



A New Vision
Transforming Elder Living
A Green House Project

THE VISIONEER

A Project Update for Our New Vision Campaign Partners

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House B, the Cottage Style home, is shown with its new lawn. It was perfect weather for the grass to grow.

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“A Home Blessing: Celebrating Life” on Sunday, Oct. 14

Please join the elders, staff, and board members of Mennonite Home Communities for the grand opening of the Green House homes at Willow Ridge. The opening ceremony for the Green House homes is Sunday, October 14 from 1:00-3:00 pm. Dr. Bill Thomas, founder of THE GREEN HOUSE® Project will join us in celebrating the first Green House homes in Ohio. This is truly a day of celebration and marks a new opportunity for elders to experience nursing care in a home.

Celebration Schedule

1:00-2:00 Ceremony under the tent at Maple Crest

2:00-3:00 Green House Open House

***6:30-7:30 Folk Concert, Book Signing and Story Telling
Featuring Dr. Bill Thomas in the Maple
Crest Patio Room***

***In the event of poor weather, the ceremony will be held at Ebenezer
Mennonite Church, 8905 Columbus Grove Rd, Bluffton.***



Above: The Hearth Room of the Arts and Crafts home.
Below: An example of what a bedroom could look like.



Above: The Hearth Room of the Cottage Style home.
Below: The spa is equipped with an easily accessible whirlpool tub. Photos by Daren Lee.



Question of the Month?

Who is Dr. Bill Thomas?

Dr. Thomas is the founder of the Eden Alternative and THE GREEN HOUSE® Project. He is an international authority on geriatric medicine and eldercare and is dedicated to promoting and developing constructive, holistic approaches to aging and the care of our elders. He is also the author of several books including “What are Old People For?” and a recent novel entitled, “Tribes of Eden.” Dr. Thomas is an engaging story teller and a folk musician as well. You can learn more about Dr. Thomas at changingaging.org or www.thegreenhouseproject.org. On Sunday, Oct. 14th at 6:30 p.m. he will provide an hour of story telling and folk music in the Maple Crest patio room. His most recent book, *Tribes of Eden*, will also be available for purchase and signing. Dr. Thomas’ vision of replicating Green House homes throughout the country is being realized. Since the first home was built in Tupelo, MS in 2003, there are now 134 Green House homes open throughout the United States and over 106 more homes in various stages of development. We anticipate that the homes at Willow Ridge will provide an opportunity for others in our region to learn about this new concept of nursing care which is Transforming Elder Living!