



# REFLECTIONS

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## **Willow Brook Christian Communities**

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*Delaware, Ohio*

## **Willow Brook Christian Village**

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

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- Assisted Living
- The Grapevine Grill

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

## Delaware Run Neighbors Celebrate their First Year as a Community

In May, the residents of Willow Brook at Delaware Run celebrated their first anniversary as a community. So much has happened in the past twelve months!

- ♥ They've gotten organized - a Residents' Council has been formed and volunteers are heading active and productive committees.
- ♥ They've created an active social life, complete with monthly pot-luck dinners, outings, coffee klatches and a men's Bible study group. Not everyone goes to everything, but everything attracts a good number of people.
- ♥ They've gotten artsy. We have some truly talented artists on campus, and our community center on the lower level of the Welcome Center boasts a resident art gallery. So far they have created exhibitions featuring painting, photography and fiber arts.
- ♥ They're getting connected - they go to dinner with friends at Willow Brook Christian Village's Courtyard restaurant, they're joining Delaware civic, cultural and recreational groups, and they are becoming part of the community.

And now they're ready to say "join us!" Don't they look like a welcoming group in the photo below?



*Delaware Run residents gathered on our neighbor's front porch for a group photo after their bimonthly Town Meeting in June. Our neighbors at the Valleyview Evangelical Friends church generously share their meeting rooms until our campus center is built.*

Five-thirty came awfully early the third Saturday morning of April. That was the appointed hour for me to meet six residents of our Willow Brook Christian Village and escort them to Port Columbus airport. All were World War II veterans who were joining up with 32 other vets from Delaware, Ohio, for an Honor Flight to the World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C.

Honor Flight is a charitable organization based in Springfield, Ohio, that is flying aging veterans to the D.C. war monuments free of charge. Founder Earl Morse tells me that he was troubled that World War II veterans had to wait 60 years for their memorial, and that many lacked the financial means or health to get there on their own. So two years ago he started arranging flights for them. Now more than 2,100 have been flown to the nation's capital.

Talking to Earl you pick up a sense of urgency. Sixty vets have died while on waiting lists for his flights. He is scrambling, but time is running out.

As I drove onto the grounds of the darkened Village that morning, flashing lights of red and blue strobed the homes and trees. They were from a half dozen police cruisers and fire trucks parked along the entry drive leading up to our campus center. A cherry picker boom from one of the fire trucks was extended over the road, with a spotlighted American flag hanging from its bucket. Delaware's emergency responders had come out in force that morning to see our vets off.

I parked and walked up to join a cluster of silhouetted figures that were milling about at the campus center entrance. We soon boarded three buses waiting to shuttle us to the airport. A lone police escort led the way, with lights flashing. On my bus, all on-board chatter stopped as we crept under the flag and passed the emergency vehicles with a phalanx of police officers and fire fighters facing us at attention and saluting. Scores of Willow Brook residents and townspeople lining the street cheered and applauded as our vehicles eased out of the Village toward the highway.



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## A Fitting Honor

by Larry Harris, CEO

On the 40-minute drive to the airport, there was banter and ribbing among these comrades cemented by the common experiences of war. Among the Willow Brook six, there was Ray Nally, the flyer who was shot down over Austria behind enemy lines. His parents received the dreaded MIA notice. But he turned up a month later with a smile on his face, having trekked some 200 miles over German-controlled real estate to get back to friendly faces. There was the Navy lieutenant Jim Jackson who picked up survivors from the USS Indianapolis near the end of the Pacific war. Other men on the bus with me that morning had lived horrors I only experience vicariously in my family room while watching "Saving Private Ryan."

In fact, my son, Stephen, and I occasionally share in a ritual where we watch the DVD version of the D-Day invasion at Omaha Beach depicted in the first 20 minutes of that film. The booming speakers of my stereo are to the left and right of my TV. We crank the volume to eight, then watch wide-eyed as American troops are slaughtered in the sand. The windows rattle and I catch each explosion in my chest. The cries of the fallen break my heart. This is the closest I have ever been to combat, thank God, and I remind myself that these are only actors. No one was hurt and no one was killed as the cameras rolled.

The men on the bus with me that Saturday morning at daybreak knew the real thing. Most won't talk much about their experiences, but it is clear that the war is the watershed of their lives.

Janet and I had a wedding to attend that Saturday, so I was able to ride with the boys only to Port Columbus. As we were pulling into the terminal, I made my way to the front of the bus and told them that I was proud of them and all they had done. I thanked them, then wished them a good flight.

I am told that on the plane a flight attendant announced that the vets were on board. The other passengers applauded. In the Baltimore airport, Southwest Airlines passed word that the vets were coming through, and they received standing ovations on the concourse.

A flight to Washington was a fitting honor and scant thanks for these old warriors, these survivors to whom so much is owed. More than six decades ago, they answered their country's call. They are my residents and my friends. They are my heroes.



