



The VILLAGE VOICE

NEWS OF WORTHINGTON CHRISTIAN VILLAGE



October 2019

ROBERT "BOB" RICHARDSON

Forever in our hearts

Bob Richardson, Worthington Christian Village's first Executive Director, passed away on August 13th, after a brief illness. He was 84. We wanted to take a few moments to remember his amazing contribution to this ministry. As we have heard so many times over the past few weeks, "There would be no Village without Bob Richardson."

Bob's journey with WCV began on July 7, 1980. After serving churches in Buford, Ohio, Lynwood, California, and San Bernardino, California, he was called to lead a new and exciting ministry to senior adults. The Trustees at that time told him that they had talked of the LAND, the PLAN, and now they had the MAN. Worthington Christian Church was kind enough to provide space for his first office and the work began in earnest.

Bob wrote a small book entitled, "The Incredible Journey of Worthington Christian Village." His introduction read:

The story I am about to tell you is of a journey....all of this from my own memory with few exceptions. Much of the story will be just about a lot of planning and hard work, but there in this, the mysterious hand of God doing His work...in His way. Through the mundane you will see the miracles that made it all possible.

Whenever he shared about the early days he always made sure to recognize the people he worked with in the leadership of this new ministry, those who gave so freely of their time and resources, and most importantly, the faithfulness of God. Over and over the impossible became possible. He would often say, "If God wants it to happen, it WILL happen!"



Official portrait of Bob Richardson, the Village's first Executive Director

Here are just a few of the stories he shared showing God's provision:

The location of the building

Through the initial research it was discovered that there was a deed restriction saying that we could not build the building within three hundred feet of the Metro Park that is located directly behind the Village. We met with the Metro Park representatives because the two ends of the building would be about two

feet from the line and this was not going to be acceptable to them. They were firmly set against us building that close to the park. We would have to turn the building around and that would present enormous problems.

God provided! Blaine Hunkins, a local attorney, reviewed the deed restrictions and discovered that they had written it backward. They could not build within three hundred feet of our building. It turned out to be correct and we put the building where it is.

HUD

Now let me tell you about three more miracles that took place in the process toward closing out HUD. First, we needed about \$90,000 to \$100,000 for something like "the worst case scenario" and we did not have it. We could use a letter of credit if we could find someone to put up the guarantee. God provided!



"Captain Bob" at a special resident event

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Here comes Miss Dora and Miss Maeme...they put up the resources for the needed guarantee.

Secondly, we were told we had to come up with \$33,000 for nursing and \$133,000 for housing for some reason. I called the attorney for the ladies and asked if they would be willing to give us another letter of credit for the amount of \$166,000. He told me that he would have to check and get back to me. He later called and said they would not be willing to give another letter of credit but asked if we would take cash. God provided!



Groundbreaking on October, 1984. Bob is on the far right.



Worthington Christian Village while under construction. Bob's hardwork and dedication were coming together

The third miracle was the most amazing of all. We were close to closing and the whole team got together at the mortgage company to go over where we were. Even with all we had already been through, deep down most of the people there thought this project was not going to get done. John Mullins, from the mortgage company, looked at me and said "HUD has said you will need about \$820,000 to close. Do you have that much?" He knew we did not and actually we had just

a little over \$30,000 in our account. My answer to John was this, "No we don't but God does. He owns the cattle on a thousand hills." They all looked at me and thought I might have lost my mind. Our closing attorney was there and was looking at all the figures and shaking his head. Needless to say we all went home that evening with much on our hearts and minds. Was this the end of a vision that had come from God?

When I arrived at my office the next morning, the attorney was on the phone and started with these words, "Bob, rather than having to come up with \$820,000 to close you are..." (I knew he was going to say maybe over a million dollars or more) ..."you are not going to have to come up with this large amount but are going to be \$375,000 ahead." HUD had made a mistake in adding up the figures. This was going to save the project!

We called the entire team back together and they all wanted to know what happened. I said, "God held a sale last night and sold some of those cattle on a thousand hills." We were on our way!



Bob Richardson with "Doc" Bernard

And the miracles continued. On November 15, 1985, Bob was handed the keys to the building. The day after Thanksgiving, Worthington Christian Village welcomed our first residents. Since that day, WCV has never closed! Over the next few years Bob oversaw the addition of a Chapel/Multi-Purpose Room and 24 Cottages.

