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Finishing Touches being Applied to Willow Brook at Delaware Run

Construction workers are racing toward the completion of the Village Square that will house Willow Brook at Delaware Run's apartments and healthcare centers. People who have signed up will be moving into their new apartment homes later this summer.

The Village Square is snuggled around a lake, right in the middle of our 50-acre Willow Brook at Delaware Run campus on West William Street in Delaware. This 157,000 square-foot complex will include apartments, the Water's Edge Restaurant, a library, fitness center, chapel, art studio, and all the other community spaces you expect to

find in a Willow Brook retirement village.

The healthcare centers will start with assisted living and memory care and later expand to include skilled nursing and rehabilitation.

Delaware Run's leadership team is in place, including a genuine French chef. Marc Dillun graduated from the esteemed Ecole Jean Ferrandi in Paris and has extensive experience at restaurants, hotels and resorts around the United States and Mexico. The restaurant itself is something to behold, with the centerpiece of the octagon-shaped restaurant a four-sided stone fireplace. A broad deck overlooking the lake will be perfect for summer dining.

Every so often, life's incessant march of time is punctuated with a day that holds elevated meaning. I'm talking about one of life's mile markers – a wedding, the birth of a child, a parent's funeral. One Sunday in June, Janet and I had a double-shot punctuation day. Two of our three babies – Becky and Stephen – graduated from The Ohio State University.

Late that morning we shuffled into Ohio Stadium as we have on so many football Saturdays. This time we were joined by 65,000 parents, siblings, cousins, grandparents, spouses and friends of 8,165 graduates – the largest graduating class ever of any university in the nation.

As the promenade of students streamed onto the field, it was an impossible assignment to pick our two out of the black-gowned sea of what appeared to be 8,165 Supreme Court justices. If the graduation organizers did nothing else, they succeeded in the imposition of uniformity.

Cell phones saved the day, or, more to the point, served as the enablers of our parental obsession to figure out which two ants down on the field were ours. From the moment they entered the stadium in the processional, we engaged them in frequent phone talk – Becky with Janet, Stephen with me. We would ask them to describe their approximate locations and wave a program or mortar cap. It was cause for minor celebration when we pinpointed one of them. We couldn't keep them in our sights for long, though, so in our compulsive need to keep tabs on them, we punched their numbers again and again. At

one point when Janet slipped down to the concession



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Graduation Day

by Larry Harris, CEO

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stand, I found myself tending both phones, one at each ear.

Graduation day 2009. Three years ago Janet and I feared we might never see this moment for Stephen as we held vigil at his Denver hospital bed. He had skied full throttle into a tree on an Aspen slope. Except for the nuances of fate and some skilled surgeons, OSU might have fielded only 8,164 graduates this spring. But he marched that day before us, claiming his diploma in history and Russian. He now is serving a legislative internship at the Statehouse in Columbus, with the what-could-have-been total disaster in Colorado little more than a distant memory.

Becky, with a *cum laude* degree in nutrition clutched in her hand, is starting a dietetic internship at a Columbus hospital in her quest to become a registered dietician.

That Sunday in June, Janet and I swelled with a parent's pride as we had eight years earlier when our oldest, Ben, also picked up an OSU diploma.

All three of our kids, despite their youth, have cultivated a social conscience. They abhor war and the politics of money. They embrace justice, condemn hypocrisy, and sometimes fail to conceal their annoyance with the willfully ignorant. Sitting high up in the stadium that warm June day, I sent up a silent plea that my children each would contribute something good and worthwhile to the human narrative as they make their way in life.

I know many readers have experienced graduations with children and grandchildren. These ceremonies mark our offspring's final step in the passage from childhood to adulthood. With ours, it seems like only last week we were changing their diapers. Now just look at them. They are setting forth into this big, beautiful world ready to slay dragons.

