



# REFLECTIONS

AUTUMN 2006

Volume 28 Number 2



**Willow Brook  
Christian Communities**  
100 Willow Brook Way South  
Delaware, Ohio 43015  
740-369-0048

*Delaware, Ohio*

**Willow Brook  
Christian Village**  
100 Willow Brook Way South  
Delaware, Ohio 43015  
740-369-0048

- Independent Homes & Apartments
- The Centrum Assisted Living
- Passages Alzheimer's Care
- Cherith Skilled Nursing Care & Rehabilitation Center
- Heritage Day Health Center Adult Day Care
- The Courtyard Restaurant

**Willow Brook  
Christian Village  
at Delaware Run**  
25 Delaware Crossing East  
Delaware, Ohio 43015  
740-201-5640

Twin-single Homes & Apartments

*Worthington, Ohio*

**Willow Brook  
Christian Home**  
55 Lazelle Road  
Columbus, Ohio 43235  
614-885-3300

- Skilled Nursing & Rehabilitation
- Assisted Living
- The Grapevine Grill

[www.willow-brook.org](http://www.willow-brook.org)

## We're Number 2 . . . and proud of it!



*CEO Larry Harris and son Stephen serve tropical fruit kabobs and grilled lemongrass-marinated shrimp with sticky rice cooked in coconut milk and topped with mango chutney to impressed patrons of the Chamber of Commerce's Taste of Worthington event in July.*

A few weeks ago the Worthington Chamber of Commerce polled the folks who attended the Taste of Worthington food festival on a Friday night to find out which of the dozens of entrees and appetizers they had to choose from tasted the best. And Willow Brook Christian Home came in at second place in both categories!

Why are we so proud? First, because nursing homes and assisted living centers are not the first places you'd think of for good food. Of course, our residents at both Willow Brook Christian Home and Willow Brook Christian Village would be quick to point out that our chefs are second to none and that their dining room is more like fine dining than most local restaurants.

And second, we beat out some of the best restaurants in town! What does that tell you? People who live at Willow Brook eat very well.

## Rally

**Thursday, September 28  
2:00 p.m.**

**Willow Brook at Delaware Run**  
*north side of US36/W. William St,  
Delaware, Ohio  
a mile west of town*

# The Brightest Star in My Sky

by Larry Harris, CEO

One of my guiding stars went dark this summer. Biblical scholar, author, Civil Rights icon, and long-time Village resident, Everett Tilson, died a few weeks after he was diagnosed with cancer. He was 83. He was my mentor.

For the past six years, Everett and his wife, Mary, had lived in a home at our Willow Brook Christian Village. Mary now lives on with us in one of our healthcare facilities.

In those six years, I spent hours in Everett's living room or at his table. I always sat in a chair, but I was metaphorically at his feet. Tell me your stories, Everett. Instruct me, lead me, inspire me. Impart to me what you have come to learn about social ills and injustices.

Early on in life, Everett took up the cause of civil rights for American blacks who, since the Emancipation Proclamation in 1863, had been crushed under the heel of racism. He felt shame for a society that proclaimed "liberty and justice for all," and yet had closed out an entire race of people.

In the early 1960s, Everett was instrumental in starting the sit-in movement in Nashville, as he and other dissidents worked to break the back of segregation in America. In fact, he resigned his teaching position at Vanderbilt University partly to protest the expulsion of a black student leader of those sit-ins.

Everett was arrested and sat two nights in a Mississippi jail for attempting to integrate a Methodist church in Jackson. He marched with Martin Luther King, Jr., and thousands of others from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama. That night while on his way back to Ohio, he was chased out of Dixie by a carload of good old boys from the Ku Klux Klan.

I have never known anyone who was willing to lay down his life for a righteous cause. Everett was, and maybe nearly did that night.

I sought opportunities to bring my two sons into his light.



Lunches, dinners, jaunts with him to lectures at Ohio State. I wanted them to come to know a man who was driven by principle — a living, breathing maker of history.

Larry Harris, CEO  
Contact Larry on-line at  
[larryharris@willow-brook.org](mailto:larryharris@willow-brook.org)

Indeed, you can find his name in books that chronicle the history of the American Civil Rights movement.

Yet, Dr. Tilson was not universally loved, for his judgments were harsh, and he seemed not to care that he offended some who did not share his views. Such, though, is the way for a principled prophet who had made a difference.

