

For donors and friends of the Ohio Living Foundation

# Mission in Action

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# Spruced Up Spaces

Donors help enhance employee areas at two campuses

## Remodeled Nurses' Station

“It’s awesome. We love it!”

Kim Thompson, a charge nurse at Ohio Living Dorothy Love, expressed her delight with a remodeled nurses’ station, one of two recent projects to benefit employees and make their work more efficient and enjoyable.

Centrally located between assisted living and the rehabilitation area, the area now has new paint, lighting, carpeting, cabinets and enough desk space for staff.

An anonymous donor, grateful to our employees, contributed \$40,000 toward the project.

“Thank you to the donor and everyone who made this project possible,” Kim said.

**ON THE COVER:** Nancy Buehler, along with her stepson, Dixon Buehler (left) and husband, Tennyson Williams (right), stop for a quick pic in the new employee break room at Ohio Living Westminster-Thurber. The remodel of the space was paid for with donor generosity, which Nancy was part of. She made the lead gift to the project in memory of her late husband, Richard.

**BELOW:** Charitable gifts helped to spruce up this nurses’ station at Ohio Living Dorothy Love. The new paint, lighting, carpet and cabinets make the space both warm and functional.



Thank you for your partnership and generosity. It’s donors like you who help make projects like these possible at Ohio Living’s life plan communities.

If you’d like to learn more about how you can partner with us to support the people, projects and programs of Ohio Living, visit [ohioliving.org/foundation](http://ohioliving.org/foundation) or call your local gift planner (listed on page 7) today!



## Modernized Employee Lounge

Donors also financed improvements to the employee lounge at Ohio Living Westminster-Thurber.

A generous gift of \$10,000 from Nancy Buehler in memory of her late husband, Richard, launched the project. Both she and Richard were extremely grateful for the care provided by staff, and Nancy wanted to do something to give back.

These renovations bring fresh paint, new tables and chairs, mobile phone charging stations and new food stations.

The lounge's focal point is a large wall mural with an inspiring quote, hand painted by Jada Wehr, the daughter of employee Christine Bush.

Large or small, gifts from those who have experienced care from Ohio Living are particularly heartfelt when the project involved shows appreciation to staff. 🌱

**RIGHT, TOP TO BOTTOM:** Lead donor Nancy Buehler cuts the ribbon on the new employee lounge at Ohio Living Westminster-Thurber. | Thanks to Nancy and other donors, employees have a bright new space to take their breaks. There are new tables and chairs, and new food stations where employees can grab a quick, hot lunch. | One popular feature of the new lounge is the wall mural with a quote from football legend Lou Holtz that reads, "Ability is what you're capable of doing. Motivation determines what you do. Attitude determines how well you do it."







## Gateway to Good Living

Building renovations, endowment supported by campaign donors

Donors have once again stepped forward to make a special project come to life at an Ohio Living life plan community.

Through the Gateway to Good Living fundraising campaign, charitable gifts paid for extensive renovations to the first floor of Ohio Living Swan Creek's independent apartment building.

"From top to bottom, everything has been redone," said Nancy Hamilton, director of gift planning.

The lobby and reception area were overhauled with new flooring, wall coverings, lighting and furniture, as well as new lighting and interior windows for the dining room.

Restrooms have been modernized, elevator lobbies were upgraded, automatic doors were installed, offices have been updated and the Community Room was transformed into a new lounge/theater.

The focal point of the space is the new stone fireplace, which was funded through a

generous gift from resident John Morrison and his late wife, Nancy.

In addition to these renovations, this initiative also helped Ohio Living Swan Creek grow its endowment, permanently benefiting the campus, its residents and its programs.

Funds were raised in support of the Life Care Commitment and spiritual life. These endowment gifts are invested in perpetuity, and will provide lasting income for the life of the organization.