Bob was faithful to God's calling and almost 34 years later, the Village still carries out its mission and purpose... to honor and serve senior adults.

Thank you Bob! In Christ it will never be "good-bye" but simply "see you later." We all can look forward to an eternal reunion one day soon. To God be the Glory!

Recent Village Activities that made us smile

Outside Jam Session

Our Assisted Living and Health Care Center Residents enjoyed an outdoor sing-a-long full of smiles, laughs, dancing, and fellowship on one of our many beautiful summer afternoons!



Lauren Feyh, Heath Care Center Activity Director dances as residents sing along



Residents, Creida and Betty share a lovely greeting when they arrived to the event



Jeannette enjoying some familiar songs



Residents, Dick and Yvonne pose for a picture while enjoying the fun music and refreshments



Roy is all smiles while listening to the music

O-H-I-O

Our residents went “nuts” for Brutus the Buckeye when he made a surprise visit to one of our recent Tailgate Parties!



Residents, Mary Jay and Carolyn were all smiles with Brutus



Brutus and our best resident cheerleader, Joyce



Residents, Dick and Stan take a moment to pose with the famous nut



Worthington Christian Village has been blessed by those who give!

From the very start of the idea of Worthington Christian Village...through construction and grand-opening...during the addition of the Cottages and Chapel...to this very day, God has provided...often in amazing and miraculous ways. So often the need has been met by those who have recognized the value of this ministry, have prayed about how they can help, and then have followed through as God has led and blessed them.

There are many who pray daily for the Village and those who give many hours of service to our residents. What a blessing these folks are and we are so thankful for each and every one.

And there are those who have given to our Benevolent Fund and other special projects that have kept the Village going for more than thirty-three years. Whether the gifts have come through monthly support, bequests, memorials, one-time offerings, to honor an event or individual, large or small, each dollar has impacted the lives of those who Worthington Christian Village has had the honor of serving. Thanks to all who have given so much!

As we approach the end of the year, it is always a good time to consider a gift to your church and other organizations that you love and support. We hope you will prayerfully consider a gift to Worthington Christian Village to honor our senior adults who have sacrificed and given so much.

Here are a few ways in which you can bless the Village financially:

A gift of cash

This is the most common donation as people share a gift of cash or a check. If you are able to itemize your deductions on your tax return, gifts of cash may reduce or eliminate a portion of your tax responsibilities.

Securities

If you have stocks, bonds, or mutual funds that have increased in value, you could consider transferring the securities to the Village. When owned for more than a year, securities used to fund a gift can be deductible for income tax purposes at full fair market value, not at just their original cost. You can also avoid capital gains tax that would be due if the donated securities were sold.

Retirement Accounts

If you are over the age of 70 ½, you may want to consider making certain gifts directly from your traditional or Roth Individual Retirement Account. Giving in this way assures that these funds will never be subject to income or estate taxes. Such transfers can satisfy minimum required distributions.

Other Assets

You may own real estate or certain other properties that could also be good choices for charitable gifts

Future Gifts

Donations that can provide income to you or others, a gift through your will or living trust, gifts of retirement plan assets, and gifts of life insurance are all ways that you can help.

If we can help provide more information on any of these ideas, please don't hesitate to contact Randy Richardson, Executive Director/CEO. As always, we encourage you to check with your accountant, lawyer and/or your trusted financial advisor regarding what form of giving will be the best for you and your family.

Thank you for giving!





Memorials & Honor Gifts

Gifts from September 2019



Joanne Bauer
Patricia Cooper

Corky Benner
Bert & Linda Benner

Helen Berger
Dee Boden
Ann Chizmadia
Jenny & Jim Curtis
Karen Evert
Rex McConahay
Kara Scott

Dick Boden
Dee Boden

Dick Childs
Jeanne Barends
Bob Batterson
Barb Cellar
John & Madolyn
Cook
Bonnie & Mel Coons
Bob & Linda Howe
Ruby Schubert
John Strahan

**Dick & Marcia
Childs**
Alice Ingram

Max Copeland
Ian & Rebecca Baird
Dee Boden
Sally Clay
Kurt Malkoff
Jack & Marilyn
Redden
Ruby Schubert
Carol & Bill
Thompson

