



# REFLECTIONS

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We are grateful for the many blessings and gifts received through the first eight months of 2007. You have sent more than 1,800 gifts totaling \$204,675. More than \$30,500 has been given to help make up the difference between what Medicaid reimburses Willow Brook and what it actually costs to provide the same care for those without funds as for those who are more fortunate. Gifts specifically directed toward a pulse oximeter, cordless phone system for assisted living, tuition assistance, a new copy machine and restroom renovation have totaled more than \$43,800.

If you're thinking about making a gift before year's end you have many options which can be shaped to fit your individual needs:

- The Willow Brook Foundation accepts VISA and Master Card, and gifts can be made through the Automatic Clearing House by having the bank make a transaction on your behalf.
- Appreciated stock is always a great way to make a stretch gift. You receive a double tax benefit: an income tax reduction for the fair market value for the stock and no tax on the capital gain even though it has never been taxed.
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- The Charitable Gift Annuity is an effective tool for supporting Willow Brook while doing something smart for your retirement income. In exchange for a gift of cash, appreciated securities or real estate, Willow Brook promises to pay you an attractive fixed income for life.

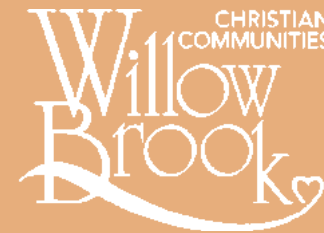
Experience the joy of giving to Willow Brook today by calling Jim Minehart at 740-368-4633 or emailing him at [jminehart@willow-brook.org](mailto:jminehart@willow-brook.org).



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## Phase II Groundbreaking October 18

## Come feel the earth move under your feet!

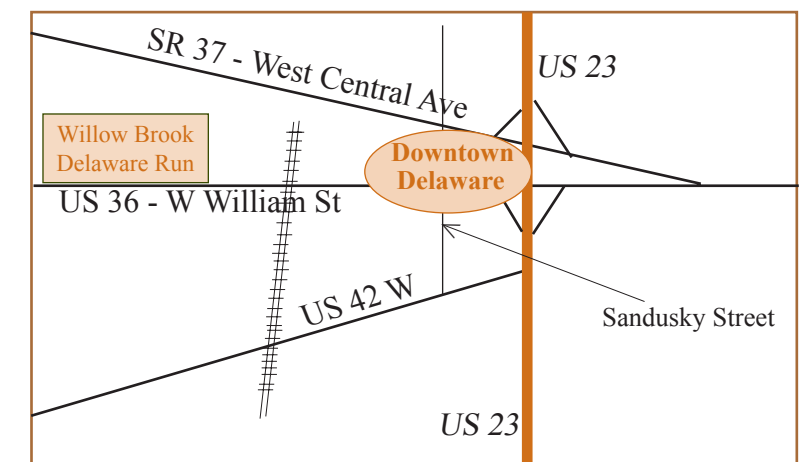
Phase II of Willow Brook at Delaware Run is about to rise beside the pond and along the evergreens off West William Street in Delaware, Ohio.

Soon beautiful apartments designed for seniors will open their doors to retirees who are ready for a simpler life but still want a little breathing room.

Construction on the health care center will also get under way.

You're cordially invited to join us as we break ground at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, October 18. It may be a little noisy - we're too excited to hold the bulldozers back if they're ready to shove dirt around before our event!

But this is so momentous we *have* to celebrate! RSVP and we'll save a muffin for you.



### Willow Brook at Delaware Run

100 Delaware Crossing West  
north side of SR36/W William Street  
1 1/2 mi west of Sandusky Street in Delaware, Ohio

**RSVP 740-201-5640**

Time can bring you down;  
And time can bend your knees.  
Time can break your heart,  
And leave you begging please.  
*Eric Clapton*

## All the Time in the World

by Larry Harris, CEO

ultimate passage to the great  
beyond are not to be found  
in our book of experience.  
So we buy the lie that life is

*Tears in Heaven*

As summer fades, lawn mowers and watermelons are traded for school buses and falling leaves. This is the time for battenning down and gathering in for the approaching winter.

On these chilly evenings of early autumn, the crickets sing of summer's end. They strike up a nightly concert so stirring that Janet and I are compelled sometimes to sit out on our back deck to savor the performance. Our insect choir will chant the season out to the first frost. In blind ignorance, they blissfully serenade a change of seasons that will bring about their own demise. It's one of nature's dirty tricks.

Each chirping creature came to be in the warmth of summer just past, and their little lives will be spent in a single season. They know only of summer and are unacquainted with the inescapable shift to fall. They lack memory and perspective that come with the experiences of a longer life. Soon the frosts of autumn will sneak up on them and bring their world to cold silence. Not one will survive to sing another season.

