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Building Opportunity!

Community Ministries Celebrates 20th

“Together Toward Tomorrow” LMM Launches Combined Effort

In the next few days Lutheran Ministries of Mercy will be launching our first combined fundraising effort. This is a big step for us as we move forward together...Filling, Luther Home and Lutheran Social Services...under the LMM umbrella. We are thankful that many of you, whether a new donor or a donor who has been with us for decades, supports the mission of Luther Home—a mission you truly believe in. We are additionally grateful that Filling Home and Lutheran Social Services also count many Luther Home donors among their supporters.



Working together, our ministries hope to provide you with a centralized method to enable your charitable giving. Of course, you may designate your gift to all, or any one of our LMM affiliates.

Our goal with this effort is basic...generate additional dollars for our organizations to sustain and expand mission. Meeting simple human needs—like a new bed for a resident with disabilities or food for families who are hungry—and we can’t do this without you. Our agencies are truly blessed by thoughtful donors who help bridge the gap between government and third party reimbursement for our services and the actual cost of providing care. Last year alone, you made it possible for our agencies to serve more than 15,000 people right here in Northwest Ohio.

Thanks to you people in our community living with disabilities, who come to Luther Home in need of care and service, find an organization willing and able to serve.

On behalf of all those who benefit from your generosity, I would like to invite you to join our “Together Toward Tomorrow” effort and thank you, in advance, for your support. To make your donation please visit our website at www.lutherhome.org or use the enclosed return envelope.

Thank you for being our Godsend!



—Terri Rodriguez
President & CEO

Everyone has something to read thanks to the Harris-Elmore Public Library and LMM Board Member and Friends of the Library Member, Sharon Dailey. They recently dropped off over 1,100 gently used children’s books that needed a new home while the library undergoes renovations. As the largest in-kind gift we have received in recent history, it took three truckloads and over 44 boxes to deliver this treasure. Individuals from all LHM locations are having a blast venturing to our administration building to choose a new book (or twenty!) for their very own.



BUILDING OPPORTUNITY: Community Ministries Celebrates 20th



THEN: The "Olde Toy Shop and Clothing Company" offered a new beginning for individuals who had never had the chance to earn income or develop new skills.



NOW: At LHM's five day program centers, clients like Brett have the chance to work in janitorial enclaves along with opportunities in document shredding, t-shirt making, vending and various recreation programs.



THEN: Through the vision and leadership of initial Supported Living staff, individuals had the opportunity to travel and go on vacations for the very first time. On an early trip to Disney, LHM staff member Mahalia Owens (bottom, L), helped her clients see their dreams come true.



NOW: Each summer and throughout the year, many LHM outreach homes and individual clients journey to new places both near and far. Throughout the last 20 years and with the help of LHM staff, individuals have traveled as far as Scotland and on Caribbean cruises. Recently, Jody and Yvonne (front) took in a day of sun at Indiana Dunes.

It probably did seem a little crazy in 1999 when the Community Ministries team of staff members (not quite a large team—there were only two employees) began to implement in-home care for adults with developmental disabilities. The “waiver” system in Ohio was just a few years old, and agencies across the state were beginning to explore this new method of service. This emerging program deviated from Luther Home’s customary type of service, we had been an agency that was completely campus—based since our founding in 1928.

Working with those first few clients was challenging—they taught us a lot about community inclusion, how best to assist them in their particular living situations, how services—for even a few hours a week could make such a drastic quality of life difference. The inspiration of this broader vision of care strengthened us through our learning curve not only with those we were serving, but with our county Boards of Developmental Disabilities and the State of Ohio. Together we walked through funding requirements, licensing, service documentation and delivery and, of course, new billing methods. Through the years the Supported Living Program has grown to now serve just under 100 individuals in four Ohio counties and employs over 150 staff members.

As our Supported Living Program gained momentum we were alarmed by the living conditions experienced by many of those we served. Substandard and even dangerous housing conditions, no utilities, inadequate food. Still others were spending their days mostly alone, with few day program options available to them outside of the traditional “sheltered workshops”. The need to build other opportunities was there and the vision of service quickly expanded.

