

## The Power of a Bequest

*W*illow Brook has been the grateful recipient of some generous gifts lately, from the estates of residents and their families, including:

- The naming of the grand staircase at Willow Brook Christian Village in memory of Village residents Clyde and Marguerite Wooley, from their estate. The photos on this page tell the story.
- An addition and expansion of the therapy area of Willow Brook Christian Home, through a gift from two anonymous donors.
- The Garner Garden beside the pond of Willow Brook at Delaware Run, established in memory of



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*The Grand Staircase at Willow Brook Christian Village, named in memory of Clyde and Marguerite Wooley*

# Life Preservers

by Larry Harris, CEO

*For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in . . .*

Jesus of Nazareth  
Matthew 25:35

Some time back I was at the Columbus Convention Center for a two-day conference. I had come together in that cavernous complex with hundreds of colleagues from retirement communities across Ohio to be tutored on the finer points of senior services administration, to catch a bit of reflected light from our coronated superstars, and to learn what frightening measures the government was plotting to make our collective lives even more miserable.

At one point between sessions, I stepped into a restroom – a huge noisy one with thirty or more fixtures to accommodate the large herds that invade at breaks. Out from all the chatter and water sounds there came a call, “Larry Harris, how are you?!”

I turned and met the grinning face of a man who once had worked in one of Willow Brook’s kitchens, a cook I had fired three years before. For good cause, I hasten to add. He clearly held no grudge, for he thrust out his hand in a welcoming gesture. I took it. We shook. We engaged eyes. “How are you, John?” I inquired. (“John” is not his real name.)

He broke eye contact, his smile faded, and he said, “You know, Larry, I always respected you. When you would pass through the kitchen, you always called me by name. I loved working at Willow Brook, and I’m embarrassed to tell you that I am homeless. I’m living at Faith Mission.”

Faith Mission is a homeless shelter a few blocks down the way from where we were standing. God bless those good people running the mission who every night toss life preservers to the ragged lost souls wandering the streets of Columbus. Society’s castoffs who exist at the rough edges



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of life know at least where they can find a hot meal and a roof overhead for the night.

I surmised that John had come into the convention center maybe to use the restroom and get warm.

I felt a touch of guilt to think that perhaps his involuntary separation from his Willow Brook paychecks could have precipitated his present condition. Hands down, the job duty I hate most is when I am forced to fire someone. It never gets easy. I confess that anytime I have terminated someone’s employment – a blow that al-

ways is a last resort – I feel pain knowing that I am wreaking financial havoc in a life. And I know that I am visiting injury upon an abased soul, and likely inducing panic as well.

With no thought, I pulled out my wallet and gave him all that I had on me – two twenties. Forty dollars. As I pressed the bills into his hand, tears filled his eyes and spilled down his face – silent tears that would abide no consolation. I patted his arm anyway. “Be strong, John,” I whispered, paying no mind to the curious-minded conventioners circulating around us.

I then turned and pushed through the door, back to my world of the comfortably employed.

I don’t know why John is homeless and can’t hold a job. Maybe he’s an alcoholic, or an addict. Maybe he’s schizophrenic. Maybe a stepfather abused him when he was five, and he just can’t get over it. I don’t know.

What I do know is that John is a brother, a child of God, a fellow passenger on Starship Earth as we glide in silence together across the cosmos on a path toward our eternal destiny.

And I know also that given an alternate hard turn of fortune, you or I could have been John.

Further, I believe that if Jesus were here in this present age, he wouldn’t be hanging around those of us who have paychecks. You wouldn’t find him in our churches or great halls of political power. He would be at Faith Mission, dishing up meals, embracing the unwashed vagabonds, healing their addictions, and mending their mental afflictions.

God bless you, John. God bless you.



Physical therapy assistant Amber Powelson and Patty Marrah in the sunlit therapy room of Willow Brook Christian Home, funded by two anonymous donors

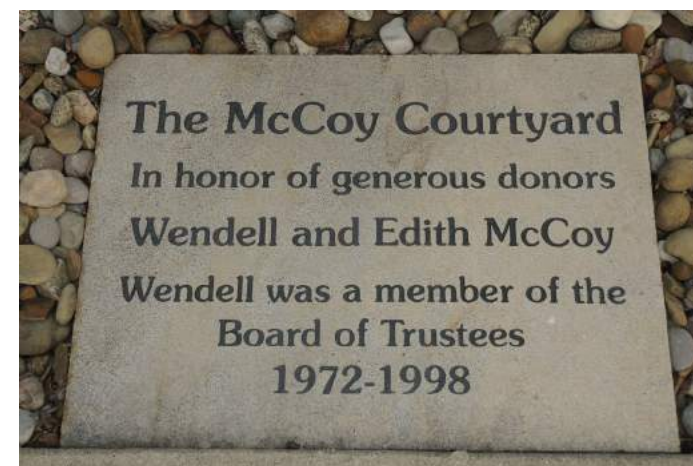
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residents Bonnie and Harvey Garner by their daughter.