This spring, a nagging pain in his back was diagnosed as a cancerous tumor. He endured weeks of radiation treatments in a Columbus hospital before he was transferred to our Columbus nursing home one Saturday in late June. Monday evening after his move, I arrived home from work and told Janet that I hadn't seen Everett since his admission three days before. I'm stationed at one of our other facilities up the road and simply had not found time to drop by. I felt a burden to see him, so after dinner I drove to the Home and sat with him for the better part of an hour. He was mostly quiet, and there were long intervals of silence. As I rose to leave, I told him how much I admired him, and how grateful I was for all he had done for so many.

Out in the hall, I called an impromptu meeting with the nurses and aides who were on duty that night. I told them that they had no idea who was lying in the bed behind that door. I gave them a 120-second overview of his life's work.

Among seven staff members that night were three black aides. I looked directly at them, moving my eyes from face to face, and said, "You don't have to ride in the back of the bus today because of the sacrifice of that man and his fellow activists 40 years ago. He put his life on the line so you could live free."

As I turned to leave, all of them slipped quietly into his room. I don't know what was said, or if any words at all were exchanged.

When I arrived home, I told Janet that I didn't think Everett was going to make it. Next morning word came that he had died.

Ancient sailors set their course on the open sea by fixing on the stars. Sure, predictable, unchanging lights in the sky guided them to far-away ports. Those stars made the difference between purposeful sailing and mindless drifting. The brightest star in my sky has been extinguished, and my nights are now a little darker.

A few precious stars still dot my sky, but none are so bright and steady as Everett Tilson.



*Five nurse aides at Willow Brook became nurses when they received their LPN degrees from Tri-Rivers Career Center in Marion, Ohio, this summer. Pictured clockwise (starting at one o'clock) are Amelia Fickle, Cora Metz, Heather Husted, Christina Hutalski, and Michiko Thompson.*



*The Village's Cherith nursing center welcomed four European nursing students who were studying American elder health care delivery compared to European systems. Pictured left to right are Rosin Sheahan (Ireland) with resident Kay Hilborn, Elizabeth Leitch (Ireland), Malin Ingesson (Sweden), resident Millie Cornwell, and Frida Rudberg (Sweden).*

*The chef team at Willow Brook Christian Home wowed Worthington Chamber of Commerce members at the Business After Hours in July, two weeks later took honors in the Taste of Worthington, and two weeks after that conducted a food demonstration for hundreds attending the Young at Heart festival. These guys get all the credit for our Home's growing reputation as a great place to live and eat: Gerard Fons, Javier Alvarez, and Michael Meechan.*



*Margaret Beard has received fourth, third, and second place ribbons in the AOPHA art and writing contest, and she has a special place reserved for next year, when she plans to take home the first prize in the prose writing category. "I can hardly wait to get started on it; I have it all planned out," says the 91-year-old resident of The Centrum assisted living center. A published author, Mrs. Beard said it took her two years to write her memoirs, published in 1997 and entitled "Not in this House."*