Time and time again our “crazy” ideas for program development were met by a Board of Directors who embraced the broader vision, not only with their enthusiasm and eager support, but by committing financial resources to enable growth. Volunteers joined in our work, churches lent a helping hand and partners stepped forward to lend their expertise.

Among those early endeavors was the purchase of a single family home in West Toledo which is, today, still a lovely home for three women. This purchase was followed by others, and helped by donors, who have enabled the acquisition of three additional homes.

Early on, the “Olde Toy Shop and Clothing Company” came to life; a resale shop for children’s clothing and toys. Staffed by persons with developmental disabilities, this “out of the box” thinking provided employment opportunities for many, many years. Today five additional day program centers are in operation offering more than two hundred participants socialization, recreation, employment and community inclusion opportunities.

Our early successes also encouraged the “leap of faith” required to tackle the housing funding system available through the Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development. Throughout the course of the past twenty years HUD has provided just over six million dollars to enable Luther Home’s construction of fourteen small neighborhood group homes and continues today by assisting those tenants with on-going rental assistance funds.

Today, more than ever before in our 90 year history, Luther Home of Mercy offers a broad array of housing and service options for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. As we have worked to build opportunity over the past two decades we have been blessed by so many who have shared the vision of comprehensive choice for those we serve. Whether on our campus in Williston, served in their own homes, or assisted in employment or day program activities... this ministry is a gift of the heart.

LHM Spirit Week Honors Our

We see it in Cole's patience and understanding when Jimmy is having a rough day. In our business office that runs with the utmost efficiency and professionalism thanks to Jean's 56 years of expertise. Each day our ministry is blessed with the combined efforts of over 450 employees who devote their unique gifts in service to others.

During "LHM Spirit Week" we set aside a special time to recognize the tender care and dedication of our employees and the many gifts and talents they so selflessly share each day. Many fun-filled activities are in the works as we say "thank you" for the big and small ways our staff make a positive difference in the lives of those we serve.

We are especially pleased to recognize LHM employees celebrating milestone anniversaries:

40 Years

Jo Elaine Schimming,
Medical Records

35 Years

Kim Diebert, On-Call Supervisor
Danielle Riegler, Housekeeper
Rita Torres, Food Service

30 Years

Janet Brown, Direct Care
Sharon Dean, Hab Specialist
Pamela Gilbert, Direct Care
Anthony Lompis, Social Worker

20 Years



Joanne Allred,
Hab Supervisor



Elaine Barton-Kashmer,
Developmental Disabilities Professional



Sheila Franks,
Hab Specialist



Lisa Kline,
Housekeeper



Sue Tate,
Director of Supported Living



Tonia Albright,
Direct Care

Skilled and Caring Workforce

15 Years

George Bankertz, Driver
Cheryl Bivens, Supported Living
Paulette Collins, Supported Living
Debra Comstock, Supported Living
Latesha Harris, Direct Care
Gale Holloway, Outreach Coordinator
Merry Beth Kutz, Supported Living
Lisa Reed, Hab Specialist
Patricia Seward, Supported Living
Jennifer Zunk, Hab Specialist

10 Years

Malik Bankston, Cottage Supervisor
Brandon Barailloux, Supported Living
Dannielle Bauman, Supported Living
Monica Canterbury, Nursing
Sarah Gagen, Hab Specialist
Tashala Jackson, Supported Living
Tiffany Schuler, Nursing
Princess Smith, Nursing
Felesha Towbridge, Nursing
Tracey White, Nursing
Katie Wojnowski, Nursing
Elizabeth Wott, Document Shredder

5 Years

Donna Anderson, Supported Living
Kanisha Barbour, Nursing
Dave Besgrove, Maintenance
Asia Coleman, Supported Living
Joseph Coulter, Supported Living
Brenda Dabrunz, Supported Living
Sherri Dario, Supported Living
Diana Dunbar, Food Service
Eric Estep, Supported Living
Christine Ewing, Supported Living
Erica Hall, Nursing
Brandi Hinton, Supported Living
Taryn Jones, Supported Living
John Lauback, Information Technologies
Cheryl Riley, Supported Living
Donald Rogers, Maintenance
Julie Ruiz, Housekeeping
Connie Salyer, Hab Specialist
Latoya Simms, Outreach Team Leader
Judith Tilghman, Supported Living
Alexis Tonkin, Supported Living
Lacharri Williams, Supported Living
Lena Worrell, Hab Specialist
Kimberly Wright, Hab Janitorial