I am glad they don't know of their impending doom, or their cheerful night songs surely would sink into a dirge.

In a sense, I could argue that you and I are not all that different from the clueless crickets.



We live under the illusion that life as we know it will go on forever. We, too, have lived only in summer, so to speak. Life's winter and the

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without end.

Or, at best, we imagine the end of our days only vaguely in the distant future, so far away as to have no bearing on today's agenda. As the teenager that takes up cigarettes is unbothered by the lung cancer and excruciating death that lie in wait 30 or 40 or 50 years from now – in other words, eternity – so we give little thought to the winter that waits for us. We have all the time in the world.

As we walk through life though, hints of the truth are revealed to us. We bury our pets and our parents, our children grow up and move away, friends leave our circle forever, our faces and bodies pay tribute to the passing years with lines and sags.

“Life's winter  
and the ultimate  
passage to the  
great beyond are  
not to be found in  
our book of experi-  
ence.”

Somewhere stashed on a back shelf in my mind is the sure knowledge that my days will come to an end. But for now, I don't think I will wander back there and embrace that truth. Soon enough I will be forced to. Until then, I will cherish good times with Janet and the kids, and our friends, so long as the times are here to be cherished. Janet and I will sit on our deck in the evenings, engaged in low

conversation punctuated with laughter, and we will welcome the cricket's songs for the seasons they are given to us. I have no desire to retire, so I will serve Willow Brook, doing all that I dearly love – building our ministries, recruiting good people, telling our story, and providing places of peace and comfort for my old friends, so long as the board will have me.

I will live my days with vigor and promise, I will embrace the joys and pleasures that are given me, and I will collect a wonderful bouquet of memories along the way.

After all, I have all the time in the world.

*Last chance to reserve your place:*

## The Good Old Days

Senior Sharing Time

Tuesday, October 9, 2007

9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Willow Brook Christian Village

Delaware, Ohio

*A Day of fellowship with Christian Seniors*

Music – Devotionals – Great Food – Inspiration

### Featured Speakers



**TOM D. BUTTERFIELD** was born and raised in West Virginia, and was graduated from Parkersburg High School. He has studied at West Virginia University, The Ohio State University and Ohio Valley College. A stand-up country comedian on area stages and other venues, Tom served as a minister at the 36th Street Church of Christ in Vienna, WV, for nearly 26 years. He and wife Nina have four children and now live in Sistersville, West Virginia.



**GAVIN G. CORIELL** is a compliance review specialist for the State of Ohio's Department of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities. Gavin received a BA in Psychology from Otterbein College in Westerville, an MS in Education/Social Agency Counseling II with a Clinical Counseling certification from the University of Dayton, and has done post-graduate work in vocational rehabilitation counseling at Ohio University in Athens, Ohio. He has been a Church of Christ minister for the past thirty years and currently worships at the Delaware Church of Christ. Gavin and his family live in Ashley, Ohio.



**THOMAS REPPART** was born near Cadiz, Ohio, and attended Harding University, where he achieved a BA in English and Speech. He earned his MA in Speech Communication and Dramatic Arts in 1966 from Central Michigan University and has done post-graduate work at the University of Missouri, Abilene Christian University, and the Harding Graduate School of Bible and Religion. Reppart has lived in the York, Nebraska, area since 1994, and taught speech communication at York College. He is now Spiritual Life Coordinator at the Epworth Village and is the minister for the Church of Christ in Nelson, Nebraska.

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through September 5, 2007

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our friend Edith Gibson  
Willow Brook Christian Home



The Home's chef and assistant dining services manager Javier Alvarez (left) led Willow Brook's finest: Village chef John Lindeboom, Grapevine Grill chef Augustin Antonio and production cook Jonathan Andersen to bring our Shrimp Durango first place honors in the appetizer division at the Worthington Chamber of Commerce's Taste of Worthington event on July 13.

## Bragging is unseemly, so let's just say we're proud.

On July 13 the folks who attended the Chamber of Commerce's Taste of Worthington food festival voted for their favorite appetizer at the event, and we won!

Not bad for an assisted living center and nursing home, huh? We beat out some of the best restaurants in town to take the honors, and we think a little bragging is in order. But we'll maintain our modesty and just say that we're very proud of the dining provided at Willow Brook.

At the risk of bragging again, people who live at Willow Brook eat very well. Our dining program is a point of pride, and our attention to the quality-of-life details is what you want for someone you love.



