

Wesley Services Organization

"The Messenger"

Winter 2008



Your contribution to the Lincoln Crawford Nursing and Rehabilitation Center 2007 Annual Campaign will enhance the lives of our Residents through the purchase of quality room furnishings.

LINCOLN CRAWFORD ANNUAL FUND CAMPAIGN PROGRESS . . .

The 2007 Annual Fund Campaign was launched with the traditional Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, September 15. The Prayer Breakfast was held at the New Vision United Methodist Church in Bond Hill. The beautiful new location provided the opportunity to accommodate an additional 100 guests to attend the function. The Reverend Damon Lynch, Jr., Pastor of New Jerusalem Baptist Church, was the keynote speaker for the event. Reverend Lynch presented a very powerful appeal to the 200+ people in attendance for support of the mission to raise \$70,000 to purchase new Resident room furnishings at Lincoln Crawford. The Prayer Breakfast generated in excess of \$8,200 in gifts and pledges to provide a strong foundation to initiate the Annual Campaign.

The Reverend Damon Lynch and his wife, Barbara, graciously agreed to serve as the Honorary Chairpersons for the 2007 Annual Campaign. Letters of appeal were mailed to approximately 1,100 potential donors and friends of Lincoln Crawford the end of October and first of November. **Continued on Page 2 . . .**

WESLEY COMMUNITY SERVICES HAS ANOTHER RECORD YEAR . . .

Wesley Community Services (WCS), which provides meals-on-wheels, medical transportation and homemaker services to greater Cincinnati seniors, provided more meals, transports and hours of homemaker services in 2007 than ever before.

WCS provided 224,672 Meals-On-Wheels, a whopping 15% increase over the 195,639 meals provided in 2006.

Special physician prescribed therapeutic meals, for seniors needing a special diet due to diabetes, high blood pressure or renal disease, amounted to 14,552 meals, also a record and was 6% of the total meals produced. WCS prepares its own meals in its state of the art kitchen in the Erie Building of Hyde Park Community United Methodist Church, which opened in February, 2005.

Medical transports also increased by a double digit percentage, growing from 21,075 transports in 2006 to 25,046 transports in 2007, a 19% increase. WCS also works with two school districts in transporting special needs students to school, the local Salvation Army in transporting clients to the Army's adult day care centers, and the Hamilton County Board of MR/DD in transporting their clients to their places of employment.

Homemaker hours increased from 15,139 hours in 2006 to 18,067 hours in 2007, an increase of 2,928 hours, or 19%. Besides providing basic housecleaning services, WCS Home Care Specialists also provide help with mail reading, bill-paying, completing applications for benefits, shopping and errands, and general companionship.

Also during 2007 WCS established Wesley Senior Housing, LLC which **purchased a nine unit apartment building in Westwood to provide safe, secure and affordable housing for seniors.** None of this would have been possible without the support of our donors and our WesleyLinks and the churches they represent. Thank you all very much for making 2007 a record breaking year.



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Save the Date . . .

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Healthwave 2008 on Saturday,
June 21st at the Walnut Hills
Kroger.

2008 Senior Ball on Saturday,
June 28th at The Duke Energy
Center, Downtown. If you are able
and willing to donate a ball gown,
slippers, or jewelry please contact
Janice Snow, Activities Director, at
513/861-2044.

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To date, the campaign has received \$37,085.93 in gifts and pledges to help purchase new bedside tables, four drawer chest of drawers, and wardrobes for each Resident suite. These gifts have been generated by a total of 203 individuals, churches, businesses and foundations and reflect an excellent increase in our donor base.

There are a number of contacts that are currently in progress and many that have not yet received a personal call. Efforts will continue to reach these contacts so that we will be able to achieve our goal and purchase the much needed new furnishings. Our target will be to order the new furnishings in early March, 2008. If you have not yet made a contribution to the campaign, we would greatly appreciate your support – no gift is too large or too small! Thank you for your consideration of a gift.

