

Community -Involved Power Couple

A Wesley Glen couple not only has the heart and time for their relationship, but for the community they've come to know as home.



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When Pete and Carolyn started looking at senior living communities, they knew they wanted a community with extended care, gardening and woodworking spaces for him, and creative opportunities for her. They found it all and more at Wesley Glen.

“I’ve been volunteering for a furniture bank for eight or nine years now,” Pete shared after recently being featured in a commercial for his volunteer contributions to the Godman Guild. “I wanted to feel useful and show the skills I had for woodworking, and we make functional, useful furniture for those who are economically-challenged and moving into their first home. And since moving to Wesley Glen, I’ve built and repaired a number of new projects!”

From lobby displays and an auditorium table to apartment banners and a garden trellis, Pete has created a variety of pieces at Wesley Glen, touching the very foundation and hearts of the community. "It's very rewarding to help those in and outside your community."

His wife, Carolyn, has also made a name for herself across Wesley Glen. "I teach arts and crafts classes, I'm the secretary to the resident council, and I mentor new people who move into the patio homes." Yes, she really does all that! And her involvement in the community's creative programming is a remarkable feat of advocacy.

"I went to an activities meeting and said I want arts and crafts here, and they offered me the time, supplies, and space as long as I taught the classes!" She went on to detail the various crafts they make under her leadership, including cards and holiday wreaths for fall, spring, Valentine's Day, and Christmas. "And lanyards for our nametags, which is the most rewarding thing for me because the participants were so thrilled with their ability to get this done and how beautiful they all turned out. It's a really fulfilling thing for everyone. We want to make things you or someone you love can use. I'm considerate of those who have arthritis or can't see well. It's important to make things accessible, everyone should be part of the community."

As a not-for-profit organization committed to providing all-inclusive services and programs for its residents, Wesley Glen is surely fortunate to have residents finding and inspiring vocational fulfillment in community.