# GIFTS OF LOVE



*Spring Road Church of Christ members accepted the Gift of Love award for providing Christmas gifts, conducting church services, and in general watching out for their older friends at the Home.*



*More than a dozen Boy Scouts and 5 adult leaders from Troop 348 planted 150 trees at Willow Brook's Delaware Run campus last fall as a community service project, making a significant dent in the 3,000 trees going into the reforestation effort.*



*Dave Edwards pauses in the Village rose garden, where he dedicates untold hours to pruning, nurturing and tending to our rose collection. His care over the past several years earned him and spouse Edna the Village's Gift of Love Award at the annual volunteer appreciation luncheon in April.*



*Members of the Delaware Fire Department await vans of World War II veterans as they depart Willow Brook for a day in Washington, DC, courtesy of the Honor Flight organization. More than just the experience of viewing the war and Iwo Jima memorials, the group received the applause and gratitude of passengers, tourists, and others as their purpose for visiting the nation's capital was made known.*



*Server Bethany Holland took a battered tea cart that once belonged to Cherith resident Bob Allerding's grandmother. She lovingly transformed it into a lovely tea tray that sits in the Village's Garden Room where everyone can enjoy it.*

Gifts were  
made in  
honor of:

# Gifts from the Heart

through June 9, 2007

## Hazel B. Blose

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Darlene M. "Doll" Kelch

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memory of:

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Margery D. Burkhart



*Memorial gifts,  
continued*

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Gene & Terry Martini



*Amanda Thompson, Passages resident at Willow Brook Christian Village, helps her granddaughter Tracey Rousch to transplant lilies from her 30-acre garden in Collinsville, Mississippi. Amanda grew nearly 500 varieties of lilies at one time. On this sunny morning she was concentrating on supervising and aiding in the replanting of a hundred or so to the Passages courtyard, but when Tracey stopped working to answer questions, Amanda interrupted her with the question "are you digging?"*

# The Rogers “retire” their 20-year-old Golf Outing

After 20 years and more than \$130,000 raised, the Eunice and Roy Rogers golf scramble is about to become Willow Brook history.

The annual event was named for organizer Alan Rogers’ parents. Eunice Rogers has been the office manager and receptionist at Willow Brook Christian Home for 25 years and has been the chief cook and volunteer coordinator for the event.

“It’s just time,” says Eunice of their decision to make this year’s event their last. “We have such wonderful memories,” she continued, laughingly recalling exploding ball pranks and one golfer who made a wonderful drive, except that his golf ball landed across the parking lot and into the window of his own parked car.

Why did they do this for two decades? “Because we believe in what Willow Brook is doing,” she answered promptly. “It’s a clean and caring place, it has good food, and it pays its staff a decent salary. We need Willow Brook to be available for those who couldn’t afford us any other way.”



*Roy & Eunice Rogers*



## *20th and Final Roy and Eunice Rogers Golf Scramble*

\$65 per Individual  
\$100 per Corporate Individual

**Package includes:**  
Green fees, cart, lunch,  
prizes, dinner, and  
fellowship

***Saturday,  
July 28, 2007***

**Willow Run Golf Course**  
State Route 310 & Route 161  
Alexandria, Ohio  
Double Shotgun Start

### ***Roy and Eunice Rogers Golf Scramble Registration***

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Names of other players: \_\_\_\_\_

Return form with payment to: **Willow Brook Christian Communities**  
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**Delaware, Ohio 43015**  
**Attn: Lynn Zizzo**  
**or call 740-369-0048**

***All profits benefit Willow Brook Christian Home residents***

# From the Willow Brook Foundation

## Charitable Care Ministry Jeopardized

For more than half of Willow Brook's nursing home residents, Medicaid is not just a government program—it is a Godsend and their only option for the care they need and deserve. Compare the percent of Medicaid recipients here with most senior care facilities and you will understand why Willow Brook must engage in fundraising in a significant way. Medicaid covers only a fraction of the actual cost to provide care, so our Foundation must continuously seek out generous hearts to help make up the shortfall. Even with the help of caring donors, cuts to the Medicaid system in Ohio have dramatically impacted our ability to care for those who need us most. This year alone, Medicaid cuts will mean a loss of nearly half a million dollars at Willow Brook. In the coming months we will share more information with you about how you can help.

## Restricted Gifts Make a Difference

Donors often make gifts restricted for a specific purpose. Just this year Willow Brook has been the grateful recipient of a copy machine, a karaoke sound system, an extra-large wheelchair, a wireless phone system, and restroom renovations, all donated by people who restricted their gifts to specific purposes.

## Tuition Assistance Program

In the Tuition Assistance Program's first two years, ten employees have been awarded more than \$17,000 to pursue additional training in nursing, social work and accounting, and we anticipate needing a total of \$10,000 for tuition assistance in 2007.

CEO Larry Harris reads the inscription on a new marker to Village resident and avid walker Wayne Lloyd. Wayne walks the pathway beside the Commons apartments and the woods every single morning. His vision isn't what it used to be, but every morning his neighbors know they will see him amble down the newly-named The Wayne Lloyd Trail, and Wayne says he plans to continue the morning walk "every day for the rest of my life."



## Charitable Gift Annuities Give and Give Again

A Willow Brook Charitable Gift Annuity provides you with a guaranteed, partially tax-free, life income stream and at the same time provides vital funding for Willow Brook's mission. Donors like the charitable gift annuity because of the capital gain tax savings with appreciated stock, the opportunity to support the ministry of Willow Brook, and the immediate income tax savings through a charitable contribution deduction.

Talk to your financial advisor or the Foundation office for more information.

## IRA Charitable Rollover

The IRA charitable rollover provisions of the Pension Protection Act are in effect through December 31, 2007. If you are 70 ½ or older the IRA Charitable rollover allows you to make an outright gift directly from a traditional or Roth IRA of up to \$100,000. If you are interested in making a gift through this vehicle, please contact your investment advisor and ask about the benefits of this IRA rollover.



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## Senior Sharing Time

Tuesday, October 9, 2007

Willow Brook Christian Village  
Delaware, Ohio

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A time of  
inspiration  
and fellowship  
for Christian  
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to be uplifted,  
re-energized,  
and eager to  
go home and  
share.

*buses welcome*



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