

Care Center News

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Staff Scholarship Program



Employees are the backbone, literally and figuratively, of our mission to serve the elderly.

We want to encourage our employees in their personal pursuit of obtaining the highest standards.

Our residents depend on our highly trained staff all day, every day, as they provide compassionate care grounded in faith. Spend any time with our staff and

you will discover how committed they are to serving the mothers, fathers, grandparents, and friends in our care.

Many share their aspirations to learn more and advance in their careers. But the cost is a stumbling block to many. They look at the cost of continuing their education and think, "How can I ever afford it?"

That is why we need your help. You can make the dreams of an aspiring nurse or other healthcare professional come true.

Our new "**Staff Scholarship Program**" will give our staff both the opportunity and motivation to take advance studies in their chosen field.

Martisha (pictured below) is an employee who wants to further her education to provide an opportunity to advance herself. She has been employed by the Church of Christ Care Center for many years and has already begun studies towards a nursing degree.



However, for many of our single parent caregivers like Martisha, who have several children to clothe and feed (Martisha has 4!), it is very difficult to obtain an education without some scholarship help.

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Staff Scholarship Program (continued from Page 1)

The Church of Christ Care Center is launching a brand new employee scholarship program. This year, we hope to begin the program with eight scholarships of \$2,500 each, awarded to staff members pursuing a certification or degree in healthcare who could not otherwise afford their education.

Your donation or pledge will help begin that fund!

With your gift, you secure the future for hardworking, caring members of our staff. You help our talented employees by embracing them with your support.

Importantly, through your donation, you can help ensure that our residents continue to receive the best possible care from employees who have received the best possible training. Every dollar helps.

Please see [Page 7](#) to clip the response of how you want to be involved—and mail to us today!

2016 Golf Classic

True to the past few years, our Golf Classic was ... *memorable!* A little rain and wind did not dampen spirits as we had our highest number of golfers with 112. These brave men and women had a great time and raised more than \$10,000 as group. We look forward to seeing you all again next year on September 16, 2017!



2016 First Place Team—Low Score



75th Anniversary: 1941—2016



Left to right: Louis Elliott, former Administrator; Julie Maher, CEO; and Mike Serilla, former CEO



Agape Award Recipients: Walled Lake Church of Christ Pie Social Ladies



Jack Dempsey



Heywood Banks



Hundreds attend the milestone celebration!



A Busload of Blessings



Doug Edwards,
Director of
Philanthropy

We began with prayer as our new 2016 Ford Starcraft F550 24-passenger bus was loaded with friends, donors, staff, and residents on a maiden journey during our campus celebration of the bus arrival! So, there was truly a “busload of blessings” being transported. This is only the beginning as residents will be transported to events in the future.



Bus driver, Jim Wietecha, brought up the need for a new bus about a year ago. CEO, Julie Maher, approved the idea and fund raising was launched. Our traditional friends were generous, and two of our summer fund raising events targeted helping in the bus project.

Just as the fund raising was beginning to slow down, some special friends came to the rescue and said that once we arrived at a certain donation level, they would complete the rest of the project!! Bruce and Judy Foulk of the Livonia Church of Christ were willing to make that final generous challenge gift. We are in gratitude not only for their gift, but also for the many donors who gave generously. We could not have easily finished the project without all of you.



Ribbon Cutting (left to right) Mike and Jeanne Embry, Mary Utley, Judy and Bruce Foulk

Early on, we were greatly encouraged when we received funds from the estate of Austin and Dorothy Gilley. Before their death, Dorothy had provided the beautiful gazebo located near the nursing center in memory of Austin. Now, they have helped residents again as they gave toward this new bus.

The Gilley estate gift is a reminder of what our friends can do to continue their wonderful service to the Care Center even after their own passing. Many people make their most generous gifts after life with gifts from their estate.

