

The VILLAGE VOICE

NEWS OF WORTHINGTON CHRISTIAN VILLAGE

MAY 2020

THANK YOU...

TO ALL THOSE WHO GIVE SO MUCH!

During the last few weeks we have seen so many, giving so much. Our front-line employees have showed up each day, dealt with the ever-changing infection control regulations, and have diligently kept our residents and fellow employees safe, fed, clean and protected. Our residents have dealt with “impossible” social restrictions and still managed to keep a

smile on their face while encouraging each other. Our families have faced a difficult time of separation and so many have taken the time to let us know that they want us to “stay the course.” Our volunteers have found creative ways to love and support our residents and staff. Our friends have been faithful in their financial support of our Mission and Purpose, even while dealing with their own challenges. To each and every one, and to those I failed to mention, goes a HUGE THANK YOU! We are so blessed!

While many continue to help, we still hear the question, “What can I do to help?” Financially, there is a unique opportunity coming up that you may want to be a part of. The Columbus Foundation is sponsoring The Big Give on June 10 and 11. Here are the details:

The Big Give is a 25-hour online giving event developed to provide critical support for our area nonprofits during this unprecedented time. The Columbus Foundation, its family of donors, and corporate and community partners have provided \$1 million+ in Bonus Pool funds to help everyone's dollars go further. Every donation received during the 25-hour event will be boosted by Bonus Pool funds on a pro rata basis. In addition, the Foundation will cover all credit card fees, so 100 percent of donations go to participating nonprofits.

Make a donation to support Worthington Christian Village, featured in The Giving Store, beginning on Wednesday, June 10, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. ET, through Thursday, June 11, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. ET. To begin, visit columbus-foundation.org.

Normally there is a fee on any donation made to the Village by credit card. Through this program the Foundation covers the fee plus WCV receives an additional contribution from the “bonus pool.” Your gift is increased!

A link to the Village's Big Give page can be found on our Facebook page or you can visit our website and click on the “Charital Giving” tab. Be sure to make your donation during The Big Give to maximize your gift. As always, we are so thankful for each and every gift, no matter when, how or what form it comes in.

We know we have more challenges ahead of us but are thankful for God's provision each and every day. He is Forever Faithful!



WCV's Award Winning Intergenerational Program

By Emily Bird, Marketing Director

The Village's Intergenerational Program created by Lauren Feyh, Health Care Center Activity Director, along with professors and students from The Ohio State University's School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences, was honored by Ohio State with the 2020 Community Engaged Program Award. The award recognizes outstanding achievement focused on community university partnerships and their impact.

The program, Get WISE (Wellness through Intergenerational Social Engagement) was created to give children the opportunity to interact in fun and engaging ways with older adults to encourage bonds and experiences to help combat stereotypes that children often associate with aging. Get WISE was launched in 2018 as a part of a service learning course led by Jill Clutter, Associate Professor of Health Sciences in the School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences.

Jessica Krok-Schoen, Assistant Professor of Health Sciences in the School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences, was quoted in an on-line article posted on OSU's website as saying, "For the kids, we want to lessen these ageist ideas or these negative connotations of aging and realize that you can have a variety of older adults in your life. Some might be in a wheelchair, some might be hard of hearing, some of them may be kind of grouchy or some might be really engaged with you, but yet there's a variety there and you can understand how aging is different for everybody and then it's not as scary."



Lauren Feyh, Health Care Center Activity Director poses with resident, Herman Leidinger during an arts and craft activity.



Resident, Louis Botha and preschooler doing a guided art project that required one person to have their eyes closed while the other person told them what to do.

A local daycare agreed to participate in the program and over the course of 10 weeks, children ages three to nine visited the Village to participate in a variety of hands-on, interactive activities with residents. Activities ranged from simple but fun arts, crafts, music and food to fun games such as a life-sized Candy Land game, balloon volleyball, and a Hawaiian Luau.

The most exciting event was the Floor Hockey game sponsored by the Columbus Blue Jackets to promote their "Hockey is for Everyone" initiative. A hockey rink was set up in the Village's multi-purpose room and the children and residents engaged in friendly game alongside two former players and other Blue Jacket employees. The event was covered by local media and several residents were interviewed and featured in local news segments and print articles.

