



THE Beechwood HOME NEWS

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Making a Dream come true!

There is just something in the heart of every person that wants to get to a quiet space and enjoy the beauty of nature without worrying about sun, rain and insects!



Where we are now: It's mid-summer, 85 degrees and very humid. A group of Beechwood Home residents are huddled under the home's small, hot portico on hot blacktop. While they hide from the merciless hot sun, they're seeking fresh air, outdoor scents and the joy of just being outside.

For years, we knew that something has been missing at Beechwood, despite our lovely facilities and grounds. Now, we're hoping to add a porch so that more of our residents can easily benefit from the healing power of the outdoors.

One of our Social Workers, Tom West, says "On our annual assessments, one of the questions we ask each resident is how important it is for him or her to get outside when the weather is nice. Almost every resident places the highest priority on being able to do that. And all are grateful for the options that we have.

"However, residents have been limited in their ability to get outside when it's raining, or when the relentless summer sun puts them at risk for sunburn or an exacerbation of their neurological disability.

"With the new porch, now we'll have a space that is outdoors, but safer than outdoors. It will have the aesthetic benefits of being outside in the woods or in a garden without the possible risks of going completely outside. Residents will be able to experience most of the benefits of being there without the difficulty of transporting themselves there. They won't have to worry whether they'll be able to get back or about getting stranded in inclement weather."

Jenny, a Beechwood resident, says, "I want to feel like I'm home on my own. A porch would remind me of being back on my own deck. Typically, I spend most of my days in the living room or outside when the weather permits. My limited freedom will be



Where we hope to be: It's still mid-summer, 85 degrees and very humid. (We are in Cincinnati, after all!) But now, a group of residents sit on a large, screened-in porch, enjoying the breeze of cooling ceiling fans, protected from insects and away from the harsh sun.

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expanded by having a porch where I can go to read. I'm an avid reader, and it will be so nice to be out of the sun and under fans in a screened-in area. An added benefit will be the addition of a fireplace to enjoy in the cooler weather. I am such an outdoor person and was an avid gardener. I'm looking forward to being in a place where there are potted plants to enjoy and woods and nature to view and appreciate."

Another advantage to building the porch will be the additional storage space underneath that will be

climate controlled to house wheelchairs, beds and other equipment needed by the residents.

Our new porch will be a wonderful expansion of the Beechwood experience for all of our residents. It will give them an immense lift and increase their feelings of freedom, peace and respite from the limitations their disability has placed on their lives. It truly will be a dream come true! With your help, we can reach our goal. Please use the enclosed envelope to make your gift. On behalf of our residents, thank you for your generosity!

Beechwood is a skilled care nursing facility and is home for 80 male and female adults ranging in age from mid-20's to early 80's.

We are very grateful to all who have currently participated in a gift or a pledge to the Porch Project. Dreams do come true. *Thank you!*

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As you can see, we are getting closer to our goal, but still have a ways to go. Please join these generous donors and help make this dream a reality! If you have any questions, please contact Judy Sandquist at 513-252-8870 or jsandquist@beechwoodhome.com.



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A word from the President

As we continue to move along into 2017, I am pleased to share with you that 2016 was another good year at The Beechwood Home. As the President of the Board of Trustees, I had the honor to witness many successes, work alongside a committed Board, an outstanding CEO, and many talented staff members. Again, I

had the privilege and pleasure to attend many functions at the Home; get to know some of our residents; and see the difference this wonderful Home makes in their lives.

We had our another successful Shoot for The Beechwood Home, this year at The Sycamore Gun Club – owner David Todd; Our Annual Block Party was entertaining as always; Our Ghost and Goblin Gala, honoring Dr. Robert Reed and was a remarkable evening; the Friends of Beechwood annual giving fund was one of the best we have had to date. Additionally, we have our first ever Beechwood Home Young Leaders group and they have held two functions this past year to educate the younger generation about the mission of Beechwood.

Fiscally, The Beechwood Home continues to be very sound. Through the support and dedication of many friends and benefactors, we have been successful in our fundraising efforts. We continue to benefit from generous grants, gifts and donations. We could not be more grateful for the support from so many. Thank you.

We are grateful to Mrs. Audre Sedacca for her dedication to The Beechwood Home Board of Trustees. She has worked tirelessly for the residents of Beechwood for over 12 years. Although her Board term is over, she and Carl will never be a stranger to the home.



Mrs. Audre Sedacca

We welcome Mrs. Ellen Kelso-Seward, Mrs. Sara Osborn and Dr. Marvin Rorick to The Beechwood Home Board of Trustees and know that their expertise will enhance an already great board.

The Beechwood Home continues to strive to be home-like, and a resident centered environment as it has from the very beginning of its inception. We know it will be another great year.

It is a pleasure serving as President of the Board of Trustees. Thank you for your continued support of the wonderful people who live at The Beechwood Home.



Le Jardinier club members enjoying lunch at Beechwood.

Once again the Le Jardinier Garden Club arrange beautiful vases of flowers for the residents to enjoy.





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and Basketball**

March Madness

Friday, March 24, 2017 - 6 p.m.

*Bourbon tasting, Craft Beers
and Plenty of Basketball*

The Beechwood Home



Friday, June 2, 2017
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