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## 2022 A MUSICAL FEAST

*An Opportunity to Be Entertained and Bless Lives*

Thursday, October 13th at 7pm will mark the beginning of the 7th Annual "A Musical Feast." This virtual event is a unique collaboration between the Life Enriching Communities Foundation and our Twin Towers "Artists in Residence," Masters and Doctoral students from the University of Cincinnati College Conservatory of Music. The hour-long program will provide an evening of beautiful music, interviews with residents from all six LEC communities, and an online auction consisting of numerous experiences, events and items that you can bid on. All dollars raised will be used to bless our resident's lives through Benevolent/Charitable Care, Pastoral Care or support of residents in long term nursing, who are on Medicaid.

A lot goes into the production of A Musical Feast, so we thought we would give you a peek behind the curtains and introduce you to two of our key Musical Feast team members, producers John Lawry and Brian Berger.



*Pictured John Lawry*

### Producing Excellence

JLP Productions is owned and operated by John Lawry. John is no stranger to the recording industry. He has several Grammys, Dove Awards, Gold records, and now a SESAC Legacy Award to his credits. He has gained success as an artist, songwriter, and producer.

With a passion for music, John moved to Nashville Tennessee at the request of Joe English who had recently left Paul McCartney and Wings. John immediately fell in love with Nashville and decided to make it his home.

While touring with Joe English, he met the band "Petra." In 1984, he joined the band and had a ten-year tenure with them. During that time, he contributed to some of the songwriting, arranging, and co-production on different projects.

In 1995 John retired from the road to concentrate on working in his own full production recording studio. He has been happily working since that time doing what he loves to do - create, record, and play music.

### Praise Through Music

Brian Berger has been producing award-winning videos since 1998 when he entered his youth ministry's HOPE drama team into a national music video contest hosted by Carman Ministries. Using a song from Carman's new album, the team's entry placed fourth and aired live on the Trinity Broadcasting Network's Praise the Lord flagship program. TBN continued to periodically re-air the program for the next decade. Prior to the contest, Brian had never before produced a video.

Since that time, Brian's work and music have aired on national and international Christian networks, across the United States, Africa, Europe, and Central and South America. Brian has been awarded the opportunity to perform in concert with Steven Curtis Chapman and served in children's ministry for three decades, including leadership as a Children's Pastor in a rural community church.

Brian has known John Lawry for more than 20 years. The two met through a mutual friend and the relationship has continued to grow as they've worked together.



*Brian Berger and his team prepare to film the 2022 A Musical Feast*

**A Musical Feast can be viewed online at [lec.org/AMF](http://lec.org/AMF)**

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Residents, associates and those otherwise engaged with LEC thrive in our communities and in their lives.

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- Honor a business associate
- Honor guests in lieu of party favors
- Wedding
- Any occasion or accomplishment

## Ella Earns Her Badge At Concord Reserve

By CR Residents Julie Feagler with Gerry Stylski

We love our loyal, steadfast, tail-wagging companion dogs. Of course, dogs are also trained for more important work - to aid physically and mentally impaired individuals, support police, serve with military troops, and more. We can appreciate their service as comfort therapy animals as well.

For patients in assisted living and nursing communities, there is little to match a warm, gentle, friendly dog who is eager to please. When one is unwell, feeling pain, or in distress, it might be the best medicine a person will have all day. It was my pleasure to meet a Certified Comfort Therapy Dog, and better yet, to tell you her story.

Ella had a rough start in life. The police found Ella and her five puppies in an abandoned house. She and her pups were taken to Friendship APL in Elyria. Concord Reserve residents and animal foster volunteers, Gerry and Dennis Stylski, were asked to care for her until she was ready for surgery and adoption. Within hours of meeting her, Gerry and Dennis knew Ella had found her "forever home" with them. Although she had been treated poorly, with love and patience Ella became a sweet, quiet, and loyal dog, ready to return the favor of comfort to others.

The associates at Concord recognized the value Ella could give Assisted Living and Long-Term residents, to bring them joy and brighten their days.

Ella's journey to becoming a therapy dog began with her first visit to the Elite K-911 Dog Training & Behavior facility. Elite K-911 agreed Ella was suitable for training with Bright & Beautiful Therapy Dog, Inc., an organization authorized to certify therapy dogs.

Mike Falatach was Ella's trainer, along with nine other dogs. After four weeks of intense training, all nine dogs in Ella's class were ready for their final exam.