While Get WISE was created to help improve perceptions of older adults, it has also made a significant impact on our residents.

"The program has given our residents energy and motivation," Feyh explained. "We have some residents that would regularly decline to engage in anything out of the ordinary because they felt like they couldn't do it, or that they might fail. With the kids being involved, they gain a whole new perspective. It was really cool to see residents come outside of their shell. This has shown how resilient our residents are."

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OUR WONDERFUL VOLUNTEERS

By Erin Thomas, Volunteer Coordinator

It is amazing how much can change in a few short weeks. In early March we were able to share hugs and visit each other without many cares...now visitation is limited, we must maintain a safe distance, and make sure we are wearing a face mask in public settings. The one thing that has not changed during this stressful time is the compassion and kindness of our wonderful volunteers. Now more than ever, our residents need to know that people are thinking about them and sending thoughts and prayers their way. We have truly been overwhelmed by the outpouring of our volunteers wanting to know what they can do to help. Here are some of the ways that our volunteers have been able to show they care from a safe "social distance".

Making face masks for staff and residents; Writing cards to residents; Offering to pick up groceries, medicine, etc. for the residents; Offering to pick up items for the WCV store; Dropping off Cheryl's cookies and candy for residents; Sending e-mails with prayers and well wishes; Putting together the Villager Writer ahead of schedule and adding coloring pages; Donations of word search puzzles for the residents; Donations of books; Delivering cookies and donuts to the residents and staff on AL; Donations of Easter egg decorations for the residents in the HCC; Donations of movies for the residents to watch; Dropping off goodies for the residents; and many offers to help wherever needed.

We have also had several groups working with Lauren Feyh to help in some unique ways to encourage our Health Care and Assisted Living residents.

Sharing Smiles has students from all across the globe writing letters to our residents- pen pal format; Five entertainers are donating time for virtual performances on Facebook Live and Zoom servers; The Ohio State University college of Human and Health Services has been sending virtual messages, cute videos, etc. to share; OSU Glamor Girls have been sending cards and virtual pen pal messages to our residents.

The one constant I have heard from our volunteers is how much the volunteers miss the residents. They keep mentioning how much they can't wait to come back and see all of their friends that they miss so much. The feelings are completely mutual with how much the residents miss the volunteers.

Unfortunately, we had to make the difficult decision to cancel the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner for this year. Due to social distancing restrictions and the safety of our residents and volunteers we know that everyone will understand. We are already looking forward to a big celebration next year!

We cannot thank our volunteers enough for the words of encouragement, prayers, and well wishes. It means the world to us to know that you are all thinking of us. Please know that the Village is not the same without all of our wonderful volunteers helping in so many ways. We are looking forward to your return, but till then, please take care and stay safe.

WE  OUR
VOLUNTEERS





The Village is celebrating our 35th Anniversary this year! Over the years we have faced many successes and our share of challenges...this year has proved to be one of our toughest, as it has for most everyone. We are all weathering the same storm, in different boats. The pandemic has affected us emotionally, physically, and financially. Even with that said, we've never felt more blessed.

We ask that if you or your loved one is looking for senior living, that you please add the Village to your list of places to research. As we continue to walk through this ever-changing time, we look forward to welcoming new residents to our family. We have an exciting move-in incentive coming up that we would love to tell you about. Please call to learn more! We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Independent Living Cottages

A great alternative to purchasing a condo, our Independent Living Cottages offer residents the freedom and privacy of their own home, the added comfort of a secure environment, all the benefits of a social lifestyle, and future access to higher levels of care. Our 24 Colonial style homes are available in three floor plans. Each style includes two bedrooms, two full baths, a spacious kitchen, dining area, great room, utility room, four-season solarium, outdoor patio and a single car garage.



Independent Living Apartments

The Village's Independent Living Apartments are perfect for those who are seeking a lifestyle free from the upkeep and expense of a house and who find comfort and security that comes with living in a complete retirement community.

Residents have the opportunity to participate in a wide variety of programs, meet new people, and make lasting friendships. In addition to many amenities, activities and a comfortable atmosphere, residents also benefit from on-site medical services. The Village offers a variety of one-bedroom apartment styles and spacious studio living options, available now.





