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The Columbus Blue Jackets hosted a Floor Hockey game with Residents and Preschoolers as part of the Village's Intergenerational Program

By Emily Bird

A large crowd of Independent Living residents decked out in Columbus Blue Jackets apparel and waving red pom-poms lined the multi-purpose room to cheer on The Village's Assisted Living and Health Care Center residents as they engaged in a friendly game of field hockey with a group of preschoolers, former players and staff from the Blue Jackets professional hockey team. The event was a part of the Village's Intergenerational Program for our Health Care Center and Assisted Living residents as well as the Blue Jackets' "Hockey is for Everyone" initiative.

The Intergenerational Program created by Lauren Feyh, the Village's Activity Director, was developed more than a year ago in conjunction with The Ohio State University professors and students from the School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences. The goal of the program is to improve the health and sense of community of older adults and to help change children's perception of seniors.

The Intergenerational Program involves on-site, weekly visits from preschool age children from Kid's Academy, who participate in a variety of hands-on activities with Assisted Living and Health Care Center Residents.

"The program provides new opportunities for engagement, and motivates our residents to remain active with the kids. Some residents with memory decline benefit from these interactions, often times referring back to when they were taking care of their kids growing up, or within their profession," Feyh said. "This allows them to regain a sense of belonging and creates positive memories. A lot of the activities within the program are designed to get both parties active through different opportunities and to support communication in a controlled environment. The majority of the residents enjoy being able to interact with the kids and watch them do activities. One resident is full of energy during the programs and her enthusiasm truly radiates onto everyone else in the room, lifting everyone's spirits."



A preschooler from Kid's Academy practices hitting the ball with former player, RJ Umberger before the floor hockey game.



The Columbus Blue Jackets' Mascot got in on the fun and helps a preschooler score a goal during the floor hockey match.



Blue Jackets Staff (back row, left to right), announcer, Bill Davidge, former player, Jared Boll, Stinger the Mascot, and former player, RJ Umberger pose with residents, Norma Garrett, Bonnie Piestch, and Louis Botha, along with several kids from Kids Academy.

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The Columbus Blue Jackets Intergenerational Floor Hockey Game...

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The idea to include the Blue Jackets in the Village's Intergenerational Program started simply because of Lauren's love for the team. After doing some research she reached out through email and got an enthusiastic response from their marketing team and the effort to set the game in motion began.

"The Columbus Blue Jackets really made the idea come to life and helped to make the day extra special," Feyh said. "It was great to have our Independent residents on the sidelines cheering on our Assisted Living and Health Care Center residents as they played. It really showcases that our whole community is supportive of all our residents, no matter their abilities."

The game was jam-packed with special guests including, Blue Jacket's TV Studio Analyst and Host, Bill Davidge, former players, RJ Umberger and Jared Boll, the Blue Jacket's mascot, Stinger, and Leo Welsh, the Blue Jacket's National Anthem Singer who sang the "Star Spangled Banner" before the much anticipated puck drop.

"My favorite part of the event was when Bill Davidge, one of the announcers from the Blue Jackets introduced all the resident players before the game," Feyh said. "It made the event so fun and special."

The event generated significant attention from local media. Several of our residents were interviewed by television stations and the Columbus Dispatch.

"It truly was an event that most will never forget. Seeing the smiles on everyone's faces and the fun residents had with being interviewed by the media was the best," Feyh said. "Especially the next day when they got to see themselves in the newspaper and on T.V. - it was awesome!"

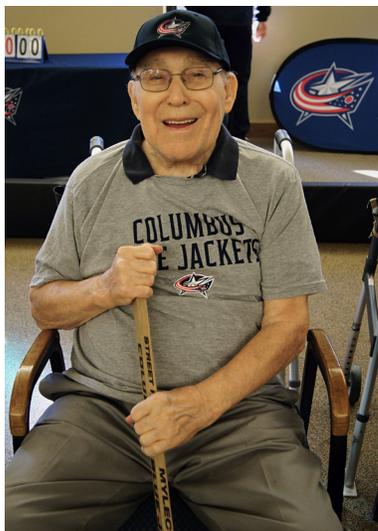
To learn more about the event and to view images and videos that were published by various news outlets, please visit the Village's Facebook page!



Resident, Virginia McCune chats with preschoolers from Kid's Academy prior to the floor hockey game.



Residents, Bonnie Pietsch and Louis Botha being interviewed by WSYX ABC 6 after the event.



Resident, Herman Leidinger, one of the floor hockey players poses moments before the game.



Resident, Creida Lahut cheering on both teams from the sideline.



Pictured left to right: resident Linda Arthur, former CBJ player RJ Umberger, resident Kelley Arthur, and former CBJ player Jared Boll.

Our "All-Star" Volunteers

It was opening day at WVC Ballpark as everyone filled the "stadium" with enthusiastic anticipation of the night that was ahead of them ... it was a baseball themed evening to recognize and say thank you to our wonderful All-Star Volunteers.

