

Wesley Glen Nature Committee Partners With Boy Scouts



Columbus, OH – The end of spring brought the beginning of something beautiful for a local Boy Scout and the residents at Wesley Glen, a Life Enriching Community (LEC) in Columbus.

Years ago, Lloyd and Edna Chacey donated an area now referred to as the Chacey Lane Gardens on the Wesley Glen campus near the ravine and woods along Bill Moose Run Creek. With walking paths and fourteen gardening plots available, residents are encouraged to enjoy nature and grow plants that support pollinators. Unfortunately, the butterfly garden was in desperate need of care.

“I would look out of my apartment window, I wasn’t always happy with the view of Chacey Lane,” said Hilde, a Wesley Glen resident on the campus Nature Committee. “My friends and I presented our concerns about the future of the butterfly garden, and George, our grounds and facilities manager, was able to involve his nephew, Aiden, which was such a timely gift.”

Aiden Kohrs is a high school Boy Scout on a mission to complete his service project and join the Eagle Scout rank. Only five percent of Boy Scouts earn this rank. He was empowered to lead his first project, saying, “I think earning the Eagle Scout rank will help me in life by proving to others that I’m dedicated. My dedication was there towards being a Boy Scout, and I see that same dedication with these seniors and their gardens.”

After much collaboration and guidance within the intergenerational group, a team of Aiden’s friends and fellow Boy Scouts from Troop 734 transformed the butterfly garden. Hilde shared, “It was rewarding to see these young Scout members have an opportunity through Wesley Glen to continue the work that I and others in the Nature Committee care about.”

After reciting the Boy Scout Oath, Aiden concluded, “Being a Boy Scout means staying physically active, morally straight, and overcoming different obstacles, and I think that’s exactly what these residents do.”

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