**Max & Betty
Copeland**
Hugh & Laurel
Snepp

Nancy Sue Dennis
Ron Dennis

**Patrick & Freda
Dennis**
Ron Dennis

Lucile Egger
Eleanor A. Gibson

Savina Etkorn
Nancy Burner

**Jesse & Frances
Gorman**
Dee Boden

Bob Hildreth
Dee Boden

Mary Kendall
Bert & Linda Benner

June Lowry
Bob Batterson
Dee Boden
Bill & Ruby Burton
Barb Cellar
Sally Clay
Jane Cochran
Martha Lytle
Bob & Joan
McKenzie
Sally Rouault
Bill & Lilah Santo
Ruby Schubert
Brenda Searcy
Hugh & Laurel
Snepp
John Strahan
Dalton Van
Valkenburg
Carol Weiss
Westerville Christian
Church
Sara & W. Philip
White
Phillip Wilson

Mary Nucifera
Donna Daniel
Dave & Kathy
Krupp
Annette (Krupp) &
Jim Ryan
Gene & Norma
Soyer

Peggy Pride
Ben Heskett
Hugh & Laurel
Snepp
Carolyn Yardley

Meredith Richard
Margaret Blanton
Dee Boden
Barb Cellar
John & Madolyn
Cook
Ruby Schubert
Bonnie Spears
John Strahan

Bob Richardson
Bainbridge
Historical
Society
Lou & Judy Ball
Jeanine Bagshaw
Bob Batterson
Emily Bird
Caroline Bloom
Dee Boden
Ginger Brady
Martha Bratton
Robert & Martha
Buchan
Bill & Ruby Burton
Barb Cellar
Sally Clay
Mel & Bonnie Coons
Janice Dempsey
Angie Dever
Robert & Joanne
Duff
Jacqueline & W.
Dean Gardner

Ruth Hanna
Scott Hayes

**Bob Richardson
(cont.)**
Bob & Linda Howe
Bob & Joan
McKenzie
Alice Lynn Neal
Debra & David Neal
Judy & Randy Norris
Carolyn Overturf
Joan & Cliff Purvis
Karen Putnam
Jack & Marilyn
Redden

Randy Richardson
Bill & Lilah Santo
Ruby Schubert
Katie Schwed
Hugh & Laurel
Snepp
Bonnie Spears
John Strahan
Erin Thomas
Carol & Bill
Thompson
Rhonda Troyer
Sylvia Walinski
Sarah Wells
Ann Wenell
Sara & W. Philip
White
Mike Willis

Mary Lee Schwab
Sally Clay
Martha Lytle
Bob & Joan
McKenzie
Ruby Schubert

Olive Stevens
Dee Boden
Cheryl Hogg
Ruby Schubert
Mary

Wetterauer *Digital artwork obtained by Vecteezy.com*

Robert Stone
Sara DeBoer
Barbara Carloni
Sally Page

Johanna Tinnerello
Jeanne Barends
Janet Bauer
Anita Dilgard
Mae Dray
Louise Sheets
Joan Stainer

Phil Williams
Robert & Martha
Buchan
Mel & Bonnie Coons
Brian Gaston
Mary Nucifera

Virginia Wolfel
Sally Blatt

Irene Zimmerman
Caroline Bloom

Auxiliary Bus Fund
Vivian Hart
Westerville Christian
Crusaders Class

**In Honor of Nancy
Sue Dennis**
Ron Dennis



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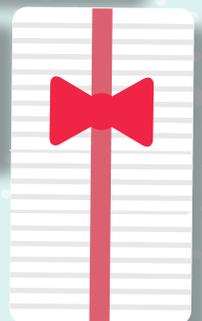
Plan to join us for our Auxiliary's ...

Holiday Craft *and* Gift Show

Saturday, November 2nd

9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

- A wonderful selection of handmade crafts & gifts
Some new vendors this year!
- Delicious Homemade Baked Goods
- Kick-off to our Annual Nuts and Candy Sale
(We are able to accept credit cards for the nut & candy sale)
- Don't forget to visit our Lunch Counter



Invite your friends! As always, there is no charge for admission.

All proceeds from the Holiday Craft and Gift Show will go toward projects to benefit the residents of Worthington Christian Village