In keeping with the up-scale food trend at other ballparks, WCV greeted their All-Stars with a wonderful selection of appetizers including Shrimp Cocktail, Bacon Wrapped Water Chestnuts, Cheese and Crackers, and Mini Corn Dogs (we had to have something to honor the old baseball hotdog tradition). Immediately following a greeting and prayer, dinner was served which included a choice of Potato Crusted Halibut or Beef Short Ribs with Braised Cherries. Only the best for our volunteers!

After dinner, our coach and Volunteer Coordinator, Erin Thomas explained the purpose of the evening; "This is always a special night designed to thank our volunteers. This year's theme was fun to work with. It seemed fitting to showcase all of our All-Star volunteers. You are truly All-Stars in our eyes. There are not enough words to describe how amazed and grateful we are for the dedication, compassion and generosity that you show throughout the year. We are truly blessed to have such wonderful, dedicated, and caring volunteers that give their time and hearts to brighten the lives of our residents and staff. From all of team WCV, we cannot possibly thank you enough for all that you do."



Randy Richardson, CEO and Phyllis Tillet, a long time volunteer share a laugh during the dinner.



AL Activity Director, Scott Heffelfinger helped serve at the event along with other staff.

Erin turned the program over to the "General Manager," Randy Richardson. Randy took a few minutes to recognize the WCV Trustees and everyone was reminded that serving as a Trustee is one of the many volunteer opportunities around the Village. We are incredibly blessed to have a capable and faithful group of All-Star leaders. He also presented the Robert and Mary Cox Annual Award (see article on page 6).



Katie Pawsey, IL Program Coordinator and Volunteer, Earl Picklesimer discuss the popular baseball treat, Cracker Jack prior to the event.

Then it was time for the seventh-inning stretch. Erin asked Earl Picklesimer to lead his fellow All-Stars in a rousing rendition of "Take Me Out to the Ballgame." Erin returned to the mic and brought our attention back to why we all came together. "I read this quote from Maya Angelou and thought it fit perfectly with our theme; 'I've learned that you shouldn't go through life with a catcher's mitt on both hands. You need to be able to throw something back.' You all throw-back kindness every time you come to the Village."

Erin shared that our 250 plus volunteers have given more than 7,120 hours of love and compassion to our residents in the past year. Some of those who gave have been volunteering for 25 ... 30 ... even 35 years! What a blessing! She then thanked the many people who helped put the evening together. It takes a great team of people to put together a successful event and our team is the best!

The highlight of the evening was the presentation of the Volunteer of the Year award. This year the honor went to the Bower Family (see article on page 4).

The evening concluded with a final thank you, a prayer of thanksgiving, and then everyone left with a baseball themed gift bag. It was a very special evening at the WCV Ballpark ... thanks one and all!



Volunteer, Walter Florence throws the "first pitch" and is cheered on by Village activity staff!



And the Volunteer of the Year goes to . . .

One of the highlights of the annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner is the announcement of the recipient of the Volunteer of the Year award. Erin Thomas, our Volunteer Coordinator, shared the following;

“It is such an honor giving this award and I truly wish that I could give out multiple awards as there are so many deserving people. We always try to keep this top secret so that the person receiving the honor will truly be surprised. In this year’s case it is ‘persons.’ These individuals have been volunteering at the Village for many years. Some over 20 years, one over 25 years, and one over 30 years in different areas around the Village. They have helped in so many ways that I know I would never be able to list them all. Let’s just say that you will see more than one family member here most weeks out of the year. I will list some of the volunteer positions they have held: sunshine cart helpers on Assisted Living (AL) and in the Health Care Center (HCC), entertainers for residents on AL and the HCC with music and jokes, 1:1 visits, helped with worship service and playing the piano during worship service, interviewed and wrote the Who’s Who article, leading a ceramics class on Monday, and the list goes on and on. It is a multi-generational volunteer effort, they each have a passion for what they do, they have



The Bower Family poses with their Volunteer of Year Award. Pictured above from left to right; David Bower, Sherrie Bower, Sylvia Bower, Jack Bower, Bill Bower, and Phyllis Bower.

a heart for ministry and the Village, and we can never thank them enough for all of the ways they have impacted the Village and its residents. It is an honor to announce that the winners of this year’s Volunteer of the Year award is the Bower family; Jack, Sylvia, Bill, David, Sherrie, Steven, Jordan, and Bryan.”

Congratulations to the Bower family and thanks for all you do!



Join the Auxiliary!

One of the main Auxiliary fundraisers is our annual membership drive. The best thing about this “membership” is that you are not required to come to any meetings or serve on any committees...it is just a way to help the residents of the Village!

Currently the Auxiliary is raising money to help with the replacement of our passenger bus and wheelchair van. It’s an ambitious goal but the Auxiliary has done it before.

The suggested donations for membership are listed below but you are welcome to give as much as you would like!

Thank you in advance for your support!

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Single Membership \$7.00 _____

Family Membership \$10.00 _____

Number in Family _____

Return form with check made payable to:
WCV Auxiliary
Attn: Betty Clegg
165 Highbluffs Blvd.
Columbus, OH 43235



The Village's Spring Break SCIENCE & SPACE CAMP

A special activity highlight by Katie Pawsey, Program Coordinator

The Village once again enjoyed our annual Spring Break week March 25-29th. Each Spring Break is always themed with music, lectures and food ultimately leading to a whole lot of fun! Some of our themes over the years have included; WCV Summer Camp, Come to the Circus, The 1950's, and Around the World in 30 days. This year's theme was Science & Space Camp.

