lot of uncertainty this year, we were so thankful that we were able to host the event once again. Everyone did their very best to follow all COVID protocols, so masks and hand sanitizer were the order of the day.

A special thanks to Erin Thomas, Volunteer Coordinator, for doing a masterful job of organizing the show once again. She also recruited a wonderful crew of volunteers to make sure everything ran smoothly. There were happy shoppers, cherished reunions, and lots of smiles...even under the masks! It was a great day!

The Craft and Gift Show raised more than \$10,000 to go toward the purchase of a new passenger bus for the residents. Thanks one and all for your help and support.



Volunteers from Westerville Christian Church working on their Christmas hand towel display



Resident and volunteer, Jackie Smith volunteering her time at the Resident Craft Table



Resident, Betty Thomas and her daughter doing some shopping



# Having some FUN Even in the age of Covid



Bea Whaley posing for a picture with a former Brutus Buckeye Mascot



Floyd Boshier and Royce Cheeseman at the Annual Christmas Party



Thom and Karen Kent wear their best festive attire at the IL Christmas Party



Residents pose for a group picture after a chair volleyball game! Front Row, left to right: Clara Shroy, Dick Schmuck. Back row, left to right: Howie Ganong, Royce Cheeseman, Luther Dore, Pat Palmer and Dick Gillen



Dick Schmuck getting ready for the chair volleyball game



Linda Arthur enjoying the OSU Tailgate Party where we were visited by a former Brutus Buckeye mascot.



Residents pose for a group picture as they arrive to The Ohio State University Marching Band concert



Bonnie Spears enjoying our Trip to Italy activity



Luther Dore enjoying great company and laughs at the Independent Living Christmas Party



Our Wii Bowling Team showing off their trophy after their win against the Worthington Christian High School Bowling Team



Louise Sheets dresses up for Halloween as a mummy. Walker and all!



# Memorials and Honor Gifts

If you would like to give a memorial or an honor gift for a loved one, and/or special occassion, please send your gift to  
Worthington Christian Village, 165 Highbluffs Blvd., Columbus, Ohio 43235. Thank you!

Gifts though December 31, 2021

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