



THE VISIONEER

A Project Update for Our New Vision Campaign Partners
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Question of the quarter?
Do you have fun at Willow Ridge?
View pictures from the past year and judge for yourself!

Peter dons a turkey hat for Thanksgiving.
Tina celebrates her birthday.
Norma gets into the Halloween spirit.
Go Buckeyes!
Irene and Kristen enjoy the Allen Co. Fair.
Mary receives a corsage for Mother's Day.



Shahbazim and Support Staff Nurture, Sustain, and Protect

From the pictures in this newsletter, it is clear the elders at Willow Ridge enjoy a variety of activities, opportunities for trips in the community and celebrations to mark holidays and milestones. These are the events that bring meaning and purpose to living.

During one of the activities earlier this year, three flower pots with the words “**nurture, sustain and protect**” graced the table where elders were playing Bingo. These three words serve as reminders to both the staff and elders of the professional covenant staff have made to the elders and their

families. The various activities staff provide, from Bible studies to trips to the fair, are opportunities for elders to continue being **nurtured**. But it’s not a one-way street. The stories shared around the table by elders, the love and encouragement elders show the children who come to visit, and songs sung around the hearth are opportunities for elders to nurture one another and others as well.

The staff are also committed to **sustaining** the rhythms of life and preferences that elders have including choices of meals, bathing and activities. And, of course, the staff are committed to **protect** the elders. While it is tempting to allow “safety” to trump nearly everything else in the nursing home environment, the Willow Ridge staff are committed to safety while protecting the dignity, freedom and choices elders make on a daily basis.



We are grateful for your support!

- ◆ *Since opening in 2012, 48 elders have called Willow Ridge “home.”*
 - ◆ *The \$2.1 million New Vision Campaign goal was reached in early December, 2015.*
 - ◆ *MHCO continues to enjoy excellent community support and encouragement.*
- Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!*

