

Holiday 2018

# Care Center News

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## Ground Breaking News at Assisted Living



Donors continue to help transform dreams into reality!

Construction has begun on the front entrance of our Assisted Living to help protect our residents from the elements with the addition of a porte-cochere, a new covered entryway.

This canopy will enhance our residents daily lives. We understand and care deeply about their plight, and we intend to keep each person well cared for and comfortable. Our seniors usually need time to transfer into a vehicle. This covering will help relieve stress during inclement weather.

We are hoping our residents will venture into the community all the more!

If all goes as planned, we hope to have this structure completed in mid to late December. We invite you to stop by, visit with one of our residents, and hear for yourself what a difference you are making! We are sincerely grateful for your tremendous support!



First steel columns being placed for porte-cochere

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## Woman of Faith: Cynthia Taylor's Story



Cynthia Taylor, Care Center Resident

If you want to meet someone with strength of the soul, a deep inner strength, you need to meet Cynthia Taylor.

Ms. Cynthia Taylor moved into the Care Center in January 2018 after a major health crisis which changed her entire life. While the stroke and heart attack wreaked havoc with her body, her faith in God remains strong.

"I just want to do God's will, even though sometimes (continued on Page 5)

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## Celebrating a Year of Successes and Planning New Improvements for Our Residents!

This past year we raised \$131,882 to build a porte-cochere. This includes a very brief challenge campaign goal to raise another \$30,000. We exceeded the challenge campaign goal with the help of an anonymous donor who gave a large gift. Many matching gifts of all sizes were received. The added campaign was needed due to cost increases, especially the price of steel.

The porte-cochere will benefit our assisted living folks. **Now, we want to give our Rehab and Care Center residents a Merry Christmas!!** Our next project provides increased resident programming, using a new sound and projection system in our largest dining center.

Our newest project is planned for our annual year-end gift outreach. The previous three-week emergency campaign was inserted when building costs increased for the porte-cochere structure. We only reached out to about 6 percent of our donor-base, but they responded generously.



Jeanne Embry and Carolyn McMichael enjoy their Christmas Candlelight Dinner last year in the nursing home dining room



Doug Edwards  
Director of Philanthropy

The new program being developed will make dramatic use of a much needed new sound and projection system. It will powerfully impact our residents on a daily basis. Things we anticipate it will do include projection of hymns for our worship services and hymn sings (using hymn books is often problematic for our residents). We can offer educational programming with videos and TV. Very importantly, we can offer excellent sound for all of our activities and programming, including music.

### Yes, I want to help care for our residents!

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory/Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_ Credit Card Gift of \$ \_\_\_\_\_. Credit card info:

Please Acknowledge to: \_\_\_\_\_ Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Expires: \_\_\_ Security Code: \_\_\_ Visa \_\_\_ MC \_\_\_ Am Ex \_\_\_ Dis \_\_\_

Enclosed is my cash gift of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to be used for:

I would like information about estate planning and/or planned giving.  Care Center Sound/Projection & Activities Program

I have already remembered Church of Christ Care Center in my will.  Where Most Needed

My company is a gift-matching company.  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Memorial and Honor Gifts from July 17, 2018 through November 7, 2018

***In Loving Memory Of:***

**Tom and Loice Barnett**

Anthony Malta

**Gail Bing**

Megan Mahon

**John Bizovi**

Keith Ingalls  
Marge Knapp

**R. Vernon Boyd**

Alice Boyd

**Russ and Hazel Burman**

Ken and Barb Burman

**Dolly Cox**

Edith Tucker

**William Chittick**

Village of Gaines

**Ken Dearment**

Theresa Dearment

**Mickey Dunn**

Doris Dunn

**Rose Dwyer**

Donna Prince

**Nellie Gondek**

Peter and Christine Hammer  
Wanda Uryga  
Dennis and Jeanne Walkowicz

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**William Palmer**

Beverly Blair

**William Palmer (cont.)**

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Frederick and Barbara Oja  
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Nancy Wallace

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D.J. and Travis Birdwell  
Donna Frost and Family  
Lyle Hancock  
Peg and Tom Holland  
Ireland Family  
Don and Sandra Lorenz  
Mapleton Friends  
Midland Church of Christ  
Chris and Laura Morgan  
Phyllis and Jim Osborne  
Donna Parker  
Barbara Phillips and Family  
David and Joan Phillips  
Jan and Dave Short  
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Gary and Debbie Johnson  
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Jeannette Schiele

**Mary Jean Wilson-Langford**

Mark and Cindy Wilson

**Arbelia Wood**

Delen Houle

**Frank Woloszyk**

Diana Woloszyk

***In Honor Of:***

**Linda Bryant**

Donna Prince

**Marilyn (Muggv) Jones**

Robin Murphy

**Karen McEvoy**

Donna Prince

**Marva Thompson**

Doug and Janet Edwards

**Katie Murphy joins Assisted Living as Wellness Coordinator**



Katie Murphy (left) at an outing with resident, Mary Verschueren

Katie Murphy has joined Church of Christ Assisted Living as our Wellness Coordinator. Katie develops and coordinates the fitness and wellness department, including daily physical activities, wellness activities, and cognitive activities.