Thanks to Concord's Kate DuMond, Event and Program Manager in the Health Center and Assisted Living, a nurse training area was made ready for a mock visit from residents and staff. Eight residents from Independent Living came over to role play, filling the corridors and rooms as patients in wheelchairs, with canes, on walkers, and confined to bed.



Mike observed how the owners led their dogs through the noise and activity of a busy health care facility. The carefully trained dogs calmly and lovingly offered their gift of patience and warmth to each play-acting patient. It was a rewarding experience for all participants who contributed to the program. That goes especially for our dogs, who eagerly and willingly show us love, no matter how old, disabled, fragile, or grumpy we might be.

Ella is Concord Reserve's first dog resident and therapy dog. An American Staffordshire Bull Terrier, whose gentle manner has won the hearts of the residents in Independent Living, Ella is now ready to bestow her loving grace on the entire Concord facility.







Cheryl Fey – Life Enrichment Assistant Coordinator at Wesley Ridge

## Artists at Wesley Ridge Give Back in a Generous Way

Cheryl Fey, Life Enrichment Assistant Coordinator of Independent Living at Wesley Ridge has enjoyed a variety of careers over the years: high school science teacher, self-taught muralist and interior decorative artist traveling across Ohio and much of the country, and even creator and director of Blue Shoe Arts, a program collaborating with adult artists with developmental disabilities. Besides collecting and selling folk art, Cheryl has also taught stenciling and folk art at Ohio University (Lancaster and Pickerington branches) and at the Decorative Arts Center of Ohio in Lancaster.

Cheryl's love for art made her a perfect fit for her to lead Resident Art Shows at Wesley Ridge. This year the first show was held in May, in the Fine Arts Studio at Parkside and the second art show in July was held in the Harcum Fitness & Aquatic Center. All shows highlighted the resident artists who live at Wesley Ridge. Some artists displaying their works for sale had not shared their gifted talents prior to moving into Wesley Ridge, but others have attended art classes and enjoyed an interest in art for years. Wesley Ridge is truly fortunate to have such a wide variety of art displayed this year on campus.

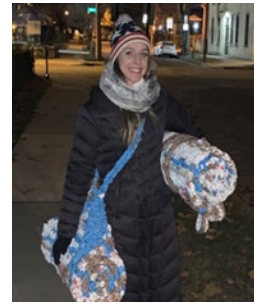
Cheryl remarks on the success of the events, "I was so pleased with the amount of artwork we offered for sale and for those who came to purchase the art and to talk with the artists. What is unique about this art show was that all the artists gave all their earnings as donations."

One more art show will be scheduled for November or December of this year and the artists plan to have a holiday-themed sale. Be on the lookout for more information!



## Wesley Woods Residents Use their Skills to Be a Blessing

The healing power of giving ... by donating either time, a talent, or funds, can truly be a blessing to others. Many of our residents at Wesley Woods at New Albany attend "Ritzy Crafters" every Wednesday to participate in artistic projects. Within the past year, they have spent their time making recycled, crocheted mats for the homeless. Making the mats from over 700 plastic grocery bags involves several detailed and time-consuming steps, from cutting and knotting, to crocheting. Making certain that the mats get into the hands of someone in need has been the passion of LEC Associate Allie Debor. Allie has been distributing the mats to individuals on the streets of downtown Columbus for the past several months. It is truly special to live somewhere where ideas not only come to life but come to fruition with the support of others.



## Gifts Come in Many Shapes and Sizes

All gifts positively impact our communities and help make our campuses a fantastic place to live and work. We are so thankful that donors want to give back to our communities in a variety of ways. One way recently was through the donation of a car. A beautiful white Toyota Prius.

Bill and Harriet Conner, residents of Twin Lakes, talked about parting with the Prius that had been in the family for quite a while. It was still in great condition and had low miles. They thought about selling the car but then it occurred to them that they could donate it to the Life Enriching Communities Foundation and by doing so it would benefit the community that they love.



Why donate through the Foundation to Twin Lakes? Bill and Harriet stated, they like the "convenience in giving" and knew the car

would be used in serving the Twin Lakes community. Bill said it simply was a "good place to donate".

By giving to Life Enriching Communities Foundation donors are able to make an immediate impact in a variety of ways along with receiving a charitable tax deduction for their generosity. The Prius is now being used by the Twin Lakes Life Safety Team and will continue to provide service and great gas mileage for years to come!

# GUILD WANTS MORE DEER ON LAWNS

July 11, 2022 | By JENNIFER B. DAVIS, Clintonville Spotlight Contributor

Retailers are accustomed to offering popular “Christmas in July” sales.