"This is really making a difference for residents, improving their quality of life, and that of staff and future residents as well," stated Nancy. 🌱

**ABOVE:** Ohio Living Swan Creek's independent living apartment building underwent major renovations thanks to the Gateway to Good Living fundraising campaign. Upgrades to the reception area (left) and lobby (right) evoke a sense of welcome and ease, creating the same unique atmosphere that exists throughout the entire campus.

# The Caring Fund

Donors can now help employees in their time of need

Each of us, at one time or another, needs just a little help to get by when times get tough. But sometimes, we need more.

Ohio Living employees now have a place to turn during these times. The Ohio Living Foundation has established the Caring Fund to offer emergency financial assistance to employees experiencing catastrophic events through no fault of their own.

The **Hardship Assistance** program of the Caring Fund can provide up to \$5,000 of support per employee annually. A grant selection committee, comprised of three front-line employees

and two executive officers, reviews applications after all identifying information has been removed to ensure impartiality.

An emergency need can be practically anything that causes an unexpected financial hardship outside of the employee's control. Examples include a medical emergency, natural disaster, fire, death of an immediate family member, theft of property, vehicle accident, storm damages, violence/domestic abuse and more.

The **Helping Hand** fund provides immediate financial assistance with small but urgent needs, up to \$500 annually. This

support is for employees experiencing immediate financial emergencies that threaten life, safety, or the ability to get to work (food, gas, utility shut-off, emergency car repair and more.)

The decision to provide support is at the discretion of the local executive director and/or human resources director; no application process is required. 🌱

To donate to the Caring Fund, simply write "The Caring Fund" in the memo line of your check, or contact your gift planning director shown on page 7.



# Gracias! Merci! Arigato! Danke!

The many ways we say thanks to you, our donors

We hope you know just how much we appreciate you.

It's your generosity, after all, that helps us bring our mission to life and make a positive impact on the lives of the people we serve.

Our goal is to shower you with gratitude every chance we get. Here are just a few of the ways we hope to accomplish this:

## GRATITUDE REPORT

A few months ago, you should have received your copy of our first annual Gratitude Report.



This special publication was designed to give you a personal look at what your gifts are doing every day. It was our way of thanking you for giving to what matters

most: health, connection, faith, dignity, peace of mind, joy, discovery and, most of all, love.

If you did not receive your copy, please accept our apologies. Let us know at [giving@ohioliving.org](mailto:giving@ohioliving.org) or 800.686.7800, and we'll be happy to send one your way.

## PHILANTHROPY CELEBRATIONS

Each year, you and every other Ohio Living donor receive an invitation to one of our annual donor recognition events, held at our 12 life plan communities.

In 2017, these events were opened up to not just donors, but all residents and friends of Ohio Living – turning them into campus-wide Philanthropy Celebrations.

We did this so that, in addition to recognizing you for your generosity, we could tell everyone about the difference donors like you are making through charitable giving.

Each celebration included testimonials from donors and those we serve, and a

video showing the many things gifts have done.

Another special feature was a panel discussion with local leadership during which they answered questions about the impact and future of philanthropy at their campus.

If you were able to attend your local event, we hope you enjoyed it. If you weren't able to come, we look forward to seeing you next time!

## WALL OF HONOR

Each Ohio Living life plan community has a "Wall of Honor" plaque display that lists the names of every leadership donor at that campus.

Plaques for our President's Club, Living Legacy Society, Named Endowment Circle and Trustees' Roundtable recognition groups are a visible representation for residents, staff and guests of just how many people believe in and support our mission.

Through these and many other ways, we say thank you for your partnership and generosity! 🌈



# Board Bio

Get to know who's representing you

**Name:** David J. Jenkins

**Hometown:** Youngstown, Ohio; however, I have lived and been employed in the Trumbull County communities of Warren, Champion and Cortland for the last 47 years.