This is a bittersweet time for Janet and me. We, of course, are proud to see our children succeed and forge on. But we also realize this means they will move even further from our sphere, and that tints our celebration with a trace of sadness.

Harris Watches over his Woodlands and Prairies

CEO Larry Harris is Willow Brook's self-proclaimed tree hugger – and vigilant steward of our own environment.

As he is quick to point out, part of Willow Brook's charm is the trees, birds and wildlife on each of Willow Brook's three campuses. Those elements would not be there without his firm protection.

"Somebody always threatens to cut up and haul away fallen trees and mow down prairie grasses while I'm on vacation," he says. But Harris remains firm.

"The only reason we have this beautiful woods at the Village is because I put my foot down and held it fast," he declares. "We planted 1,500 trees and allowed nature to take its course for a few years before we saw the reward. It's like waiting for a child to outgrow her awkward stage before becoming a beauty.

"We waited, and it is worth that wait. We're doing it again at Delaware Run."

He's right. Take a drive along the streets of our communities and the first thing to strike you

will be the abundance of green you see this time of year – absolutely beautiful.



Dale and Jo Bichsel are able to watch the wildlife in the woods from their shady back deck at Willow Brook Christian Village.



other Village residents

To Honor and Remember

Memorial Contributions

through June 18, 2009

Eugene Bianchi

April L. Rausch

Joseph Biedel

Gayle A. Moe

Hazel B. Blose

Davie Esau

Roger & Cynthia Frasure

Joan Jerome

Helen J. Reppart

Tracy & Jill Shea

J. Vincent Strine

Jacqui Taylor

Megan Taylor

Village Residents

Advisory Council

Mary E. Bossert

Mary Jean Roach

Woodrow Buchanan

Mary L. Waugh

Margaret Burks

Dave & Connie McNeal

Joseph Caudy

Roger & Jane Sagar

Margaret Caudy

Roger & Jane Sagar

Blossom J. Childs

Paul & Lynn Zizzo

Katherine L. Clark

John & Shelly Hubbell

Elsie R. Clendenon

Rickey & Sharon Stanaland

Reynoldsburg Church of Christ

Ray Connor

Mary L. Waugh

Rose P. Coville

Lavetta M. Bryant

April L. Rausch

Beverly S. Russell

Wilma Craddock

Stanton & Jane Craddock

Evelyn M. Culler

Sharon Lloyd & Shannon Lloyd

Herman & Karen McHan

Freida Davies

Dorothy Bukovac

Andy Drozd

Wyman & Shirley Balfour

Joan Fletcher

Karen Fletcher

Lawrence Fletcher

Karen Fletcher

Helen Gerhardt

Johnny & Mari Anne

Schwamberger

Lela J. Goodpaster

Andrew & Audry Carter

David & Rebecca Dirksen

Vickie L. Egbert

Jean N. Kiser

Mr. & Mrs. Larry Verhoff

Janet M. Gordon

Mary Jean Roach

Anne D. Hall

Davie Esau

Lois K. Smith

Eileen M. Stimpert & Family

Audrey & Alberta Harris

Larry & Janet Harris

Robert Herold

Duane & Diane Yothers

Katherine K. Hilborn

James & Sharon Edwards

Doris Jessie

April L. Rausch

Lois J. Johnson

Manuel L. Johnson

Vivian C. Jones

Paul & Lynn Zizzo

Donald Kelch

Darlene M. Kelch

George Kelch

Darlene M. Kelch

Irene Kelch

Darlene M. Kelch

Roger Kelch

Darlene M. Kelch

Paul Landefeld

Geneva Landefeld

Clara Mary Langford

Paul & Lynn Zizzo

Donald Layman

Wyman & Shirley Balfour

Loved Ones

Dora L. Devers

Carol A. Riley

Helen Martini

Eugene & Terry Martini

Jerry Martini

Eugene & Terry Martini

Jane Morris

Sam Morris

Our Mothers

Robert & Martha Slatzer

Alice L. Osborne

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Lavon M. Russell

Mary Jean Roach

Evelyn H. Scott

Sue A. Deibert & Family

Mary Jean Roach

Lona E. Shaw

Marene Kellems

Richard Susi

James & Pauline Kossow

Mary Jean Roach

Ona Thompson

Pansy R. Gordon

Rose Toth