Estate gifts do not have to be mega-gifts. Many estate gifts are less than \$25,000, but added together with others, can mean so much. Adding the Care Center as a partial beneficiary to an insurance policy, or another asset, can go a long way. For questions about giving through your estate plans, please contact **Doug Edwards at dedwards@cofccc.org or 586-285-7128**. On behalf of our more than 235 residents, **[thank you!](#)** ~ Doug



5-Star Rating Continues at Care Center

Since January 2016, the Church of Christ Care Center has maintained the prestigious **5-Star Rating** from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). This rating is reserved for only the **top 10%** of all rehab and nursing centers in the nation. You can look up our rating and compare them to the senior services in your area at: www.medicare.gov/nursinghomecompare.



Resources for Seniors

Learn and stay current on what is available in your area in case you need help. Below are some definitions of various resources available for seniors along with some contact information ideas:

Adult Day Services: Supervised, daytime care and activities for physically and/or mentally impaired adults in an out-of-home setting. To inquire, contact your county senior services.

Chore Services Programs: Services may include snow shoveling, yard clean up, installing storm windows, and minor repairs. To inquire, contact your local senior center or county senior services.

Counseling Services: Individual and family counseling, support groups, and psychological testing. Contact your local hospital or county crisis center.

Financial Assistance Programs: Many programs have financial or age eligibility requirements as well as geographic limitations. Contact Area Agency on Aging, your state Health and Human Services, or county senior services.

Food Service Programs: Nutritious meals for older adults provided at local senior centers, churches, community centers, and other facilities. Contact local hospitals, Area Agency on Aging, Meals on Wheels, or local senior centers.

Home Health Care—Skilled: Medically prescribed in-home care including nursing care and personal care. Some services might be covered by Medicare. Contact companies.

Home Care Services—Unskilled: Non-medical in-home support and services including meal preparation, companionship, and light household duties. Mostly private pay. Contact companies.

Home Safety, Adaptive Aids, and Emergency Systems: Canes, walkers, medical supplies, personal emergency response systems, and medication reminders. Contact Alzheimer's Association or American Red Cross Lifeline Program.

Support groups: Contact Alzheimer's Association, local senior center, local hospital, or American Heart Association.

From the Desk of Betty Lou Morris...



Betty Lou Morris

Each resident who lives with us is special. Unique. Once in a while, you will find someone articulate enough to put their thoughts into writing. This is a blessing for all of us.

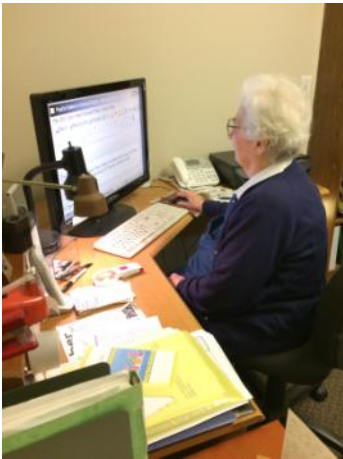
At **Church of Christ Assisted Living**, one of our vibrant residents, **Betty Lou Morris**, who was 91 years young on December 7, recently wrote an article, “Career: Housewife and Volunteer” to describe her chosen career. We would like to share some of her thoughts with you. Here are some excerpts:

“Choosing to become a homemaker was a career decision. My choice was not influenced by my parents who always encouraged me to do whatever I wanted to do. They had no unfulfilled personal ambitions they wanted to foist off on me to achieve for them. It was perfectly natural that after marriage and the birth of our three children, being a

full-time housewife and stay-at-home mother was my priority. I never worked for a paycheck again. But that is not to say I quit working!

Is ‘educated homemaker’ an oxymoron? Certainly there are no college courses that teach a person how to become a homemaker. She learns by example and by experience. But is her education

‘wasted’? My mother never thought so and bristled at the suggestion that women who were ‘only going to become housewives’ should not go to college at all.



Education has made me a better citizen. I have been active in the League of Women Voters, the PTA, a member of the Mount Clemens Board of Education, and a trustee of the Mount Clemens Public Library, as well as innumerable city advisory committees and millage campaigns.

Like housewifery, volunteering is hard work with no pay except the satisfaction of working with like-minded individuals who share a worthwhile, common goal. I like to think that my involvement in civic activities through the years has been a good thing for Mount Clemens.