The Guild at Wesley Glen is having its own promotion to benefit residents of the senior living community at 5155 N. High St. in Clintonville.

Sets of two decorative plywood reindeer, painted white, are being sold throughout July for a special price of \$99 per pair. There will be a cost increase to the set beginning in August.

As a cost comparison, some online retailers are selling similar decorative reindeer for about three times this price, according to Lina Bozzelli, president of the guild.

The reindeer are being created by Stan Sutton, a Wesley Woods at New Albany resident and a woodworker by trade. One of the deer is bending down, and the other is standing upright.

They’ve already been nicknamed Fred and Ginger in tribute to famous movie dance partners Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers. The deer will be adorned with festive bows or wreaths for the season.

Community partners are supporting the charitable effort, including paint provided by Sherwin-Williams and plywood donated by construction company Corna Kokosing. Bozzelli said she is hoping to get some local youth involved, perhaps a Scouting troop or high school service club to assist with painting.



The auditorium benefitting from the 2022 fundraiser is a central gathering place for the residents to enjoy movies, presentations and other events.

“We wanted it to be spiffed up,” said Bozzelli. “We take 100 percent of whatever we make and it goes to the residents.”

Founded in July 1970, the auxiliary’s purpose is to raise funds to benefit the Wesley Glen senior living community’s wish list and enhance the lives of the residents. The guild provides volunteer services



and guild members are encouraged to share the continuing story of Wesley Glen with their families, friends and community. Guild membership is open to everyone.

“We want to make a call to the community to join the guild. Guild is an old word, but we’re not a fussy group of old women with nothing to do,” Bozzelli said.

“Anyone who wants to can join the guild and help direct the future of the guild. If you

have the heart to volunteer, there is so much to do. It’s a way to fix the world a little bit.”

Additionally, those interested can support the guild financially without actively volunteering, or can volunteer in general without joining the guild.

“If someone believes in the cause but can’t volunteer, they can support us financially. Any contribution is definitely tax deductible,” Bozzelli said.

“The guild was started almost immediately after we opened and is part of our corporate structure. The guild works hand-in-hand with us to fundraise and do service work at Wesley Glen. The leaders always ask, ‘Where is the need?’ and then fill it. It’s just a total blessing,” said Peg Carmany, chief legal officer of Life Enriching Communities which is the parent company for Wesley Glen.



Wesley Glen opened in 1969 as a not-for-profit organization and offers independent living, assisted living, memory care, a skilled care and rehabilitation center, and a wellness center.

Clintonville’s Wesley Glen, Wesley Ridge in Reynoldsburg and Wesley Woods at New Albany are part of Life Enriching Communities, an affiliate of the West Ohio Conference of the United Methodist Church.



# Twin Towers: Growing a Community of Gardeners



A community is much like a garden, it needs time and attention to grow. But most of all, it needs the love and care of people to reach its full potential and that is precisely how this story begins.

Back in 2019, Nancy Richardson began her mission to create a pollinator garden at Twin Towers. She attended a pollinator garden enthusiasts' meeting at her neighbor's home at Twin Towers.

"My neighbor, Sue, had started the group sometime earlier and had established a community pollinator garden in one area of our campus community. Sometime later, in thinking about how to celebrate the 90th birthday of my spouse, Elaine Huber on July 1, 2020, I thought of establishing a pollinator garden in her honor. In our 46 years together, we had many vegetable and flower gardens. Elaine loved them, though – city girl that she was -- she wasn't much of a gardener."

Nancy then went on to talk with Vicki Hickman, Executive Director of Twin Towers, who was enthusiastic about the idea. Unfortunately, by the spring of 2020 COVID-19 had disrupted plans to begin the garden. Sadly, Elaine died five days after her 90th birthday.

In the early spring of 2022, Nancy began to pursue the idea again, this time as a memorial garden in Elaine's name. With the help of Vicki, T.J. Nikolich, Matt Hilderbran, Zach Napier, Ken Miller, and several members of Elaine's family, the garden was installed on May 17, 2022, and is now in full bloom. A celebration of Elaine's life and a ceremony of blessing and gratitude was held on July 9th in the garden.

Nancy was delighted to have the opportunity to create this garden at Twin Towers. It was made possible by a donation to support our residents on Benevolent Care, for the benefit of the residents and staff, and in gratitude for the time Elaine and Nancy had together in this community.

At Twin Towers, we hope enthusiasm for contributing to campus life and the community will continue to grow with the new pollinator garden.



