

Annual Appeal 2020

There's No Place Like Home!

Dear <First Name>

Home is almost our middle name. If you walk into Elizabeth Church Manor, there's a sign that reads, "Residents do not live in our facilities, rather, we work in their homes." We take that philosophy to heart. When someone moves to United Methodist Homes, this becomes their home and it's our responsibility to ensure it is a place of safety, security, and compassion.

"Home" has taken on a new meaning in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. Since March, home is where many of us have remained for months in an effort to keep ourselves, our family and our friends safe.



"With all that is happening, I now know why God led me here, to be safe and secure." -Dave K., Hilltop

The Foundation is an integral part of creating a home and community for our residents. During COVID-19 restrictions, visitors have not been allowed on campus. This has been an incredible sacrifice for our residents and their loved ones. Because of the previous generous support of others, the Foundation was able to quickly respond to resident needs and purchase close to \$60,000 in equipment such as iPads and tablets to keep residents connected to family and friends, as well as a variety of creative items to keep residents engaged mentally and physically.

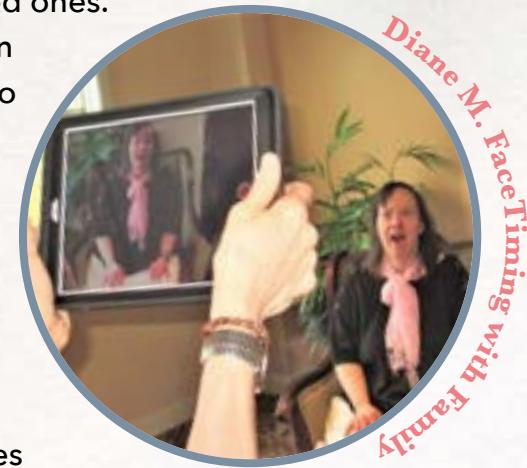
Out of concern for community health, the 2020 Foundation Golf Tournament was cancelled, leaving us with a greater need for support. The annual event typically raises over \$55,000 for the Resident Assistance Program. This critical program quietly distributes funds to assisted living/personal care residents that have exhausted their personal financial means; helping to ensure they will always have a home with us.



"It feels like home because I'm well taken care of, and always have people around me. The people around me are kind and caring." -Pat T., Elizabeth Church



"I am very happy here and I feel very well protected. Everyone that works here goes out of their way to make me feel at home." -Viola C., Wesley Village



Despite the many challenges that we have faced so far in 2020, a common theme has been our motivation – “we’re all in this together”. We are the employees, the residents, the families, and we are the donors. **We are a community of people that believe in the meaning of home and the importance of providing the best to those we love.**

As we’ve seen, unforeseen circumstances arise. An unrestricted donation allows the staff and Foundation to discern the best possible use of those funds when the unexpected occurs. **Your gift today provides the comforts of home to residents now and in the future, regardless of what’s going on around us.**

Return the enclosed envelope or give online today with your unrestricted gift – or program of your choosing – to support the many ways United Methodist Homes is home for close to 1,000 senior adults. Thank you for your continued generosity.



Helen W. shares her support.



“I have all the things my own home had - good space, exercising, TV, computer use. I don’t know what more you could want or need!” - Kevin M., Tunkhannock



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PS. With increased expenses and decreased event income, **you have the opportunity to make a tremendous impact with your donation right now.** Consider a recurring monthly gift to support our seniors all year. Contact the Foundation office at giving@umhwc.org for more information.

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Today!