- Herbie’s Place, a casual hangout under construction for the residents of Willow Brook Christian Home from the estate of Robert Strigle, brother of longtime Home resident Herb Strigle.
- The McCoy Courtyard at Willow Brook Christian Home, funded by a bequest from the estate of Wendell and Edith McCoy. Wendell was a long time trustee.

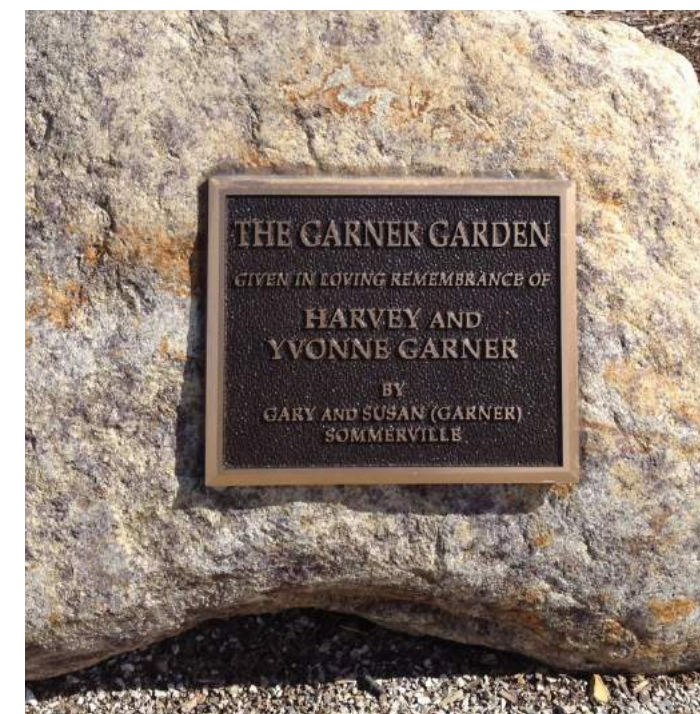
These gifts are thoughtful testaments to those residents who have in their passing shown their appreciation for the meaningful life and enduring friendships they enjoyed in their final home.



The estate of Wendell and Edith McCoy funded the creation of The McCoy Courtyard at Willow Brook Christian Home.

Bequests and major gifts have been essential to Willow Brook’s success over the years. Please remember Willow Brook in your will, or consider a major gift of cash, stock, or real estate. Your gift can be used in various ways to further our mission of service to older adults:

- Designate funds for a specific project.
- Support our program of charitable assistance for those who lack the means to pay.
- Support our Church of Christ Ministers’ Fund to offset costs for retired preachers who wish to come to Willow Brook.
- Consider a naming opportunity, by giving unrestricted funds to be used where we see the greatest need.



The Garner Garden of Willow Brook at Delaware Run, named for former residents Harvey and Yvonne Garner.

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*The photo on this page is in memory of Ella King, 100, a longtime resident of Willow Brook Christian Village who died in 2014.*

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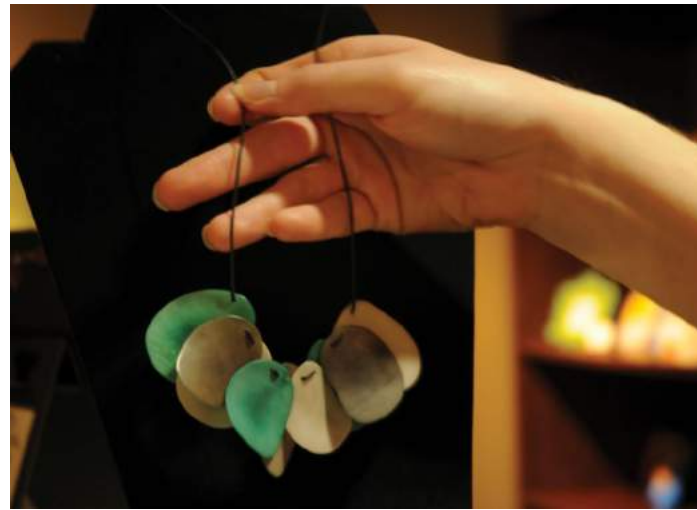
# Willow Brook