John & Joanne Toth

Tillie Tuttle

David E. Darrah

Robert W. VanSickle

Lois Ann Burau

Jennie Heacock & Family

Wayne & Garnelle Lloyd

Mary Jean Roach

Carmon J. Walker

Virginia M. Walker

Pauline M. Way

Jean Flahive

Charlotte Gallant

Cyrus & Ruth Hay

Hughes-Keenan Foundation

Harry & Mary Jo Humes

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Emerson & Ruth Watson

Dwight W. Way

Max Wildermuth

Jayne W. MacKay

Harry E. Williamson

James & Pauline Kossow

Mary Williamson

James & Pauline Kossow

Blanche Wright

Wyman & Shirley Balfour

Miris Wright

Wyman & Shirley Balfour

Farrow J. Wylie

Eugene & Terry Martini

Margaret R. Wylie

Eugene & Terry Martini

Gifts Honor:

C. Edgar Ames

Marty Ames

Kathleen S. Ames

Marty Ames

Hazel B. Blose

Dennis & Sharon Blose

Larry Harris' 34-year

Anniversary

James & Pauline Kossow

Janet K. Williamson

Connie McNeal

Constance C. Whitaker

Connie McNeal's Second

Mile Award

James & Pauline Kossow

Janet K. Williamson

Betty J. Sauer

John G. Sauer

Resident Harry Humes honored for Service to Veterans



Willow Brook Christian Village resident Harry Humes, received an award this month “in grateful appreciation for faithful and dedicated allegiance to the ideals of the American Legion.”

Mr. Humes has been a continuous member of the American Legion for 60 years. He was presented with the certificate by John R. Smith of the Raymond B. Austin Post 115 in Delaware, Ohio.

Harry was drafted in 1940, before World War II began, and was in Australia when it started. He was stationed at General MacArthur’s headquarters in the Pacific theater during the war, and went to the Pentagon in 1945 as the chief clerk of ordnance.

SAVE THESE DATES

Watch your mailbox for invitations to the festivities celebrating the grand opening of Willow Brook at Delaware Run:

Thursday, October 8 – 4:00 p.m.

Grand opening festivities

Sunday, October 11, – 2:00 p.m.

Dedication and Blessing

Memory Care Executive to Head Delaware Run Healthcare Centers



Heidi Reed

Heidi Reed has not needed to hit the ground running, as most other professionals opening a new healthcare center would need to do. Heidi has already been running on this ground for several years. She is instead, simply transitioning.

Heidi has been the director of Passages, the Alzheimer’s center at Willow Brook Christian Village, for six years. At Delaware Run she will oversee both the assisted living and the memory care centers with the eye of an experienced Willow Brook leader.

Until the healthcare center opens later this summer, Heidi is busy talking to families and the medical community about Delaware Run’s sunny and appealing private rooms, all-inclusive prices, and lovely eating and gathering places that will quickly seem like home to those who come live with us. If you’re considering assisted living or memory care for someone you love, give Heidi a call to arrange a tour. She can be reached at 740-201-5640.

Four Honored for their “Gifts of Love”

Four volunteers received “Gift of Love” awards at Willow Brook’s annual volunteer appreciation reception in April.

Lois Smith, president of the Residents Advisory Council (or RAC) at Willow Brook Christian Village, received the award in recognition of her timely, organized, and efficient leadership. “She is a real lady,” said one nominator, “very gracious and always willing to help, while making meetings shorter and more productive than ever before.”

The honoree from Willow Brook at Delaware Run, John Hay, was appreciated for his “faithful delivery of Willow Brook news and papers in all kinds of weather.” His nominators said he is always willing to give of his time, and it is a “joy to be in his company.”