Katie is a qualified health and fitness professional and holds a Bachelor of Science in Exercise Science (Pre-Physical Therapy) from Samford University, Master of Science in Exercise Science from Oakland University, and is a

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## 2018 Steak & Corn Roast and Golf Classic

Devin Scillian, NBC News Anchor, gave an outstanding “Touch of Country” music performance at our Steak and Corn Roast in August for more than 265 donors! Then, we had 109 golfers supporting our Golf Classic in September! These two events raised more than \$24,000 for the new Assisted Living porte-cochere—all while having a great time!



### Katie Murphy (continued from Page 3)

National Academy of Sports Medicine Certified Personal Trainer.

Before joining Church of Christ Assisted Living, Katie worked for four years for a diverse range of organizations, including corporate fitness and wellness, sport performance coaching, and instructing a multitude of fitness classes. Katie specializes in creating and leading fitness and wellness programs and has successfully served a range of clients, including corporate professionals, the general adult population, and high school athletes.

Katie helps our residents enhance their physical and cognitive fitness abilities by offering a wide range of programs and services, from daily exercise classes, nutrition services, and cognitive exercises. Katie says, “I am passionate about the possibilities this program can offer our residents, and I look forward to helping our residents stay active and healthy!”



#### Assisted Living Donation Items Needed:

- Rocking Chair(s)
- Jewelry
- Photo Boxes
- Nursery Furniture (ex. Changing Table)
- Lifesize Baby Dolls / Clothing
- Baby Bottles
- Board Games
- Large Piece Puzzles
- Movies – DVD or VHS
- Books – Adult and Children
- Exercise Equipment – Resistance Bands, Hand Weights, Stability Balls, Ankle Weights
- Nintendo Wii, Remotes, and Games
- Musical Instruments – Tambourines, Maracas, Kazoos
- Record Player and Albums
- Office Furniture – Desk, Chair, Typewriter, Paper, Order Sheets, Checks, Checkbooks, Calendar/Planner
- Backyard Games

## Woman of Faith (continued from Page 1)



Cynthia Taylor,  
Care Center Resident

I do not understand why some things happen, “ says Ms. Cynthia.

Ms. Cynthia has been a believer in Jesus for as long as she can remember. She was born and raised in the Baptist faith, but more recently belongs to the Church of God in Christ in Mt. Clemens.

She claims that she does not know where she would be without her faith in God. Life can be a difficult journey, and she says her faith helps to keep her strong... even though she explains that she cries out to God as well. She says that God does not mind when she cries out to Him in distress because she gives herself fully.

Her career lent itself to caring for others as she was a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) for 25 years. She is a proud mother of two boys and six grandchildren. She loves to share about her family.

Ms. Cynthia believes in the power of prayer and diligently asks for prayers. Please join us in praying for not only Ms. Cynthia, but all of our beloved residents and staff. They are an inspiration.

**“... my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge...” Psalm 18:2**

## Emergency Preparedness

As part of being ready for any conceivable emergency, the State of Michigan has mandated emergency drills in which all senior living facilities must participate.

Therefore, on a beautiful August day, the Care Center conducted a planned “full evacuation drill.” This was the first full evacuation drill of its kind that the Clinton Township Fire and Police departments were asked be a part of. They assisted and learned how an evacuation drill of all residents, staff, and visitors might occur.



Our Director of Emergency Management, Joyce Kayser, along with her team planned and worked diligently to ensure residents were safe, at ease, and comfortable during this drill—even having a hydration station and snacks outside waiting for them. Joyce said, “This could not have gone any better. All of our residents remained calm and mostly unbothered—they just wanted some ice cream! I am proud of our employees for handling a task of this magnitude with such competence.”

The entire building was considered empty in 18 minutes, which is faster than we could have expected. The Fire Inspector and Administrator did a final “walk-through,” then everyone was allowed to re-enter.

While we continue to learn and grow, resident safety remains at the forefront of our mission.



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## Church of Christ Care Center—**Holiday 2018**

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## Free Caregiver Support Group

▶ **When:** 2nd Tuesday of Every Month    ▶ **Time:** 5:00 p.m. — 6:30 p.m.

▶ **Location:** Church of Christ Assisted Living, 23621 15 Mile Rd, Clinton Township

▶ **Facilitator:** Faye LaPorte, CDP from the Alzheimer's Association

▶ **Facilitator Contact:** 586-292-9881

Alzheimer's Association caregiver support groups, conducted by trained facilitators, are a safe space for friends of persons with dementia to build a support system with people who understand. It allows participants to exchange practical information on challenges and possible solutions, talk through ways of coping, as well as learn about community resources. Everyone is welcome!