# Next 100 Brings the Best of LEC to Life

Over the course of 2022, Life Enriching Communities Foundation has had the pleasure of celebrating Next 100, an initiative to celebrate the rich history of LEC and to inspire a new generation of givers through a four event series. Residents, staff and family members have participated in the educational and inspirational programs at the Twin Towers and Twin Lakes campuses.

**The History of Twin Towers:** Our first event explored the origins of Life Enriching Communities. A panel of residents from Twin Lakes and Twin Towers put on a Reader's Theatre to present the fascinating history of Twin Towers. Life Enriching Communities was established in 1899 as The Methodist Home for the Aged, providing a home for retired ministers and laity.



Back row, l to r: JK Smith, Bill Ashbaugh, Joe Vaughan, Sue Montieth  
Front, l to r: Deb McCallister, Vicki Smith, Nancy Vaughan

Following a fire to the original structure in Yellow Springs in 1902, Mr. & Mrs. Obed J. Wilson generously offered to build a new home on twenty acres of land in the College Hill neighborhood of Cincinnati, Ohio, which is now home to Twin Towers. Over a century later, Twin Towers has grown into a vibrant, 112-acre campus featuring independent living patio homes and apartments, assisted living suites, skilled nursing, memory support and rehabilitative therapy services.



Back row, l to r: Connie Kingsbury, Jack Wild, Barbara MacTaggart  
Front row, l to r: Carol Ann Blain, Pat Thomas

**The History of Twin Lakes:** Continuing with the LEC story, the second event highlighted our Twin Lakes community. In 1997, the idea of Twin Lakes was created, and by 1998 property was purchased and the community was being developed, without a brick yet being laid. The community came to be through hard work, luck, friendships and philanthropy. The event featured a panel of current Twin Lakes residents who were able to share their firsthand experiences from the beginnings of Twin Lakes.

**Spiritual Foundations:** Pastoral Care has been an integral part of LEC since its inception. Spirituality can provide a sense of peace, wholeness and balance in all aspects of our lives. Our LEC Pastoral Care teams provide critical support and assistance to our residents, associates, and family members. At our Spiritual Foundations event, we heard from past and current chaplains on their memories and insights on the importance of Pastoral Care in our communities.

**Philanthropic Heroes:** Our fourth and final event celebrated the extraordinary individuals who went out of their ways to bless lives, leaving a lasting legacy and inspiring others to do the same along the way. At LEC we have been blessed to have these individuals as some of our residents, associates, and family members.

Our Foundation team believes we are all called to be a blessing to others and one individual can make a tremendous impact in blessing someone's life. For more information on being a Philanthropic Hero, visit [lec.org/NEXT100](https://lec.org/NEXT100).



The crowd enjoys "The History of Twin Towers"



# To-Dos Before the Year Ends

The end of the year is a time of reflection and anticipation. It's also a time of deadlines. Here are some important charitable considerations ahead of the last day of December.

## Smart Year-End Charitable Giving

### IRA Distribution

- If you are 59½ or older, you can take a distribution from your IRA and then make a gift to us without penalty. If you itemize your deductions, you can take a charitable deduction for the amount.
- If you are 70½ or older, you can give any amount up to \$100,000 from your IRA directly to the Life Enriching Communities Foundation. You will not pay income taxes on the transfer. If you are 72 or older, you can use this transfer to satisfy your required minimum distribution.

**To do:** We must receive your gift by Dec. 31 for your donation to qualify this year. If you have check-writing privileges on your IRA, please account for time in the mail stream.

### Appreciated Stock

You may enjoy two tax benefits with a gift of appreciated stock: Avoid paying taxes on the appreciated value, and qualify for an income tax charitable deduction based on today's market value, when you itemize.

**To do:** Complete all transfers by Dec. 31. This includes electronic transfer, hand-delivery of the securities or mailed stock and stock power (mailed separately for security).

### Donor Advised Fund

Contribute to a donor advised fund and enjoy a tax savings on that amount when you itemize.

**To do:** Complete the contribution by Dec. 31. You do not have to designate the funds this calendar year to receive the tax benefits.

## Good End-of-Year Planning

Check these off your to-do list to end the year on an organized note.

- Ensure that your **will or trust** is up to date and includes appropriate designations and charitable intentions.
- Assess your **retirement plan** beneficiaries to ensure you've considered your loved ones and favorite causes.
- If you have a **life insurance policy** that is no longer a significant piece of your estate plan, consider making the Life Enriching Communities Foundation the beneficiary.

As we approach the end of the year, we're happy to help ensure that you realize the most tax benefit. Please feel free to contact:

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