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### A NEW HOME FOR WESLEY COMMUNITY SERVICES

Recent visitors: Edwin H. Hoeltke, Trustee (left), Richard K. Smith, Secretary (center), Dr. Charles K. Dilgard, Trustee (right), and The Reverend Dr. L.H. Mayfield, Trustee Emeritus (front)

**A Commitment** made many, many years ago is still alive and growing - to provide services to deserving seniors and disabled in a variety of ways which allows for independence and dignity. It all started with a small home called Wesley Hall which has evolved into the organization you see today. We are proud to tell you of the accomplishments and we thank you and every person who has been a part of the faith based mission by sharing their **Gifts**, their **Time** and/or their **Talents**.

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## Go Cincinnati -



“Angels” from Go Cincinnati beautify the grounds of Lincoln Crawford Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

Lincoln Crawford and our Residents were blessed for the third year in a row by receiving the generous labor, talents and love of some 30+ volunteers from the 2009 “Go Cincinnati” project sponsored by **Crossroads Church** located in Oakley.

The volunteers arrived around 9:00 am on Saturday, May 16, just as the rain stopped and the sun appeared in the sky. The volunteers busily began clearing the flower beds and preparing them for new plantings through the entire expanse of Lincoln Crawford. Bushes were trimmed, trees pruned and the entire hillside was cleared of over-growth. After several hours of hard work and new mulch, the Lincoln Crawford grounds were finely manicured and looked **SPECTACULAR!**

Another group of volunteers worked tirelessly to paint the decorative iron picket fencing that surrounds the property on Victory Parkway and Lincoln Avenue. The fence was last painted 10 years ago and needed a fresh coat of paint.

## Save-The-Date

*The 2009 Annual Prayer Breakfast will be held on Saturday, September 19th, beginning at 9:00 a.m. at New Vision United Methodist Church, 4400 Reading Road. The Reverend Sherwin Q. Ealy of Pilgrim Missionary Baptist Church will be our Keynote Speaker.*

*The Lincoln Crawford Board of Trustees invite you to join us as we reach to heaven for the Lord's blessing to raise the necessary funds to renovate our Resident Dining Room.*

*Your invitation to the Annual Prayer Breakfast will arrive in the mail soon!*

*If you need assistance please contact Michael J. Scott, Executive Director, Lincoln Crawford Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, at 513/861-2044.*

The group stayed with the task and at approximately 5:00 pm celebrated the completion of the painting project! Their hard work has had a very positive impact on the exterior appearance of Lincoln Crawford.

Additional projects included painting several small rooms in the kitchen and a thorough cleaning of the dining room furniture. A group also spent time tightening the bolts and screws on the furniture. The carpet in the main lobby was professionally cleaned and really enhanced a welcoming environment for those entering our Resident's home.

We were richly blessed this year by having Crossroads Church Pastor, Brian Thome, as part of the volunteer team. We extend a huge message of thanksgiving to the many “Angels” who volunteered their time and effort to perform these projects which would otherwise be nearly impossible to accomplish. God has truly provided answers to our prayers.



Left, Lady Doris Frye, Ed.D., Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc. Cincinnati Chapter President; Mr. Michael J. Scott, Executive Director Lincoln Crawford Nursing and Rehabilitation Center and Christine Whaley.

Since 2007 Lincoln Crawford has been sprucing up its resident suites with brand new quality furniture including a bedside table, four drawer chest of drawers, and wardrobe unit. To date, two-thirds of our 100 suites have been refurnished through the generous donations of individuals, churches, businesses, and organizations," stated Michael J. Scott, Executive Director.

One of the many loyal organizations which supports Lincoln Crawford Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, financially and spiritually, is The Cincinnati Chapter of Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc. The mission of the chapter focuses upon four thrusts of service: sponsorship of the youth organization - Top Teens of America™, development of activities to enhance the lives of senior citizens, community beautification, and promotion of the status of women. These thrusts guide the activities of the chapter and help determine priorities such as this worthy campaign," explained Lady Doris Frye, Ed.D., chapter President.

The residents and staff of Lincoln Crawford are extremely grateful for the generous gift of \$850.00 to refurnish one resident suite. We are also appreciative of the members of The Top Ladies of Distinction and The Top Teens of America™ during the Christmas Season when they conduct personal visits bearing gifts of joy and season's greetings for our residents.

For more information about Lincoln Crawford Nursing and Rehabilitation Center resident suite furniture fundraising campaign, please call Michael J. Scott, Executive Director, at 513/861-2044. For your convenience a remit envelope is attached if you would like to make a donation today!