We would also like to offer our best wishes and gratitude to retirees:

Susan Bauroth, Food Service • Nancy Chalfin, Direct Care • Linda Deneve, Supported Living
Debra Deno, Housekeeping • Patricia Everhardt, Bookkeeping
Carolyn George, Housekeeping • Renee Gibson, Housekeeping



Gifts

January 1, 2019 – March 31, 2019

Advent Lutheran Church Women
Uniontown, OH

Amazon Smile

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Anson
Baldwinsville, NY

Augsburg Lutheran Church
Toledo, OH

Mr. and Mrs. Len Bacon
Toledo, OH

Mr. and Mrs. Richard V. Beard
Pemberville, OH

Bethlehem Lutheran Church
Pemberville, OH

Bethlehem Lutheran Sunday School
Toledo, OH

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Cygnet, OH

Bob Evans Farms
New Albany, OH

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Sandusky, OH

Mr. Richard H. Bosse
Millbury, OH

Mr. Joseph Boyles
Sylvania, OH

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Toledo, OH

Christ Lutheran Church
Bowling Green, OH

Mr. James R. Coldren
Toledo, OH

Concordia Lutheran Church
Toledo, OH

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Castalia, OH

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Perrysburg, OH

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Lambertville, MI

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Toledo, OH

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Leipsic, OH

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Toledo, OH

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Fremont, OH

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Oregon, OH

Mr. Donald Geldien
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Sandusky, OH

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Mr. John F. Heminger
Genoa, OH

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Oak Harbor, OH

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Maumee, OH

Mr. John C. Lusch
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South Hackensack, NJ

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Mr. Jonathan Milbrodt
Perrysburg, OH

Ms. Kathy Morfier
Bellevue, OH

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Columbus, OH

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Mrs. Jean Oberkiser
Oregon, OH

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Williston, OH

Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Obrock
Perrysburg, OH

Dr. and Mrs. Neiman T. Odeh
Perrysburg, OH

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Martin, OH

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Parma, OH

Parma Lutheran Church Women
Parma, OH

Dr. Renee Paye
Warren, MI

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Findlay, OH

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Oregon, OH

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Cleveland, OH

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Naperville, IL

Mr. William E. Smith
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Woodville, OH

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Port Clinton, OH

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St. John Lutheran Church
Danforth, IL

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New Washington, OH

St. John Lutheran Church
Oak Harbor, OH

St. John Lutheran Church
Port Clinton, OH

St. John Lutheran Church
Stony Ridge, OH

St. John Lutheran Church
Toledo, OH

St. John Lutheran Church
Williston, OH

St. Mark Lutheran Church
Delaware, OH

St. Mark Lutheran Church
Fremont, OH

St. Martin Lutheran Church
Archbold, OH

St. Matthew Lutheran Church
Lima, OH

St. Michael Lutheran Church
Ottawa Lake, MI

St. Paul Lutheran Church
Blissfield, MI

St. Paul Lutheran Church
Jenera, OH

St. Paul Lutheran Church
Napoleon, OH

St. Paul Lutheran Church
Oak Harbor, OH

St. Paul Lutheran Church
Prospect, OH

St. Paul Lutheran Church
Sulphur Springs, OH

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Norwalk, OH

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Minneapolis, MN

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Elmore, OH

Trinity Lutheran Church
Sandusky, OH

United Way of Greater Toledo
Toledo, OH

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Oak Harbor, OH

Ms. Ruth Wiechman
Columbus, OH

Zion Lutheran Church
Gibsonburg, OH

Zion Lutheran Church
LaFayette, OH

Zion Lutheran Church
Luckey, OH

Zion Lutheran Church Women
Luckey, OH

Zion Lutheran Church
Perrysburg, OH

Zoar Lutheran Church
Perrysburg, OH





Bequests

January 1, 2019 – March 31, 2019

Estate of Larry A. Buchler
Pinckney, MI

Estate of Jacqueline J. Frazier
Woodville, OH

Estate of Paul J. Wukotich
Columbiana, OH



LMM Gifts

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Rev. and Mrs. Daniel Beaudoin
Lucky, OH