by Coe Huckabee

with apologies to Lerner and Loewe and lyric alterations

*A law was made a distant moon ago here  
 July and August cannot make you cook,  
 And there's a legal limit to the snow here  
 In Willow Brook,  
 The winter is forbidden 'till December  
 And exits March the second by the book,  
 By order summer lingers through September  
 In Willow Brook,  
 Willow Brook, Willow Brook, I know it  
 sounds a bit bizarre.  
 But in Willow Brook, Willow Brook,  
 That's how conditions are.  
 The rain may never fall till after sundown.  
 By eight the morning fog must disappear.  
 No matter where you look,  
 There's not a better nook  
 For happily ever-aftering than here  
 In Willow Brook,  
 Willow Brook, Willow Brook,  
 I know it gives a person pause,  
 But in Willow Brook, Willow Brook,  
 Those are the legal laws.  
 The snow may never slush upon the hillside.  
 By nine P.M. the moonlight must appear  
 No matter where you look,  
 There's not a better nook  
 For happily ever-aftering  
 than here  
 In Willow Brook!*

Coe Huckabee is a resident of Willow Brook Christian Village



This necklace is made from South American tagua nuts and is sold in the Market at Cafe 100 at Delaware Run.

Willow Brook and Global Village Collection:

## A Partnership that Saves People, Land, and Elephants

Willow Brook supports fair trade and The Global Village Collection in Delaware, Ohio. Global Village is a sister not-for-profit organization with an honorable mission to provide education for children, employment at a living wage for their parents, and sustainable commerce for communities. Last year, after a successful fundraising event on their behalf, we began carrying their fair trade products in our newly-opened Market at Cafe 100. Global Village is our source for the jewelry, purses, accessories and other gift items in the Market.

Tagua is an ivory-like nut that is harvested from palm trees indigenous to the South American countryside. It can be cut, colored, beaded, and engraved. Beautiful jewelry is created from tagua, and we have several examples in the market.

Because of its similarity to ivory, purchasing tagua helps to discourage poaching, thereby reducing the slaughter of elephants. Demand for the hand-crafted tagua beads provides jobs for farmers and artisans, and tagua products encourage the growth and maintenance of the tagua palm, which promotes reforestation.

What fun – to provide a service for residents and guests, to practice good stewardship of Mother Earth, and to support fair trade, all the while saving elephants!



Ed & Janet Schwab

Joy Lackey is a care aide in Willow Brook at Delaware Run. While stationed in the memory care center she saw family members struggle to remain connected with loved ones whose personalities were being destroyed by dementia.

Impressed by the love the Schwabs shared during Janet's daily visits to husband Ed, Joy was inspired to compose the poem at right. Janet lives in a Delaware Run home; Ed died last year.

## True Love

*He touched her hand and held it tight  
 Kissed her in the fading light  
 Brushed a hair back from her face  
 Pulled her close in his embrace.*

*Their days of youth flew like a blur  
 As he said how much he loved her.*

*She touched his hand and pulled him up straight  
 Spoon-fed him from his dinner plate  
 Brushed his teeth and combed his hair  
 Kissed and winced at his blank stare.*

*A disease had taken much from them  
 but she shows how much she loves him.*

by care aide Joy Lackey,  
on observing Janet  
and the late Ed Schwab



## Willow Brook Christian Communities

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## Second Mile Award Recipients Named



Drema Wells



Rosemary Jones



Fay Kanode

Every year Willow Brook honors one staff member from each campus with the Second Mile Award for providing exceptional care and service. Nominated by residents, families and staff, the new honorees, whose names are inscribed on plaques in the lobbies, are:

- Drema Wells, nursing assistant at Willow Brook Christian Home,
- Rosemary Jones, memory care nurse at Delaware Run, and
- Fay Kanode, Courtyard server at Willow Brook Christian Village

Their never-wavering love and commitment to the residents they serve make them all most deserving of the honor.

# Reflections

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She is gently touched by sundreams,  
Hands folded to catch and keep  
Memories of rich long years.

*by Marilyn Schroeder, resident  
Willow Brook at Delaware Run*

*Delaware Run Memory Care Resident Nikki Zanetos*