## *Lincoln Crawford Celebrates 12th Annual Healthwave*

Lincoln Crawford Nursing and Rehabilitation Center celebrated its 12th annual health fair, Healthwave 2009, on Saturday, June 20th. More than 1,000 people came through the fair, which was held at the Walnut Hills Kroger. Over 45 organizations from throughout the city joined together to provide health education, wellness information, and a variety of screenings. This annual event celebrates health, and illuminates the need for preventative health care in our community. This collaborative effort is widely supported in Cincinnati, and is sponsored by corporations such as Kroger, Vitas Innovative Healthcare, and National City Bank.

Healthwave was initiated by Lincoln Crawford as a response to the dramatic increase in people with advanced stages of diseases such as diabetes, high blood pressure, and cardiovascular disease, coming into Lincoln Crawford at a younger age.

Healthwave offers something for every age group - from health education and preventative screenings to games, food and entertainment. It is an invaluable resource for our community.



**Be sure to mark your calendar today for Healthwave 2010 on Saturday, June 19th.**

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## *PetKare Program Offers Medical Care to Meals-On-Wheels Clients' Pets*

To implement this new service Wesley Community Services partnered with **Banfield Pet Hospital** on Ferguson Road, **Glenway Animal Hospital** on Glenway Avenue, and the **United Coalition for Animals (UCAN)** on West Eighth Street in Lower Price Hill.

"When we found out that some of our clients could not afford to take their pets to the vet, we knew we had to step in," says Steve Smookler, WCS Executive Director.

This past spring, WCS transported Ms. Janet Corbett and her service dog Emily to water therapy in Kentucky. Ms. Corbett is in a wheelchair and had no other way to accompany and transport Emily so WCS stepped in to help. "I don't know what I would have done," says Ms. Corbett. "The people at Wesley Community Services were so very nice to us. I am grateful to PetKare and their donors for their help."

Initial gifts for the PetKare wellness program were provided by **The Walter English and Sophie English Charitable Foundation, Oak Hills Kiwanis, the Riverview/Delhi Kiwanis, and other generous donors.**

### *Ted Hattemer . . . In Loving Memory*

Ted Hattemer, our longest-serving Meals-On-Wheels kitchen volunteer, passed away suddenly May 23rd. Ted was a young 91. He joined us as a volunteer in April 2003 just after we opened our Meals-On-Wheels kitchen at Hyde Park Community United Methodist Church. Ted reported to the kitchen at 9 a.m. sharp every Wednesday, come rain or shine. His great sense of humor always made the staff and other volunteers smile. "Ted will be sorely missed by all of us in the kitchen," says Stacey Lewis, Food Service Manager. "Ted was one in a million," adds Executive Director Steve Smookler.



Thanks to the generosity of our donors, Wesley Community Services Meals-On-Wheels clients receive **veterinary care for their pets.**

### *Testimonials from the Heart*

**A Meals-On-Wheels client had these kind words to say . . .**

*"Thank you for providing a much needed service. Tom B, who delivers my meals every Tuesday, is always cheerful, attentive to my needs, and quite the Cincinnati Reds fan."*  
Sincerely, JT

**A Home Care Services client wrote to us and said . . .**

*"I cannot find adequate words to express my thanks for your consideration for me. Your generosity of time spent and work involved is just so sweet and kind. You lift my spirit and my day. My appreciation and thanks are from my heart."*  
Sincerely, PC

**Specialized Transportation clients expressed their appreciation . . .**

*"My husband and I are grateful for the services you have provided these past few years. All personnel, especially the drivers, have been considerate and concerned."*  
Sincerely, A&R G



## Meet Meals-On-Wheels Driver Hank Boesing

“Preparing good meals isn’t enough,” says Dan Heyd, Wesley Community Services Board of Trustee Chairman, “we need kind and caring drivers too.”

One of those is Meals-On-Wheels driver Hank Boesing. Hank delivers meals to clients on Cincinnati’s

west side. He is a lifelong Westsider, graduating from Elder High School in 1958 and Xavier University in 1962. He worked 39 years for Cincinnati Gas and Electric Co., and retired in 1997 as Director of Marketing and Customer Service for Greater Cincinnati.

Hank’s been a Wesley Meals-On-Wheels driver for almost five years. He does all sorts of things for his clients including fixing broken blinds, repairing screen doors, taking out the garbage, and fixing clogged sinks.

Hank says, “I feel good at the end of the day knowing that I’ve helped my clients, not only by delivering meals but providing companionship and a helping hand, when needed.” Great job, Hank!