## Gifts in Honor

### **Marjorie "Margie" Balch**

Mr. & Mrs. Fred Vierow

### **Hazel B. Blose**

Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Blose

Ms. Pamela Blose

### **Katherine "Louise" Clark**

Mr. & Mrs. John Hubbell

### **Ruth M Gardner**

Mr. & Mrs. B. R. Vann

### **Hazel Grooms**

Ms. Rebecca Johnson

### **Mrs. Bonnie K. Jordan**

Mr. & Mrs. Fred Vierow

### **Miriam Lee**

Ms. Constance Whitaker

### **Clara Main**

Ms. Delores Lallathin

### **Helen J. Reppart**

Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Allchin

Ms. Hazel B. Blose

Mr. & Mrs. R. Leroy Bumpus

Mrs. Esther Bunker

Ms. Margery Burkhart

Mrs. Margaret Burks

Dr. & Mrs. Robert Carlton

Mr. & Mrs. Dan Conant

Mr. & Mrs. Robert R. Crosby

Ms. Donna Culler

Mrs. Dora Devers

Ms. Judith L. Earich

Ms. Davie Esau

Mr. & Mrs. Jack Extenkamper

Mrs. Jean Flahive

Ms. Julia Foster

Ms. Charlotte Gallant

Mr. & Mrs. John Gattis

Mrs. Opal Hardin

Mr. James Heinold

Mrs. June Hoyt

Mr. Robert Huffman

Hughes Keenan Foundation

Mr. & Mrs. Harry Humes

Mr. & Mrs. Don Innes

Mr. & Mrs. Robert C. Johnson

Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Lasley

Dr. & Mrs. Ben Lewis

Mrs. Jayne W. MacKay

Mrs. Clara Main

Mrs. Mary Manley

Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Martini

Mr. & Mrs. Herman McHan

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Meyer

Mr. & Mrs. Clayton Miller

Mr. & Mrs. David L Miller

Ms. Alice Morrow

Mr. & Mrs. Ray Nally

Mr. & Mrs. Harold Patrick

Ms. Monterey Patty

Mr. & Mrs. Bill Pittman

Ms. Dorcas Rusk

Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Russell

Ms. Alda Skinner

Mrs. Lois K. Smith

Ms. Wilma Stewart

Mr. C. Everett Tilson

Mr. & Mrs. Fred Vierow

Ms. Pauline M. Way

Mr. & Mrs. George Wellman

Mr. Lawrence Wenger

Willow Brook Staff

Dr. & Mrs. Ed Winter

Mr. & Mrs. Clyde E. Wooley

Ms. Lura Wyatt

Ms. Janet Yoder

### **Sharon Ruby**

Mr. & Mrs. Fred Vierow

### **Marietta Schumann**

Mr. Arthur Tatman

## Gifts in Memory

### **Merrill and Evelyn Baker**

Ms. Caren B. Hiatt

### **Sandy Bauman**

Mrs. Margaret Burks

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Meyer

Mr. & Mrs. Harold Patrick

Ms. Helen J. Reppart

Mr. & Mrs. Clyde E. Wooley

### **Jean Berger**

Mr. & Mrs. Mark Berger

### **Geneva Best**

Dr. Walter Harvey

### **Marie Buchan**

Ms. Donna J. Buchan

### **Florence N. Bumpus**

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Hamler

### **Esther Burch**

Mrs. Margaret Burks

Ms. Helen J. Reppart

Ms. Marilyn Terry

Willow Brook Residents

Advisory Council

### **Barbara Burt**

Ms. June Chandler

### **Guy and Kate Carson**

Ms. Ann Milleson

### **Thelma "Edna" Close**

Mr. & Mrs. Richard Lupton

### **Gary Collins**

Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Sanders

### **Robert & Wilma Craddock**

Mr. & Mrs. Stanton J.

Craddock

Ms. Monterey Patty

### **Homer Daft**

Mr. & Mrs. R.D. Reeder

### **Vivian Davis**

Forest Hill Church of Christ

### **Hicle Estep**

Mr. & Mrs. Roy Estep

### **Ed Flahive**

Ms. Margaret M. Beard

Dr. & Mrs. Robert Carlton

Mr. & Mrs. Michael England

Ms. Davie Esau

Mrs. Jean Flahive

Mrs. Donna French

Mrs. Helen McLin

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Meyer

Mr. & Mrs. Harold Patrick

Ms. Helen J. Reppart

Mr. & Mrs. William Rissler

Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Russell

Ms. Alda Skinner

Ms. Marilyn Terry

Mrs. Shirley Wichner

Dr. & Mrs. Ed Winter

Mr. & Mrs. Clyde E Wooley

### **Lloyd Frantz**

Mrs. Cleo Frantz

### **Paul Gallo**

Mr. & Mrs. Oreste Gallo, Jr.

### **Helen Gerhardt**

Mr. James Gerhardt

Mr. Thomas Gerhardt

### **Elizabeth Gibson**

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Fletcher

### **Elsie Goodman**

Mr. Leslie Goodman

## Gifts from

*Gifts honoring a s*

*or memorializing*

*to August*

### **Mary Edwinna Grimes**

Dr. & Mrs. Roger Pickens

### **Ken Hardin**

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Meyer

Ms. Helen J. Reppart

Mrs. Lois K. Smith

### **Betty Heinold**

Mrs. Lois K. Smith

Mr. Lawrence Wenger

### **Ruth Hertel**

Mr. & Mrs. Bud Overton

Mr. & Mrs. Herbert Rusher

### **Bessie Hickenbottom**

Mr. & Mrs. Ernest Hickenbottom

### **Kathleen Higgins**

Anonymous

### **Helen Jefferies**

Mr. & Mrs. Billy Miller

### **Mary Jordan**

Mr. & Mrs. Wesley P.