Assisted Living Apartments

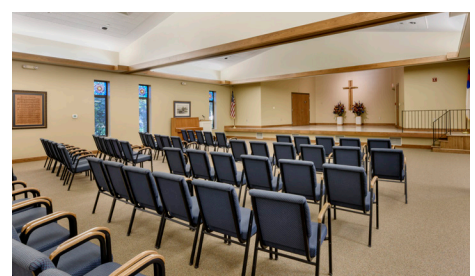
Our Assisted Living Apartments are designed for those who will benefit from 24-hour on-site staff support among the comfort of their favorite furnishings. Assisted Living includes its own nursing staff, lounge, programs, and dining room all in one location. This option offers personalized assistance in activities of daily living ranging from medication management, laundry, housekeeping and meals, to bathing and dressing.

Skilled Nursing and Long-Term Care

Our Health Care Center has an excellent reputation for quality care with staffing numbers that exceed state requirements and staff who exceed expectations. The licensed, state-certified Health Care Center was developed to provide residents in our Independent Living and Assisted Living areas with on-site continuing care. Though our current residents have priority placement, members of the outside community are also welcome to experience the exceptional care and services the Health Care Center provides for rehabilitation, known as skilled nursing care, or long-term residency. We are a Medicare and Medicaid-certified Health Care Center.

Community Amenities

- Programs and activities
- Beauty and barber shop
- Postal services
- Banking services (Heartland Bank)
- Restaurant-style dining room
- Private Dining Room
- Computer lounge
- Fitness room
- Library
- General store
- Scheduled outings
- Medical transportation
- Chapel and Worship services
- Billiards Room
- Putting green
- Gardening plots
- 24-hour security
- Medical Director and other visiting physicians
- Licensed Dietitian
- Licensed Social Workers
- Maintenance
- Housekeeping
- Laundry facilities



Intergenerational Program Award...

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Feyh explained how rewarding it was to watch the relationships form as the weeks progressed, “The kids would come up and high-five our residents, call them by name, and give hugs. It is really cool to watch the relationships grow. It really proves that you can continue to learn things later in life...regardless of your situation, and that friendship can come at any age.”

Lauren’s passion and commitment to improving the lives of residents at the Village has not gone unnoticed.

“I value Lauren and her dedication to improving our residents’ lives by incorporating unique and fun opportunities that other communities don’t have,” Katie Schwed, Administrator at the Village said. “She puts her entire heart into her efforts and we are proud of her accomplishment.

The Get WISE program was awarded \$1,000 as a part of the honor which will be used to further advance Get WISE’s efforts in the future.



Resident, Rosa Whitmere embraces a young girl from the Get WISE program as the child reads her a story.

Congratulations, Lauren! Thank you for all your hard work.

Source: engage.osu.edu/2020



But I don't want to think about it....

I have read several articles recently where doctors dealing with COVID-19 patients named the one thing that they wished all people had. When I tried to come up with my own answer before reading the article, my first thought was “more insurance”...and I was wrong. What they were looking for was Advance Directives; a Living Will and a Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care. These are two necessary documents for people of any age...even if we don’t want to think about it.

This pandemic reminds us all that we do not know what each day is going to bring and we need to be sure we have everything in place to make any situation easier for our family and loved ones. *Please consider completing the following:*

Living Will - Also called a directive to physicians or advance directive, is a document that lets people state their wishes for end-of-life medical care, in case

they become unable to communicate their decisions. It has no power after death.

Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care - A document that lets you name someone else to make decisions about your health care in case you are not able to make those decisions yourself. It gives that person instructions about the kinds of medical treatment you want.

Both of these documents are easy to set up, available online and take just a few minutes to complete. And while you are at it, why not take a moment to make sure your estate plan is complete and up to date. Whether you have a trust or a will, a once-a-year checkup is never a bad idea.

I hope you take a moment to “think about it!” Your family and friends will be forever grateful.

If you have any questions, or need additional information, please do not hesitate contact us.

-Randy Richardson, Executive Dir./CEO



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!

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Celebrating WCV's Care Warriors

The battle has been challenging, but our Care Warriors have showed up ready for the fight everyday. They have negotiated the ever changing regulations with the spirit of a fighter and have been so willing to give of their heart and soul to make sure our residents feel safe, protected, and well cared for.

We want to thank all of our employees for their dedication and hard work during this difficult time!

Thank you!