Rev. and Mrs. Charles Campbell
Toledo, OH

Mr. and Mrs. Arnie Rodriguez
Sylvania, OH

St. Paul Lutheran Church
Bowling Green, OH

I Have Called You by Name

The passage is from Isaiah, Chapter 43. It happens to be Megan O'Brien's memory verse for 2019; and a personal favorite, remembered from my very first Sunday at Luther Home of Mercy. One of our care-givers, Victor Cantu, assisted Billy Fritz in lighting candles at the start of our Chapel Service. Pastor Jim Bosse provided leadership and the message. Carrie Slates read from John, the Light of the world that no darkness can comprehend. And Chris Jaye read from Isaiah, God's Word of promise that "I have called you by name, you are mine." Fellows from Cottage Four took up the offering with assistance from Nurse, Sandy Cutchall. It was a day filled with blessings multiplied by each day that followed.

Last week I was reflecting on a conversation nearly ten years ago with Chris Jaye, when that verse from Isaiah came back to mind. Rallies had been going on at the State House supporting legislation to abolish the "R" word throughout Ohio. Well, it seemed pretty clear that we both thought this was a good idea; and probably some other unfortunate names or labels should go as well. The new terminology under discussion was said to be "Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities." This, in our view, was certainly an improvement over hurtful names that put people down, held them back or shut them out. Chris suggested, however, that his father might have a better idea; and I believe Isaiah would agree: "My Dad," he said, "calls me Chris."

— Pastor Don Wukotich
Executive Director Emeritus

While longtime resident, Chris Jaye, passed away in 2017 the lessons he taught us about faith through adversity continue to inspire.



*"Fear not,
for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name,
you are mine." — Isaiah 43:1*



Memorials

January 1, 2019 – March 31, 2019

Roger Abke

Mr. and Mrs. Carl W. Dierksheide
Bradner, OH

Barb Amman

Mrs. JoElaine Schimming
Williston, OH

Douglas Barnes

Mr. and Mrs. Donald L. Jefferis
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Mrs. Carol L. Eckermann
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Millbury, OH

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Curtice, OH

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Northwood, OH

Leonard and Margaret Harrington

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Grosse Pointe Woods, MI

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Holland, OH

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Woodville, OH

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Gibsonburg, OH
Mr. and Mrs. Kent Christiansen
Curtice, OH
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Mr. Randy Peltz
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Ms. Janet Henderson-Taylor
Holland, OH

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Mr. Melvin C. Johnson
Bowling Green, OH

Ronald Johnston

Mr. and Mrs. Howard F. Oestreich
Wayne, OH

Eugene King

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Curtice, OH
Mr. Jeff King and Family
Curtice, OH
Mrs. Anita L. Manzeck
Elmore, OH
Mrs. Arline Sabin
Millbury, OH
Ms. Sarah White
Curtice, OH

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Sycamore, OH

Charles Lusiak

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Macomb, MI

Opal Martin

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Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mensing
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Atlanta, GA

Glenn and Jean Moenter

Mr. and Mrs. Brad Moenter
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Perrysburg, OH
Mr. Robert Seyfang
Perrysburg, OH

Ernest and Emma Ness

Mr. Robert H. Ness
Gibbon, MN

Donald Noblit

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hartschuh
Sycamore, OH

Leon and Evelyn Osborn

Mr. and Mrs. Michael C Osborn
Norwalk, OH

My Parents

Mrs. LaVon H. Miller
East Lansing, MI



Dozens of crafters recently filled our gymnasium for a day of scrapbooking fun in support of our ministry. With Coordinator of Support Services, Dave Zyski and his wife, Amy Zyski, as gracious hosts, guests enjoyed a twelve hour day of delicious food and time to work on craft projects with friends. Special thanks to Genoa Bank for sponsoring the food and sending several bank employees to join us as guests.