**Past and Present Legislators
visit Lincoln Crawford . . .**

On Wednesday, December 19, 2007, Lincoln Crawford was pleased to host a visit by State Representative Dale Mallory, from District 32, and his parents, retired State Representative William Mallory and his wife. Also in attendance were Mary Day and Marvin Wilson from the resident advocacy Ombudsman Program.

Representative Mallory was interested in discussing issues confronting nursing homes currently and in the future. The initial discussion focused on the issue of state reimbursement for Medicaid residents. It is critical that funding remain favorable so that facilities can focus on providing quality of care. Bed availability for the future was also discussed, taking into consideration the “baby boomer” generation that will cause larger numbers of people to require nursing home care.

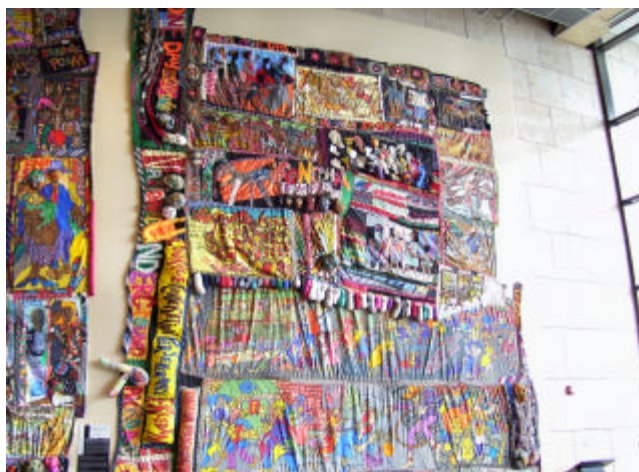
The changing profile of nursing home residents was presented as well. While the premise of a person coming to the nursing home and staying for the rest of their lives used to be the model, that is no longer the case. A larger number of under 65 aged patients are being served in today’s nursing homes. In addition, many patients come to nursing homes for short stays to receive rehabilitation services, and then return home. This cycle will likely continue in the future, as more individuals will want to remain home and secure their independence.

At the conclusion of the discussions, the group received a tour of Lincoln Crawford. The Mallory’s were very complimentary of what they observed on their tour. They expressed that the discussions were very helpful to better understand the needs of Ohio’s aging population, and to better equip them to address this population’s needs.

There is always plenty to do at Lincoln Crawford - from holiday celebrations, field trips, and Sunday Church . . .

Celebrating Christmas Season in Style!

Shown here are Resident Roosevelt Atwater and staff member Nikita Peak enjoying the festive glow from beautiful sparkling Christmas tree lights, and singing along to holiday favorites with a live DJ.



Out and About Around Town!

Our Residents enjoyed a visit to the Underground Railroad Freedom Center to see the many exhibits including the Freedom Quilt.



Happy New Year!

The Residents of Lincoln Crawford Nursing and Rehabilitation Center wish you and your family a blessed New Year.

We extend our many thanks to you for your generosity and prayers.

Resident Reverend Elliot Duskin has a warm handshake for all guests to Lincoln Crawford.

Happy New Year from the Lincoln Crawford Activities Department . . .

The Residents of Lincoln Crawford ended 2007 on a high note. In November, they joined their families to give thanks and enjoy a delicious Thanksgiving dinner, provided by our dietary staff. As the Christmas season approached, the Residents participated in many holiday parties. In addition, they painted the town red, visiting Sharon Woods, the holiday train display, many area malls and restaurants, and the Cincinnati Museum Center.

The Residents were also bestowed the opportunity to visit the Freedom Center twice during the month of December. The Reverend Damon Lynch, Jr. of New Jerusalem Baptist Church made arrangements for 28 Residents to visit the Freedom Center as guests.

On December 19th, our Residents invited their family members to a festive Christmas party. Together they were able to celebrate the season with a live DJ, dancing, and delectable treats. It was truly a wonderful and blessed sight to behold. The following day, the Spiritual Advisory Group hosted a Christmas Party at Lincoln Crawford for the Residents, providing each of them with a Christmas present.