Thus I have been fortunate enough to have the best of two worlds—taking care of my family and following my early career ambitions in government and public service. Although being a homemaker has been my primary career, perhaps I can claim a second career—as a community volunteer.”

(Note: Betty Lou received a graduate degree in Public Administration from the University of Michigan. You are welcome to email Betty Lou at morrisb@libcoop.net)



Gifts from May 24, 2016 through November 22, 2016

In Loving Memory Of:

Joseph Edward and Mabelle Alexander

Louis and Carolyn Elliott
Joe and Lori Mason

Harley and Lois Allen

Mark and Debra Bateman
Joe and Lori Mason

Lois Allen

Leif and Carolyn Britting
Ramona Cardwell
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Don and Barb Smitowski
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Family That Went Before Us

The Paich Family

Bess Gilbert

Don and Nancy Christenberry

Dorothy Gilley

Suzanne C. Hunt

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Scott and Rhonda Foster
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Doug and Janet Edwards

Dorothy Jewett

Missionary Wesleyan Church
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William and Marcelene Darland
James and Libby Devens
Maralee Jewett
Gary and Mabel O'Neill
Mary Phillips
Genie Priestley
Mary Utley
Waterford Church of Christ

Mable Johnson

Apollonio Family
Josephine and Tatyanna Apollonio
Enzo and Maria Apollonio
Frank and Flora Apollonio
Frank Apollonio
Anna Sicolo Apollonio Family
Becky Bleuenstein
Carol Brown
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Philip and Rosemary Catinella
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Michelle Darga
Lucia Apollonio Deluzio Family
Mike and Jeanne Embry
James and Karlida Esdale
Diane Fagorario
Tracey Guidotti
Ron and Elaine Losher
Robert and Karen Losher
Craig Miller
Linda Pace
Mary Robinson

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In Loving Memory Of:

(continued)

Mable Johnson (continued)

Dale and Laura Sawyer
Richard and Jeanine Shiveley
Spencer Oil Company
Bill and Jean Thomas
Mary Utley
Timothy and Catherine Weigel

William Howard Lee

Jim and Bonnie Gatewood

Betty Ann Losher

Robert and Karen Losher

Richard Messier

Ramona Cardwell
Nancy Messier

Ralph Meyering

Bob and Nancy Taylor

Marie Miller

Dean Miller
Mary Moebs

Marie Miller (continued)

Bloomfield Garden Club
Arvin and Cheryl Peterson
Donna Prince
Charlie and Phyllis Roberts
Durl and Isola Schletzbaum
Lincoln Park Church of Christ

Wesley Miller

Peter and Jacqueline Miller

Dana and Edna Morrell

Chuck and Shelby Ragland

Marge Pope

Doug and Janet Edwards

Janie Resnir

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Oliver and Dorothy Schick

Gerald and Marcia Byars

Meredith Shug

Ralph and Wilma McQueen

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Thomas Guastello
Kristen Kittell
Anthony and Roseann Kornichuk
Thomas Pytel
Anthony Schneider
Robert and Rose Viviano
Jane Vsetula

Jerry Springfield

Dimple Correa

Charles and Marilyn Thornbro

Louis and Carolyn Elliott
Joe and Lori Mason

L.C. Utley

Mary Utley

James Robert Ward

Jim and Benita Ward

Ora and Bill Young

Joan Rae

Yes, I want to be involved!

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ E-mail: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ - _____

In Memory/Honor of: _____ Please Acknowledge to: _____

Address: _____ Enclosed is a gift of \$ _____ to be used for:

Please remember the Church of Christ Care Center in your will or trust

- I would like information about estate planning and/or planned giving.
- I have already remembered Church of Christ Care Center in my will.

- Staff Scholarship Program
- Wherever My Donation Is Most Needed

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Where the special needs of the aging are met with special care.

Save these 2017 Saturdays:

August 19, 2017

**30th Annual
Steak & Corn Roast**



September 16, 2017

**10th Annual
Golf Classic**



October 21, 2017

**Acappella
Concert**