Jordan

### **Rodney Keeler**

Ms. Helen J. Reppart

Mrs. Lois K. Smith

### **Donald Kelch**

Ms. Doll Kelch

### **George Kelch**

Ms. Doll Kelch

### **Irene Kelch**

Ms. Doll Kelch

### **Roger Kelch**

Ms. Doll Kelch

### **Evelyn Kerr**

Ms. Martha K. Sprout

### **Jean W. Kohan**

Mr. Andrew J. Kohan

### **Paul Landefeld**

Mr. & Mrs. John Hamilton

### **David Lavender**

Mr. & Mrs. Lloyd O'Neal

### **Edith Lavender**

Mr. & Mrs. Lloyd O'Neal

### **Violet R. Lee**

Mr. & Mrs. Harold Patrick

# the Heart

special occasion  
a special person  
10, 2006

**Ruth Lewis**

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Slupe

**Mary Long**

Ms. Helen J. Reppart

**Sandy Lowden**

Mr. & Mrs. James Baumgardner

Mr. & Mrs. Philip Davis

Mr. & Mrs. David A. Day

Mr. Robert Day

Ms. Carol Galupo

Ms. Janet Henry

Mr. & Mrs. John Hickey

**Harold Lowry**

Mr. & Mrs. Glenn W. Barnhart

Mr. & Mrs. John Clay

Mr. & Mrs. David Henry

Ms. Dorothy Rodgers

**Ric MacKay**

Ms. Helen J. Reppart

**Margaret "Midge" McConnell**

Ms. Helen J. Reppart

**William McConnell**

Ms. Helen J. Reppart

**Grace McCoy**

Mr. Jack Witchey

**Arthur McLin**

Mrs. Dora Devers

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Zimmer

**Russell and Mabel Miller**

Mr. & Mrs. Billy Miller

**Lincoln Moore**

Mrs. Thelma Moore

**Marjorie R. Nichols**

Mr. & Mrs. Donald Almendinger

Mr. & Mrs. Charles Kibler

Ms. Allison Moss

Mr. & Mrs. Matt Neville & Boys

Mr. & Mrs. John Neville

Mr. Wesley Neville

Mrs. Marjorie Nichols

**Charles O'Dell**

Mrs. Martha O'Dell

**Wilma Perry**

Ms. Marcia Hanesworth

**Anita Jane Staiger Prince**

Mr. & Mrs. Michael Wade

**Eugene Prince**

Mrs. Maude Prince

**Virginia Smith**

Mr. & Mrs. Stanford Compton

**Guyetta Staggs**

Ms. Susan George

**Guy and Lucy Steele**

Mr. & Mrs. Billy Miller

**Gerald & Doris Stephenson**

Ms. Nancy Swackhamer

**Sam & Bessie Taylor**

Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Smith

**Lorraine Thomas**

Mr. & Mrs. Richard Thomas

**Ona Thompson**

Ms. Pansy Gordon

**John & Mary Nell Tignor**

Mr. & Mrs. Dale Gallogly

**C. Everett Tilson**

Ms. Helen J. Reppart

Mrs. Lois K. Smith

Mr. Lawrence Wenger

**Rose Toth**

Mr. & Mrs. John Toth

**James Trachsel**

Mr. Randall Trachsel

**Charles Watkins**

Mrs. Cleo Frantz

**Hoyt G. Whitney**

Ms. Laura Whitney

**Lura Wyatt**

Elks Club, Partizans Chapter

Mr. & Mrs. Clayton Miller

Mr. & Mrs. Harold Patrick

Ms. Helen J. Reppart

Ms. Dorcas Rusk

Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Russell

Mr. & Mrs. Gene Scarbrough

Mrs. Lois K. Smith

Mr. Lawrence Wenger

Willow Brook Residents

Advisory Council

## Senior Sharing Time:

# Love Joy Peace



Tim Nowlin



Dana Slingluff



Don Treadway

Willow Brook's annual Senior Sharing Time will be held **Tuesday, October 10**, from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm at Willow Brook Christian Village.

Join Christian seniors for a day of spiritual nourishment as ministers Tim Nowlin, from the Marysville Church of Christ in Ohio, Dana Slingluff from the Camden Avenue Church of Christ in Parkersburg, West Virginia, and Don Treadway, from the Gahanna-Jefferson Church of Christ in Gahanna, Ohio, bring messages of love, joy and peace so badly needed in these troubled times.

Call 740-369-0048  
to reserve your place.  
*Lunch will be served.*

# Cuts Threaten Care for Older Adults in Need

by Jim Minehart  
*Chief Development Officer*

**F**or seven out of every ten residents of Willow Brook's skilled nursing centers, Medicaid is more than a government program, it is a Godsend.