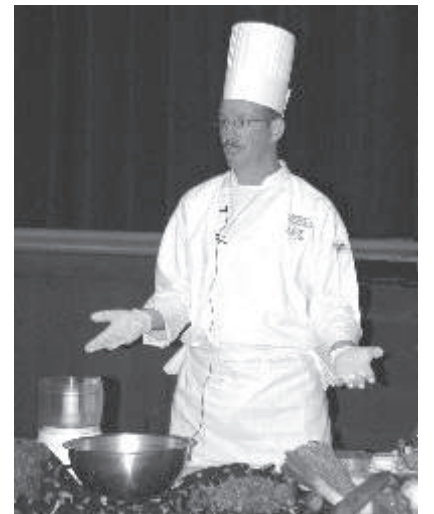
Willow Brook Residents Anne Hall and Jack Buchan were among the crowd admiring one another's poodle skirts, cuffed jeans, and other apparel at Will's Diner this summer. Attendees feasted on hamburgers, coneys, and other fave foods

of the fifties, and then watched Bill Haley & His Commets in the 1956 musical motion picture hit "Rock around the Clock."

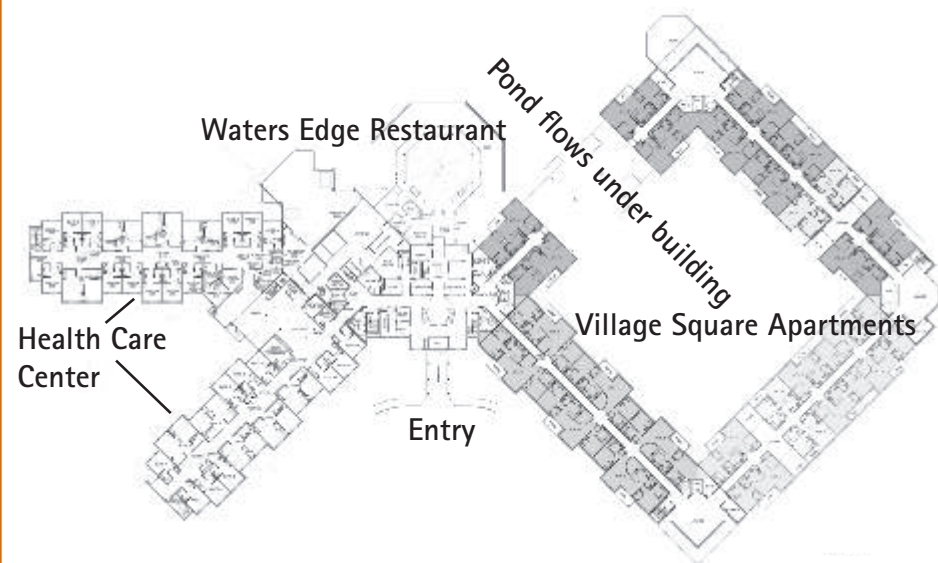


Scott Longo, Deputy Attorney General and assistant chief of the Child and Elder Section of the Ohio Attorney General's office, has been named to the board of trustees of Willow Brook Christian Communities.

Village chef and dining services director John Lindeboom wowed hundreds attending the Young at Heart festival at the Aladdin Shrine Center in Columbus in August with his gazpacho with lobster and avocado demonstration and sampling.







#### Features on campus for you:

full-service restaurant  
billiards table  
computer room  
gardening area  
guest suite  
postal services  
underground parking  
private dining room

beauty salon  
conversation areas  
fishing pond  
gazebo & patios  
library  
bank branch  
meeting rooms  
art studio



## The Village Square at Delaware Run

*Groundbreaking October 18, 2007, occupancy in 2009*

**Extra Value:** Add up the monthly cost of the items below, expenses you expect to pay no matter where you live. They're all included in your apartment's monthly fee, making Willow Brook a cost-effective alternative to maintaining your home:

heat and air conditioning  
building insurance  
association fee  
property taxes  
local telephone service  
water & sewer  
appliance maintenance  
appliance replacement

general home repairs  
monthly housecleaning service  
lawn care  
snow removal  
basic cable TV  
monthly wellness visit with nurse  
fitness center  
trash removal/recycling

*Plus, your monthly fee includes credit for approximately twenty meals in the Water's Edge Restaurant - cook when you feel like it, don't when you don't!*

#### Priceless (and free):

weekly bus trips to grocery  
indoor pets allowed  
nature path  
no tipping  
vision aid/video eye magnifier  
small town living

private party discounts  
medical alert system  
social events  
copier and fax  
friendly & helpful staff  
city conveniences

*Best of all, peace of mind!*