Edward Pavley

Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Bury
Oregon, OH

Steve Perlak

Mrs. Phyllis L. Bensch
Oak Harbor, OH

Tom Petteys

Rev. and Mrs. Richard C. Ferne
Pickerington, OH

Gerold and Romaine Pfeifer

Mr. G. James Pfeifer
Upper Sandusky, OH

Harold R Phelps, Jr.

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Lambertville, MI

Lois Pollauf

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Holland, OH
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Jacksonville, FL
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Newton, NC
Ms. Jane Morrin
Findlay, OH
Mrs. Therese Morris
Toledo, OH
Ms. Julie Peace
Toledo, OH
Mr. and Mrs. Michael J. Pollauf
Sylvania, OH

Ms. Judy Powell
Perrysburg, OH
Mr. and Mrs. Larry Schanke
Graytown, OH
Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Seeman
Perrysburg, OH
Ms. Virginia Seeman
Sylvania, OH
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Mrs. Judith Pflieger
Sandusky, OH
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Grand Ledge, MI

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Mrs. Maxine L. Hagemeyer
Wayne, OH

Louis Snyder

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Mrs. Frances Wilson
Holland, OH

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Mrs. Frances Wilson
Holland, OH

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Huntington, IN
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Ms. Martha Harp
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Swayzee, IN
Mrs. Rosemary Hartman
Corunna, IN
Mr. and Mrs. Peter Hippensteel
Angola, IN
Ms. Wilberta Horrell
Warren, IN
Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Jackson
Warren, IN
Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Jones
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Huntington, IN
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sliger
Warren, IN
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Warren, IN
Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Stroeh
Daleville, IN
Tri Green Tractor, LLC
Swayzee, IN
Ms. JoAnn Trout
Warren, IN
Mr. and Mrs. Larry D. Trout
Fort Wayne, IN
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Trout
Florence, AL
Mr. and Mrs. David Walter
Warren, IN
Ms. Phoebe Wiley
Warren, IN
Mr. and Mrs. Trent Wolfe
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Honor Roll

January 1, 2019 – March 31, 2019

Thomas Austerberry

Dr. and Mrs. Charles F. Austerberry
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George and Barbara Beery's Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. William G. Beery
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Sandy Cutchall's Birthday

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Mrs. Christine S. Hamilton
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Barbara Moellman's 80th Birthday

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Campbell
Rossford, OH
Mr. Timothy Ninke
Dublin, OH

Bernice Rath's 90th Birthday

Ms. Jo Ann Capaul
Ida, MI

Rev. Donald L. Wukotich

Mr. & Mrs. David M. Rinderknecht
Upper Sandusky, OH

Pfeiffer House Welcomes Visitors

In January 1942, Mr. Pfeiffer from Ida, Michigan requested that he be allowed to build a home on the north edge of our Williston property. Here, his son Billy could receive loving care from Luther Home staff and the Pfeiffers would give the house to our ministry when Billy no longer lived there. Pfeiffer House has faithfully served many purposes over the years including a home and office to our Executive Directors, offices for Public Relations and Auxiliary activities, a center for collecting items for our donation room and, most recently, the central office of our Community Ministries leadership.

With the recent move of our Community Ministries team into the old "cottage 5", Pfeiffer House was once again open to taking on a new role. Thanks to generous contributions from the Portage Valley Federation of Lutheran Men and St. John Lutheran Church-Williston,

the expansive facility has undergone significant renovations and is now open for use as a hospitality house. For a freewill donation, visitors, including resident friends and family, church and community groups are welcome to stay as our guests and take in the comforts of this spacious five bedroom home. Aging office furniture and faded carpet have been replaced to accommodate up to eleven overnight guests who can enjoy ample seating areas and our newly refurbished kitchen.

Whether you are looking for a cozy spot to host your next meeting or overnight accommodations for your next mission trip, we welcome you to experience our hospitality at Pfeiffer House. For reservations and availability please contact Megan O'Brien, 419-972-4436, mobrien@lutherhome.org.



A Lasting Legacy: Built in 1948, through the forward thinking and generosity of the Pfeiffer family, countless lives have been touched by the many uses of this planned gift.