The program that helps cover medical bills—including skilled nursing care for seniors without the means to pay—is implementing cuts that will devastate our ability to care for those who need us most, knocking out half a million dollars of income annually.

Medicaid has rarely fully covered the cost of nursing home care to its beneficiaries, but because Willow Brook's mission is to care for those in need, we have welcomed residents on Medicaid and aided our residents whose funds have been exhausted in applying for this program which is jointly funded by the state and federal governments.

Over the past few years we have responded to the challenge to our ministry by analyzing every aspect of our operations to reduce costs without sacrificing care. We have spoken with legislators, and sought new funding sources. But it appears that despite our best efforts, the State of Ohio is planning to eliminate nearly half a million dollars in Medicaid payments to Willow Brook starting this year.

Over the coming months you will be hearing more about the impact of the cuts, and we will encourage you to write to your legislators, contribute to needy resident funds, and to lend your helping hand in any way you can.

To learn what you can do right now, please contact me at our foundation office at 740-368-4633 or e-mail me at [jminehart@willow-brook.org](mailto:jminehart@willow-brook.org). I can give you the names of legislators to write to, or if you would like to make a contribution to help our residents in need, please use the envelope in this newsletter.

Thank you for listening, thank you for caring, and please know that your friendship and financial support are always valued here at Willow Brook.



## Have Golf Cart – will Travel

**D**elaware Run residents Warren and Betty Willke donated a supercharged golf cart for transporting tools, supplies, and equipment and running errands up and down the hills of Willow Brook's newest community. Extra oomph was needed for those inclines that give Delaware Run its uniquely flowing lay of the land. Warren is pictured above putting the pedal to the metal near the welcome center.

**W**illow Brook Christian Village Chef John Lindeboom presents quarterly cooking classes in the Garden Room of Willow Brook Christian Village. In September he will be a featured chef in the Columbus State Community College *Taste of the Future* culinary gala.



*The tree-filled backdrop to these twin-single homes on Delaware Crossing takes advantage of a feature that is a hallmark of Willow Brook communities: love for all of God's creation. While the landscaping is extraordinary, Willow Brook takes great pride in our natural areas. Leaving space for the trees, streams, deer and other wildlife is a priority.*



## ***First Residents are settling in, making Delaware Run Home***

**M**ore and more retirees are moving into the twin-single homes at Delaware Run, and it's beginning to feel like home.

Potluck suppers and informal get-togethers have already taken place, and Delaware Run's first town meeting was held August 17th.

The landscaping is lush and beautiful, construction on the twin-singles is just about completed, and people will continue moving in throughout the fall. Christmas at Delaware Run will be something magical to behold. And with any luck, construction will begin on the Village Square apartments and health center by the end of the year.

With the Village Square will come the Atrium Healthcare Center, Water's Edge Restaurant, parking garage, art studio, library, fitness and wellness centers, corporate offices, and the assisted living center. When completed Delaware Run will be similar in services and appearance to its sister, Willow Brook Christian Village.

### **Join the Rally**

**Thursday, September 28**  
2:00 pm

#### **Willow Brook at Delaware Run**

*north off US 36/West William Street  
Delaware, Ohio*

This is our very first rally held completely on-site at Delaware Run! Join us in celebrating completion of the twin-single homes and the coming of the Village Square apartments and health care center. Refreshments and tours will be offered.

For reservations call 740-201-5640  
or register on-line at  
[www.willow-brook.org](http://www.willow-brook.org)



# Reflections

Nonprofit organization  
U.S. postage paid  
Permit #102  
Delaware, Ohio

## ***Reflections***

is published quarterly by:  
Willow Brook  
Christian Communities  
*Editor: Teri Ryan*

Send change of address to:  
100 Willow Brook Way S.  
Delaware, Ohio 43015

Address service requested

*If you wish to remove your  
name from the Reflections  
mailing list, please contact  
Lynn Zizzo at 740-369-0048.*

## Rogers Golf Outing Raises nearly \$10k



*More than a hundred people gathered at the Willow Run golf course on July 29 for the 19th annual Roy and Eunice Rogers golf outing to benefit needy residents of Willow Brook Christian Home.*

*Golfer Michael Johnson shows a little of his style at left, but it was the team of Greg Hall, Mark Clark, David Clark and Rick Kimbler who went home with the trophies that hot summer afternoon.*

*The event grossed almost ten thousand dollars.*