Pat Jennings and Pam Vest together received Willow Brook Christian Home’s award for the weekly Bible studies they have led for four years. “They care about the residents and bring them treats, having parties for them several times a year, and inviting them to events outside of Willow Brook,” says activities director Lora Detlor.



Executive Director Nicole Ketron looks on as Lois Smith accepts the Gift of Love award for Willow Brook Christian Village.



John Hay accepts congratulations from fellow Delaware Run resident Nancy Townley.



Pam Vest and Pat Jennings shared the Gift of Love honors, as they share their volunteer activities at Willow Brook Christian Home.

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- Independent twin-single homes & apartments
- Assisted living
- Alzheimer’s care
- Skilled nursing & rehabilitation
- Heritage Day Health Center adult day care
- The Courtyard Restaurant

Willow Brook at Delaware Run

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- Independent twin-single homes & apartments
- Assisted Living
- Memory Care
- Corporate offices
- The Water’s Edge Restaurant

Worthington, Ohio

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- Skilled nursing & rehabilitation
- Assisted living
- The Grapevine Grill

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Norm Lisle and Ron Belville Become Trustees

Norm Lisle and Ronald Belville have been named to the Willow Brook Board of Trustees.

Mr. Lisle brings a wealth of experience and community relationships to his volunteer leadership position. He served on the board for eleven years previously, and as the owner of a local insurance company, was active in the Delaware community for many years. He is a member of the Delaware Church of Christ.

Mr. Belville, who is retired from Honda, lives in Marysville. This is the second year that Ron has volunteered as a summer helper at Willow Brook Christian Village. He is a member of the Marysville Church of Christ.



Japan's Consul General Tamotsu Shinotsuka, Ohio Lt. Governor Lee Fisher, Willow Brook trustee Philip Barth, and Dr. Bradley Richardson, Barth's predecessor as Honorary Consul General.

Trustee Named Honorary Consul General to Japan

The Japanese government has appointed Willow Brook trustee Philip Barth Honorary Consul General of Japan in Ohio. In this role, his responsibilities include promoting bilateral relations between Japan and the U.S., strengthening political, economic, scientific and cultural developments between Japan and Ohio, and bringing awareness of Japan, its foreign policies and its traditional and modern cultures.

Consul General Tamotsu Shinotsuka said Mr. Barth has a distinguished history with Japan and has been a "key player in Ohio-Japan business and economic relations." He is an original co-founder of the Japan America Society of Central Ohio, served as the first president for five years, and still remains an active member.

A former commercial banker, Barth is the manager of the Machinery & Die Division of Honda Trading America.



In a unanimous vote at their May meeting, the Board of Trustees of Willow Brook Christian Communities named 32-year member George Wellman to emeritus status. Citing his generosity of time and treasure, the board presented him with a proclamation thanking him for his committed service. Board member Leroy Bumpus here reads the award to Mr. Wellman.

Senior Sharing Time

Life is Good – the theme of this year's Senior Sharing Time at Willow Brook at Delaware Run on October 13. Watch for details in the autumn issue of *Reflections*.



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They're Stars!

Eight Willow Brook employees were named Stars at the annual luncheon of the Association of Ohio Philanthropic Homes Housing and Services for the Aged (AOPHA) this spring.

Pictured in the back row from the left are Robynn Spicer, nursing assistant, from Willow Brook Christian Village; Ali Kabia, nursing assistant; Beverly Bauer, server; and Carle Pendleton, nursing assistant, all from

Willow Brook Christian Home. In the front row from the left are Donna Thomas, personal care attendant; Monique Lowry, LPN; and Jessica Hughes, nursing assistant; all from Willow Brook Christian Village; and Trina O'Brien, nursing assistant from Willow Brook Christian Home.

They were nominated by residents, families, and their peers.