As 2007 ended, and 2008 began, the Residents of Lincoln Crawford celebrated with a New Year's Eve party, complete with hats, non-alcoholic champagne, and resolutions for the upcoming year. It was a reflective time to give thanks for a wonderful year filled with many blessings.

The Staff of the Lincoln Crawford Activities Department extends a warm "thank you" to everyone who generously gave gifts of donations and time throughout 2007, enriching the lives of our Residents. You are all appreciated more than words can say!

Sincerely,

Janice Snow
Activity Coordinator



Lincoln Crawford has developed an "All That Jazz Wish List" of equipment and items that will provide a focus for future gift-giving opportunities. The items on this list are a composite of input from Residents and staff to identify purchases that would enrich the quality of life for the Residents of Lincoln Crawford. Lincoln Crawford has a wide variety of needs to help provide and enhance the quality of life for our Residents. We invite you to come visit Lincoln Crawford or call us at (513) 861-2044 to find out how you can become a part of the wonderful mission of Lincoln Crawford Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

The Muhammed Ali Fund - for gifts of \$5 to \$250

Crochet Needles & Yarn	\$5-\$25
Board/Table Games/Puzzles	\$10-\$25
Blender	\$20
Resident Room Wall Clocks (100)	\$30 ea.
Sensory Motor Pegboard (2)	\$60 ea.
Rectangular 6' Activity Table (6)	\$70 ea.
9 Hole Peg Test Kit	\$80
Cuff Weights 1-4 lbs. (2 sets)	\$80 ea.
Chafing Dishes (6)	\$85 ea.
Soft Grip Weights 1/2-5 lbs. (2 sets)	\$90 ea.
Fire Blankets (2)	\$90 ea.
Cookware (pots/pans)	\$100
Hand Strength Pneumatic Dynamometer	\$110
Therapy Putty (build hand and foot strength)	\$120
Overbed Lights (100)	\$125 ea.
Round 5' Activity Table (4)	\$135 ea.
Overbed Tables (25)	\$140 ea.
Step Exercise System	\$160
6' Christmas Tree (4)	\$165 ea.
Soiled Linen Carts w/ covers (8)	\$170 ea.
Camcorder	\$200

The Lena Horne Fund - for gifts of \$251 to \$500

Backpack Leaf Blower	\$300
Steam Press	\$375
Linen Carts w/covers (8)	\$400 ea.
Window Curtains for Nursing Station (2)	\$400 ea.
Winged Chairs for Lobby on 2nd and 3rd floors (8)	\$450
2 Stage Snow Thrower 5 HP	\$500

The Mahalia Jackson Fund - for Gifts of \$501 TO \$1,000

Mobile Cart for Therapy	\$525
Curtains for Resident Lounge Windows (2)	\$600 ea.
Pulse Oximeter	\$600
Small Stainless Two Shelf Cart (2)	\$600 ea.
Laundry Folding Table	\$750
Large Stainless Two Shelf Cart (2)	\$800 ea.
Electric Hospital Beds (18)	\$1,200 ea.

The Louis Armstrong Fund - for Gifts of \$1,001 to \$5,000

Pressure Washer 3750 PSI	\$1,050
Large Charcoal Grill/Smoker	\$1,100
AED Machine (Defibrillator) (2)	\$1,650 ea.
Building Sign Aluminum Letters	\$2,500
Conference Table and 12 Chairs	\$3,500

The Pearl Bailey Fund - - for Gifts of \$5,001 to \$10,000

Lighted Signage @ Drive	\$7,000
Public Restroom Renovation	\$10,000

The Duke Ellington Fund - for Gifts of \$10,001 and Over

Steam Table with 5 Wells	\$12,000
Renovate Resident Lobby's Floor 2 and 3	\$15,000 ea.
Food Service Tray Delivery System	\$26,140
Telecommunications System Update	\$35,000
Remodel Dining Room	\$150,00

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Wesley Executive Director recognizes employees . . .