## Nutrition Advisory Board Ensures Top-Quality Meals

A Nutrition Advisory Board composed of leading dietitians in Southwest Ohio including **Elise Cowers**, Director of the UC Dietician program, **Rebecca Smith** UC Dietician faculty, **Sue Dvorak**, Director of Christ Hospital’s Clinical Dietician program and **Barb Banks**, President-elect of the South West Ohio Dietician’s Association has recently been formed. These first-rate individuals will provide ongoing input into our Meals-On-Wheels kitchen operations. “Our new advisory board will ensure that we continue to provide quality meals that are safe, tasty and nutritious,” says Steve Smookler, Wesley Community Services, Executive Director.

## SeniorChoice™ Meals A Success

Our specialized physician-prescribed SeniorChoice™ meals have been a real winning service! We now distribute about 4,500 meals a month for individuals with diabetes, high blood pressure, renal disease or swallowing/chewing problems. These meals are developed by dietitians to meet the special nutritional needs of our clients with chronic illnesses. For more information about our specialized physician-prescribed meals please call 513/661-2777.

## Wesley Community Services Supporting Seniors and Disabled

### Home Delivered Meals

- Daily or weekly delivery
- Lunch or dinner delivery times
- Nutritionally balanced meals
- Physician-prescribed Senior Choice Meals™ for individuals with cardiac disease, kidney disease, diabetes, and swallowing/chewing problems

### Specialized Transportation

- Six (6) days a week transportation
- Door-to-door service
- Evening transports
- On time-all the time service
- Wheelchair accessible vans
- Comfortable cars

### Home Care Services

- Cleaning services
- Grocery shopping, errands, and cooking
- Assistance with bill paying and banking
- Bonded/Insured home care specialists



## Employee Spotlight

### Up, Up and Away



Rose Petralio, Home Care Services Specialist, made a dream come true for World War II Veteran Howard Moore.

At Wesley Community Services our employees go the extra mile to ensure their clients receive the very best service possible. Rose Petralio, Home Care Services Specialist, recently made a life-time dream come true for World War II Veteran, Howard Moore.

From assistance provided by The Honor Flight Network, whose mission is transporting veterans from across the United States to the World War II Memorial in Washington D.C., Rose meticulously arranged for Howard to be driven from his Price Hill home to West Chester Township then onto Dayton International Airport to arrive safely a few hours later in Baltimore, Maryland.

“Thanks to Rose none of this would have happened on that bright sunny May morning at the early hour of 7:00 a.m. It was a long day, in fact I got home at 3 a.m. the next morning, but I had a wonderful time. I just wish I had enough time to visit my brother buried at Arlington National Cemetery,” stated Mr. Moore.

Howard would like to convey these kind words, “Thanks from the bottom of my heart to the individuals who made this trip a reality, especially you Rose, my bud.”

### Congratulations to Wesley Employee!

Barbara Lawson, Wesley Community Services Specialized Transportation department employee, accepts President’s Volunteer Bronze Service Award from Cincinnati City Councilman Chris Monzel. Barb was one of seven Price Hill Citizens on Patrol members who were honored with the President’s Volunteer Service Award during a dinner recognizing the group’s 10th anniversary at LaRosa’s on Boudinot Tuesday, June 16th. In 2008 Barb performed 209 hours of volunteer service with the patrol.



### Lincoln Crawford establishes Grievance Committee

A group of seven Lincoln Crawford residents were appointed to serve on a Resident Grievance Committee in January this year. The committee accepts written concerns about issues affecting resident quality of life from family members or residents. The group evaluates the problems and develops a solution that will be implemented to resolve the issue. The solutions are presented in a written format to the individual identifying the problem and reported at the monthly Resident Council meeting.

The Grievance Committee has provided excellent solutions to issues related to the resident smoking room, approved resident smoking rules, and identified concerns regarding care giving that resulted in customer service training for all staff. Guidelines were established for the use of resident phones so that everyone has the opportunity to use the phone when needed.

*The Mission of Lincoln Crawford Nursing and Rehabilitation Center and Wesley Community Services would not be possible without the generosity from our treasured donors. We are forever grateful for your continued financial support - Thank You! Gifts from January 1st through June 30th 2009 . . .*

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- Prepare a Will. Without a Will, you lose control of the assets you worked a lifetime to acquire.
- Leave a specific dollar amount or a percentage of the assets in your Will to your favorite charity. These can include, but are not limited to: stocks, bonds, CD's, real estate, vehicles, art and jewelry.
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- Encourage family members and friends to give gifts to charities in their Wills.

Are you interested in increasing your retirement income through a planned gift? Please call our Development Office at 513/389-3096 for information.

Leave a Legacy™ is an initiative of the Greater Cincinnati Planned Giving Council.

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### **The WesleyLinks Family of Churches Include:**

Addyston UMC  
Anderson Hills UMC  
Armstrong Chapel UMC  
Brecon UMC  
Calvary UMC  
Cherry Grove UMC  
Cheviot UMC  
Christ New Beginnings Ministries  
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