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A Project Update for Our New Vision Campaign Partners
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Willow Ridge Shahbaz Promoted to Guide

By Rhonda Wolpert, Administrator

Barb Lawrence was recently named as the new “Guide” at Willow Ridge. Her responsibilities will include overseeing and supporting Shahbazim as they serve with a focus on each individual Elder according to the Green House philosophy.

Barb is a State Tested Nurse Aide and has served as a Frieda House Shahbaz at Willow Ridge. She is one of the original Shahbazim, and has an excellent understanding of what challenges the Shahbazim encounter. Barb has taken great interest in the Green House philosophy of “Elders First,” and has done much research on her own to better understand how she can help her team grow in this philosophy.

Prior to working at Willow Ridge, Barb babysat children in her home for 10 years and worked as a photographer with Lifetouch.

A graduate of Findlay High School, Barb and Dave, her husband of 25 years, live in Harrod and have four children: Samantha, Alexandra (deceased), Jacob, and Benjamin. In addition to her life experience, Barb has made two mission trips to Haiti.

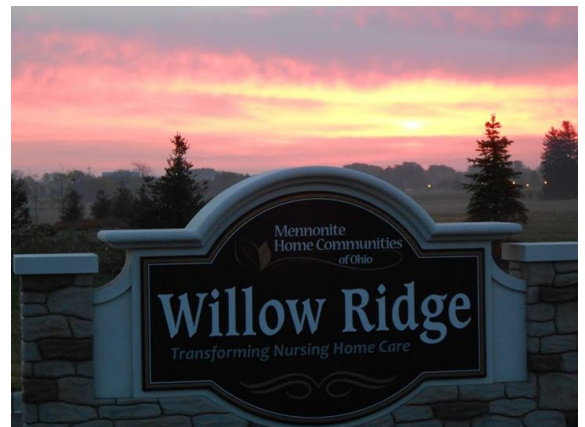
In preparation of her new role, Barb has completed the Guide training through the Green House Project. We are delighted to have Barb in her new role - congratulations, Barb!



*Above: Barb Lawrence becomes Guide.
Below: Speaks for itself!*



*Elders at Frieda House enjoy Trick-O-Treat night.
Some of the staff brought their children to enjoy the fun.*



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Above: Elder Mary gives Luke Ginther a ride on her scooter in the back yard of Betty House. Left, top to bottom: Shahbaz Melanie and Administrator Rhonda show off their Halloween costumes. Shahbaz Julia presents Ray Combs with a Car Show trophy. The First Annual Willow Ridge Old Car Show.



Question of the Month?

Sometimes people ask, "Is there anything you need at Willow Ridge?" As with any new home, after you live in a place for a while, you learn that there are some things you wish you had. For example, we wished we would have put ceiling lifts in the spa rooms to assist elders in and out of the whirlpool tubs. Thanks to a 3:1 match from the Department of Workers Compensation, we were able to install lifts in both spa rooms earlier this year. Elders are also enjoying the back yards but the trees aren't large enough to provide shade. Two patio tables with umbrellas are something we wish we had. If you would like to make a contribution, you can go to mhcoliving.org/ways-to-give or you can mail a check to MHCO, 410 West Elm St., Bluffton, OH 45817. For those receiving this newsletter electronically, click the donate button below.

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