Thanks to special help from our friends at Art Van Furniture – Genoa, guests can relax and visit loved ones surrounded by the comforts of home.



Not only did congregants from St. John-Williston financially support the project but also invested sweat equity into cleaning, painting and furniture assembly to ready the property for overnight guests.

Putting with a Purpose!

Spring has sprung which means it's time to dust off the golf clubs and join us for two great golfing events:

Luther Home of Mercy Golf Scramble: Join us Friday, August 16, for an 8:00 a.m. shotgun start at the beautiful Maumee Bay Golf Course located at Maumee Bay State Park. Registration information is available online at lutherhome.org or by contacting mobrien@lutherhome.org.

Four Lutheran Agencies Golf Scramble: On Friday, June 21, golfers will gather for a 9:00 a.m. start at Stone Ridge Golf Course located in Bowling Green, OH. Proceeds from this outing benefit the ministries of LHM as well as Filling Homes, Lutheran Social Services and Genacross Lutheran Services. Register at <https://bit.ly/2iVDg7z> or contact Joyce Willier for information, 419-350-4809.

Continental breakfast and lunch are provided at both outings. We hope that you can join us!



LMM Annual Meeting: “Together Toward Tomorrow”

The sixth Annual Lutheran Ministries of Mercy Meeting of the Association of Congregations proclaimed TOGETHER TOWARD TOMORROW at the Hilton Garden Inn, Perrysburg. The partnership of Luther Home of Mercy, Filling Homes and Lutheran Social Services of Northwestern Ohio has proven successful in allowing each agency to serve people in need at the same level of quality that they have come to be known for by working together and sharing resources.

Pastor Charles Campbell conducted Board business and recognized outgoing members Krista Behm, Sharon Dailey, Michael House, Dale Kern, John Rutz and John Shaffer. We are thankful for their dedicated service. Incoming Board members were accepted,



(L-R) Hope Myers and Rebecca Addington, two of the eight recipients of the very first award of the Donald L. Wukotich scholarship, were recognized for their efforts to advance their career through additional education in service related fields.

and they include Michelle Dean, Christine Fletcher, Stephen Lutz, Christina Palmer and Charles Winters and we are equally thankful for their commitment to serving the Lutheran Ministries of Mercy in the years to come.

LMM President and CEO, Terri Rodriguez, shared with guests that, since its inception, LMM affiliates have realized a combined savings of \$1.3 million through shared ministry partnerships. Featured speaker, Reverend Richard Habrecht of the Ohio District, LCMS delivered an inspirational message to attendees. We are grateful to all who spent their evening with us to learn about our ministries and shape important decisions for our future.



Hoping for a win: (L-R) LHM staff, Megan O'Brien and Sharon Dean, help Leslie try his luck at one of the basket raffles held at each agency display.

Happy Birthdays...Made Possible By You!

Birthdays are a special time that many of those we serve look forward to celebrating the whole year through. Residents like Carol count down the days for cake, presents and a moment to shine among friends. For some individuals who are entrusted to our care, limited funds and distant families make it difficult for their special day to be recognized. We would like to thank our donors and friends who have made a gift to the LHM Birthday Club. With a gift of \$50, donations to the LHM Birthday Club make it possible for residents with limited funds to enjoy cake, decorations and a small present from someone who cares. These special contributions directly help those we serve to feel cherished and important.

Would you like to help us celebrate others through the LHM Birthday Club? Contributions can be designated by writing "Birthday Club" on the memo of your check or in the "comment" section of your online donation at lutherhome.org.



A very happy birthday indeed! Helen took delight in the cottage pizza party and cake offered on her special day.

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*Luther Home of Mercy is an ICF/DD (Intermediate Care Facility
for Developmentally Disabled) — the main campus is located in
Williston and Community Ministry serves
clients in four NW Ohio counties.*



Celebrating Lent



If you were to ask Craig how we started the church season of Lent, he would enthusiastically tell you, “Ash Day!” Leadership from our ICF Services team helped us begin this period of reflection before Easter with a special Ash Wednesday service. Social Services Coordinator, Tony Lompis, assisted with the imposition of ashes received by Elizabeth and a full chapel of residents and staff.