



THE VISIONEER

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Twelve Elders Call Willow Ridge “Home”

During the week of February 4, ten elders joined two elders who had been living at Willow Ridge since November 26. MHCO received notification from the Ohio Department of Health on February 1 that its state Nursing Home License was approved, retroactive to January 18, the day of the survey. “We passed the healthcare survey for both licensure and certification with flying colors,” stated CEO Laura Voth. A second survey, called the “Life Safety Code,” required the relocation of some smoke detectors and sprinkler heads. Additionally, the heating units located in the attics are now required to be enclosed with one-hour fire-rated walls, floors and ceilings. This was required due to what appears to be a fairly recent change in interpretation of the Life Safety Code rules. The changes are underway.

Iris Neufeld reflected on this new opportunity for her mother, LaVera. “We had such a great experience at Frieda House on our move-in day. The move went smoothly and we appreciated all the help we got. But the best part was the supper. It was so very nice to sit altogether, eating family style, and talking and laughing together. It really did feel like home. Vicky, Lisa, and Coral really made us feel welcome and made the group feel like family. Thanks so much to all of them. Naturally, we've been hearing that the Green Houses would be like this, but it's different to actually experience it.”

Visitors are always welcome at Willow Ridge. It is best to call ahead (419-358-1015) prior to a visit. When arriving at a home, simply ring the doorbell and a member of the household will greet you.



Above: Shahbaz, Barb Lawrence and Guide, Rhonda Wolpert, welcome the elders to Frieda House on February 4. Below: LaVera Neufeld and her daughters, Iris and Fran, prepare for the move. Go to facebook.com/MHCOhio for more stories and pictures.



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Clockwise from top left: Rodney Dyck and Kris Reese protect elders' belongings for the move. Christine Purves arrives at Frieda House and warms up in her new home. Christine, her daughter, Greta, and Phyllis Osborne enjoy the noon meal. Vera Grimm spends some time with her Mennonite Memorial Home nurse, Ramona Martin, prior to her move. Kristen Niekamp assists Vera as she arrives at Frieda House. Vera is bundled up for the move on the cold February morning.