**Board Position:** Fundraising Advisory Committee

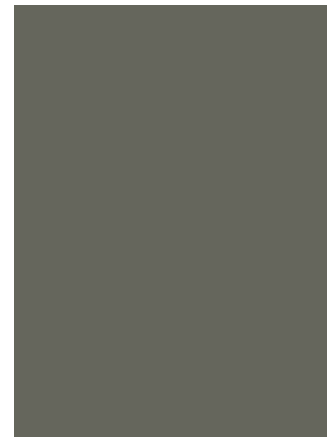
**Career:** The majority of my career has been dedicated to the financial industry with the last 14 years as the executive director of the First Place Bank Community Foundation. I'm still finding opportunities to serve my fellow man in various positions of responsibility. Retirement...I don't know how to do that.

**Education:** B.S. in Business Education from Youngstown State University, majoring in financial management with a minor in economics; continuing education at the University of Oklahoma, Indiana University and Duke University.

**Hobbies/Interests:** Our family consists of four children and four grandchildren plus a granddaughter-in-law. We travel to keep up with the children & grandchildren. I also enjoy photography and community activities.

**Relationship with Ohio Living:** My wife, Phyllis, and I live at Ohio Living Lake Vista in a very nice villa and I am the president of the Residents Association.

**My Message to Donors:** Many physical amenities have been created to make our campuses enjoyable; however, my favorite use of the funds is to provide Life Care for residents who have outlived their financial resources. I cannot think of a better way to serve our fellow residents and fulfill the challenge of Jesus Christ to "love our neighbors as ourselves" than to contribute to the mission of Ohio Living with our philanthropic gifts. 🍌

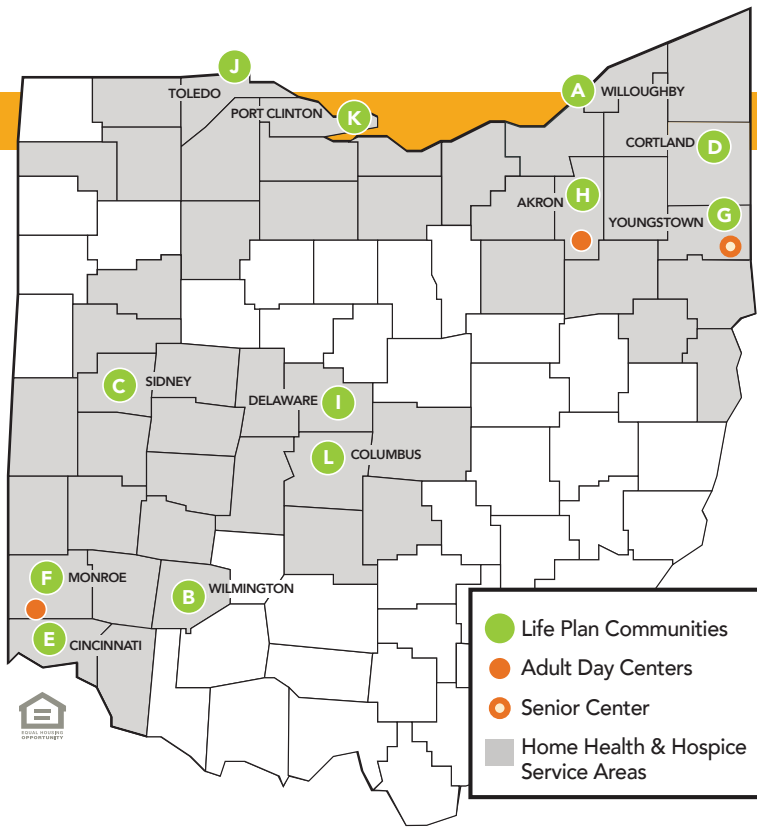


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The story on the previous page says it all - thanks, thanks, and more thanks are due to you, our donors, for all that you do to support our mission.

If you haven't had the chance to attend one of our fall donor events, I encourage you to do so in 2018. It will give you a firsthand look at how you're making a difference in the lives of the people we serve.

In the meantime, we'll keep sharing stories of donor impact in this newsletter. Look for your next issue this summer!



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