Stephen Smookler, Executive Director, Wesley Community Services, recently recognized the staff of the organization for their quality of work and their dedication to their jobs.

For the second year in a row, Wesley employees have not sustained an employee accident and finished 2007 accident free. In addition, 20 WCS employees had a **perfect attendance** record by not missing a day of work due to illness. This represents roughly 20% of Wesley's work force. "I am very proud of our employees on both counts," stated Smookler. "It is a measure of their dedication and capability to carry out their jobs in the service of our clients."

Youth Group from Westwood UMC helps Wesley Community Services deliver holiday Meals-On-Wheels . . .

On Wednesday, November 21, the day before Thanksgiving, Wesley Community Services Meals-On-Wheels delivery drivers received a helping hand from the Westwood United

Methodist Church youth group. "November 21 is one of our busiest days of the year because our drivers have to deliver 5 meals to each senior" said Mike Hodges, Manager, Meals Delivery. Seven youth group members helped out as did two youth group adult advisors. Jan Peter, Youth Group Advisor, commented that **"our youth gave of their time to express their commitment to the church and to serve those in need."** Jan and her husband Tim supervised the students at Wesley Community Services' Glenmore Avenue Meals-On-Wheels distribution center. The youth spent all morning and part of the early afternoon assisting WCS Meals-On-Wheels drivers package and deliver meals to seniors in Western Hills.



Young Adults Giving Back to the Community!

Participating youth from Westwood UMC from the left include: Aaron Cunningham, Aaron Morehart, Tanner Walters, Emily Lindsey, Matt Regnold, Taylor Walters, and Emma Morehart.

Meals-On-Wheels Association of America to partner with Wesley Community Services . . .

The Meals-On-Wheels Association of America (MOWAA), located in Washington D.C., has selected Wesley Community Services to partner with MOWAA and Humana Health Care to provide 10 frozen Meals-On-Wheels to Humana Medicare subscribers recently discharged from a hospital in Southwest Ohio.

The program, called the **Feel Good Food program**, has been piloted over the last two years in multiple cities throughout the nation. Humana has now asked MOWAA to expand the program to fourteen new regions nationwide, including Southwest Ohio.

According to Robert Herbolzheimer, Vice President and General Counsel of MOWAA, who met with WCS staff and Board members, "Wesley Community Services was the agency we wanted to partner with in Southwest Ohio because of its excellent track record in serving seniors."

Attorney Dan Heyd, WCS's President and Partner, Graydon Head & Ritchey, commented that "This is a great program for area seniors and WCS is pleased to be asked to partner with the MOWAA Foundation and Humana Health Care."



Wesley Community Services vehicle donation program is a Win Win for all.

Shown here from right: Stephen Smookler, Wesley Community Services Executive Director, accepts ready-to-roll 1993 Eagle Vision from Dr. William J. Gerhardt.

Well known Cincinnati pediatrician donates vehicle to Wesley Community Services . . .

It's true, when you donate a used vehicle to Wesley Community Services to be used as transportation to physician, dentist and hospital appointments, or for MR/DD clients to get to work, you may qualify for a tax-deduction at the vehicle's fair market value.

Recently, long time Cincinnati residents **Dr. and Mrs. William J. Gerhardt** donated a well maintained 1993 Eagle Vision to Wesley Community Services and they are so glad they did. Bill and Ruth agreed, **"We knew we had a gem on our hands with plenty of quality miles left, so we decided to donate it to Wesley Community Services to help the many seniors in their care."**

For more information about the Wesley Community Services vehicle donation program, contact Bill Reusing, Director of Development, at (513) 389-3096, or email breusing@wesleycs.org before you sell. For information on IRS guidelines and regulations just visit www.IRS.gov.

Wesley Community Services Medical Transportation Campaign exceeds \$100,000. . .

