



THE VISIONEER

A Project Update for Our New Vision Campaign Partners
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Move to Willow Ridge Allows Renovations at Mennonite Memorial Home

When plans were made to build Green House homes at Willow Ridge, the Board of Directors also developed plans to create a state-of-the-art, Rehabilitation and Wellness Center at Mennonite Memorial Home (MMH). Mennonite Home Communities of Ohio (MHCO) maintains a license for 92 nursing beds; 20 at Willow Ridge and 72 at MMH. The reduction of 20 beds at MMH allowed renovation to begin on April 1. (No foolin'!) Financing for the renovation was secured at the time of the Willow Ridge financing. The generous contributions received for the *New Vision* campaign made it possible to finance both projects through Citizens National Bank. The renovation includes the following changes to the main floor (Buckeye Hall or Floor II):

- Twelve semi-private rooms will be converted to private rooms for those who need a short-term rehab stay.
- Ten of the twelve rooms will include private showers as well.

- A whirlpool spa will be available for those who prefer or need a tub bath.
- The therapy room will be moved from the lower level to the main level, in the space where the current dining room is located.
- The therapy room will include all the equipment needed for occupational therapy including:
 - Washer and Dryer
 - Stove and Refrigerator
 - Bathing room with traditional, residential style tub
- Two new dining and lounge spaces will be created - one on the north end of the main level, and one on the south end of the main level.

In addition to the above changes, Floor I and Floor III will receive new flooring and wall covering as well as improved lighting. The 1978, 300 KW generator will be replaced with a new 300 KW generator. All of these changes support our vision: *To be the community's source of innovative care, excellent services, and comprehensive resources for older adults.*



Partitions separate the rooms being renovated from the rest of the residents' rooms on Buckeye Hall (Floor II) at Mennonite Memorial Home. M&W Construction from Lima is the general contractor for the project. The project, which will provide a Rehabilitation and Wellness Center with 12 private rooms, should be completed in seven to nine months.



For his birthday, Betty House elder, Bob Reichenbach requested barbecued chicken and corn on the cob. Elder Irene Hall helped to husk the corn. Thanks to the generosity of a donor, two grills were given to Willow Ridge last fall.



Patio Furniture Anyone? With the warming weather our elders are anxious to be outside. We are accepting contributions to provide patio furniture for the homes at Willow Ridge!

Question of the Month? *How do renovations at MMH affect staff and elders?*

In 7-9 months, MHCO will have a state-of-the-art Rehabilitation and Wellness Center. Getting there means elders and staff of MMH are experiencing a construction zone. M&W Construction (Lima) is doing a tremendous job of separating the construction area from the living area and isolating the construction so that it impacts elders and staff minimally. MMH continues to accept and welcome both long-term residents and short-term rehab patients throughout the renovation period. Please contact Laura Voth or Rhonda Wolpert at 419-358-1015 if you have any questions related to the construction.



Elder Harry Butterfield dons a hairnet and helps whip up a cake for dessert. Elders have the opportunity to choose menus, suggest recipes and help cook if they desire.

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