The week kicked off on Monday with The Neil Armstrong Air & Space Museum doing a presentation about Neil Armstrong's wild ride on Gemini 8. Residents got to hear how close to a fatal disaster Gemini 8 really was and how it was also a very important stepping stone on getting man to the moon.

Tuesday we had Dr. Dale Gnidovec, the Curator at the Orton Geological Museum located at The Ohio State University, come talk to us about Dinosaurs. We learned the progression of how dinosaurs came to be, the differences in dinosaur species, explored different dinosaur fossils around the world, and lastly, future changes of paleontology.

Wednesday- Popcorn & Movie: In the Shadow of the Moon. This movie gave our residents an in-depth background of how the first trip to the moon occurred. It revealed behind the scenes interviews of the astronauts, clips of space, as well as personal backgrounds of the people that made the landing happen.



Vivian Hart getting ready to launch the rocket she made at our COSI event



Resident Creida Lahut and volunteer, Jean Williamson, work together to built a paper rocket.



The Village's Activity Team poses in their self-made Spring Break shirts. From left to right, Katie Pawsey, Kat Nielson-Mayer, Lauren Feyh, and Scott Heffelfinger.



COSI on Wheels team members use residents to help demonstrate the size of planets.

Thursday the activity staff provided crazy Science experiments for the residents to watch and partake in. Such experiments included the following: Mentos and Coke experiment, how to make a cloud, milk and dish soap experiment, and the vinegar and egg experiment. This gave our residents an opportunity to learn about different reactions, make hypotheses, and just have fun! Residents were also able to taste test different space foods (space ice cream sandwiches and Tang).

Friday we had COSI on wheels leading an Astronomy Academy. The Residents got to create & launch paper rockets across the MPR & got to visualize the size and distance of each planet.

The kitchen staff provided a fun themed meal one night for all to enjoy. It consisted of a Moon Rock Pocket, Space Invaders Meat Sauce Spaghetti, DNA Pasta Salad & an Alien Jelly Filled Donut.

Camp may never be the same!

THE 31st ANNUAL ROBERT AND MARY COX AWARD

One of the highlights of our Annual Volunteer Dinner is the presentation of the Robert and Mary Cox Award. This award was established in 1989 when a plaque was given to Robert and Mary to commemorate their service. Today it is presented to an individual who has selflessly given of their time, talents and resources to strengthen the work of Worthington Christian Village. This year the honor went to Joyce Lewis.

Joyce has been involved with Worthington Christian Village from before the building was built. She helped with the early fundraising efforts and then was involved with the Auxiliary when it was formed after Worthington Christian Village opened. She continues to serve as the Treasurer of the Auxiliary to this day.

We had a hard time catching up with Joyce to present her with this recognition. She, along with her husband

Bob and several members from Worthington Christian Church, were in the Holy Land around the time of the dinner and then several got sick immediately following their trip. We finally connected and were able to present Joyce with her award.



Joyce Lewis with her well-deserved award.

Congratulations Joyce and thank you for your service to Worthington Christian Village!

Memorials and Honor Gifts

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

Gifts through April 30, 2019

Earl Baird

Freda Lindsay

Joanne Bauer

Myrna Aufdenberg

Dee Boden

Victor & Connie DeRose

Anita Dilgard

Debra Duncan

John & Eleanor Ebert

Dianne & Michael Eberts

Pat Fox

Melinda Frank

Mildred Kohn

Creida Lahut

Florence Macklin

Joanne Mangia

Josephine & Teresa

Mangia

Joanne Bauer cont.

Joyce McSwain

Jean Meese

Ruby Schubert

Barbara Strahan

Evelyn Walker

Doc & Peg Burnard

Robert Burnard D.D.S.

Mary Lou Cain

Dee Boden

Anita Dilgard

Ruby Schubert

Rufus Clay

Sally Clay

Richard Collmer

Virginia MacCaughy

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Dee Boden

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Frank Cruz

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Columbus Zoological Park
Association
Terry Gaietto
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Jennifer Fischer
Ruth Greco
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Julie Keefer
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Beth McHugh
John & Olga Olach
Mary Ann Petro
Kerry Razor
Gary & Donna Smith
Connor, Evan, & Reece
Yakubov

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Paul Yakubov
Steven & Tracey Yakubov

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Dee Boden
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Please join us on the lawn for some wonderful music, refreshments, and fellowship!



July 22nd | Monday

Dublin Concert Band

August 27th | Tuesday

Greater Columbus Concert Band



Each evening ice cream is available on the patio starting at 6:30p.m. The concert follows at 7:00p.m. It is always an enjoyable event...and it's FREE! Invite your friends and family.

(Don't let the summer heat deter you...the entire seating area is in the shade! In case of rain the concert will be moved to the Multi-Purpose Room.)