Wesley Community Services' 2007 Medical Transportation Campaign, chaired by **Dr. Leon Boothe, the retired President of Northern Kentucky University**, assisted by Honorary Chair Reverend Dr. L.H. Mayfield, exceeded \$101,000 as the campaign ended the year. The target is \$250,000, so campaign workers will work into the new year hoping to meet this ambitious goal.

Since receiving an initial lead, anonymous gift of \$50,000, two hundred other gifts amounting to \$51,402 have been received as of early January, 2008.

In 2007 over 25,000 one-way medical transports were completed, covering over 340,000 passenger miles. This was 2,000 transports more than what was anticipated when the campaign began last fall.

Wesley Community Services is also working with the local Salvation Army in transporting their clients to their adult day care center, and the Hamilton County Board of Mental Retardation & Developmental Disabilities in transporting their clients to their places of employment, so the need for an expanded fleet of vehicles is even more critical.

Since the campaign will continue on into 2008, if you have not yet made a gift or pledge to the campaign, you still have time to lend your support. Simply mark the "medical transportation" option on the inside cover of the enclosed envelope. Your added support will be very much appreciated, and it is tax deductible.

Walter and Sophie English Charitable Foundation makes major gift to "Pet Portions" program . . .

Mary Ann Jacobs, the President of the Walter English and Sophie English Charitable Foundation and a partner in the law firm of Ritter and Randolph, LLC was so impressed with our "Pet Portions" program, and its importance to the Wesley clients, she convinced her colleagues at Ritter & Randolph to arrange a \$5,000 gift from the foundation.

Mary Ann, as a Division Chairperson, also secured a gift from the **English Charitable Foundation for Wesley's Medical Transportation Campaign**, as well. A double thanks, Mary Ann, for your twin gifts.

Our Meals-On-Wheels and Homemaker personnel have noticed that clients' pets are often malnourished. In some instances clients share their meal with their pet which is not a good situation for either the pet or client. To alleviate this problem Wesley Community Services has been offering free pet food to clients' dogs and cats since June, 2006. **You can help by making a donation to our Pet Portions Program today!** Simply indicate on your check or remittance envelope that you wish your gift, or a "portion" thereof, to be applied to our Pet Portions Program.

**Banfield Pet Hospitals launches
“Season of Suppers” campaign to collect pet food
for Wesley Community Services . . .**

A special thank you goes out to three area Banfield Pet Hospitals - Western Hills, Springdale, and Colerain Township for collecting pet food from their customers to give to the “Pet Portions” program of Wesley Community Services during the 2007 holiday season.

Banfield’s more than 645 veterinary hospitals across the country are working in conjunction with the national Meals-On-Wheels Association of America (MOWAA). MOWAA’s pet food program “We All Love Our Pets” (WALOP) is an initiative that seeks to unite Meals-On-Wheels programs across the country to provide pet food to their senior clients.

Wesley Community Services receives OKI grant . . .

Wesley Community Services was one of seven Southwest Ohio public and non-profit transportation organizations selected to receive federal funding to provide door-to-door transportation for individuals with disabilities to get to their employment sites. The Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional council of Governments (OKI) will award \$34,597 in 2008 to Wesley Community Services through two federal programs—Job Access/Reverse Commute and New Freedom.

WCS Executive Director Stephen Smookler stated “We are happy to help individuals get to their jobs, earn money and remain independent for as long as possible.”

May We Help You With Your Outreach Ministry to Seniors?

WesleyLinks is an interdenominational consortium of area faith based ministries created by Wesley Community Services to enable partner churches to better serve frail seniors in their congregations. Services are made available to seniors who need support so that they may stay in their own home for as long as possible. **WesleyLinks meets 5 times/year at member churches for a luncheon and informative program.** If you are interested in having your church be a WesleyLinks partner, contact Bill Reusing at 389-3096.



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Church of the Saviour UMC
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Epiphany UMC

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 newscast segments, current events,
 on-line newsletters, and monthly
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