



A New Vision
Transforming Elder Living
A Green House Project

THE VISIONEER

A Project Update for Our New Vision Campaign Partners

June 2012



Cabinets and kitchen counter tops have been installed in House B and the appliances will be installed in the near future. It's really beginning to look like a home! The stone work on both homes is nearly complete. Painting has begun inside House A. Engelhardt Nursery, Bluffton, has planted some pine trees near Augsburger Road. Other landscaping will happen after construction is complete later this summer.

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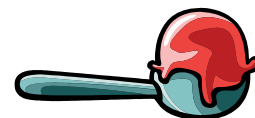
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Get the Scoop Rescheduled for Monday, June 11

- Who:** Donors, Staff & Their Families
What: Free Ice Cream, an update on MHCO and a Sneak-Peak Tour of the Green House Homes
Where: Starting in the Maple Crest Patio Room
When: Monday, June 11th, 6:30-8:00 p.m.
Why: Because we value your commitment and support of the elders in our care and want to keep you updated.

**Please RSVP by June 7 if you are able to come.
RSVP to dluginbill@mmhiving.org or call
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Rhonda Wolpert, MMH Administrator and Green House Guide (Administrator) explains the unique features of the Green House homes during *Get the Scoop* on May 17th. Sixty volunteers and staff enjoyed ice cream and a sneak-peak tour of one of the Green House homes. (Fred Steiner Photo)

Question of the Month?

Are Green House Homes Assisted Living or Licensed Nursing Care?

Green House homes provide **licensed nursing care**. One of the most persistent misunderstandings about the Green House homes is the *level of care* being provided to those who live there. Green House homes are designed to serve those who must have **24 hour care** and who are unable to live on their own. **Elders in the Green House homes will receive Licensed Nursing Care.** Many believe the Green House homes will provide Assisted Living. That is not true. The Green House homes are only for Licensed Nursing Care.

MHCO does provide Assisted Living (AL) at both Maple Crest and Mennonite Memorial Home. Elders residing in AL apartments may receive some assistance with bathing, med administration and other activities of daily living and have daily contact with a staff person. Part of the confusion may be due to the fact that a Green House home does not look like a nursing home! And that's the goal!!! With your help we're *Transforming Elder Care!*

Did you know???

There are seven Work Groups made up of 3-6 staff and volunteers each who are helping to lead the transformation to Green House living. The Green House® Project is a “philosophy of care” even more than a new “living environment.” The “universal worker” known as a *Shahbaz* replaces the nurses aide. A hierarchical staffing structure gives way to a self-directed work team. Elder choice regarding sleep schedule, meals, and activities is enhanced. The living environment is a home. All of this transition requires rewriting many of our policies and procedures since they were written from an “institutional” perspective. Transition is never easy but with a committed team of staff, volunteers and donors, it is possible and it is happening at MHCO to the benefit of our elders!