

Fall  
2021

# Beacon of Hope



**Wesley Manor**  
Retirement Community  
*feels like home*

## Wesley Manor's tribute to Special Forces Master Sergeant

**T**he fall is a beautiful time of the year as long summer heat fades into comfortable days with colorful trees with the busy times getting ready for families at Thanksgiving. It also features a special time of recognition for Veterans and their service to our country.

Wesley Manor is honored to feature Master Sergeant James Carter, affectionately known in the Health Care Center as 'Sarge.' I spoke with his lovely



*Supported by his wife, 'Sarge' fought for our liberties with honor and courage. Thank you all veterans!*



wife of 60 years, Jo, who also resides at Wesley Manor in the Hoskinson House Assisted Living apartments to gather some highlights from his time of service in the Army.

James joined the Army in 1952 and served 22 years until 1974, serving in Korea, Vietnam, Thailand, and Japan as well as bases in Texas, North Carolina and Kentucky. He was in the Special Forces, trained Jump forces after going through Ranger Airborne School in NC. He trained forces in Vietnam and retired a Master Sergeant. James is from a coal mining family raised in Eastern Kentucky, right on the West Virginia line in Majestic, very near the site of the feud between the Hatfields and McCoys.

James and Jo came to Wesley Manor in 2018, after they had moved up to the area to be closer to their son and his family who live in Shepherdsville. Jo has been happy with the care she and James have received, and Wesley Manor is humbled and



*Jo and James have been married for over 60 years with their journey bringing them to Wesley. We are blessed to have them in our family!*

thankful to provide support to both of them at this time of their lives.

Take time this fall to slow down and be thankful for all the blessings we have individually, as a community, and as a country. Thank you for our country, the freedoms that we have and for those who have served in the Armed Forces to preserve our democracy. May God continue to bless our great country! ♥



**W**esley Manor is honored to be the home of dozens of veterans and their spouses. We proudly recognize these individuals who faithfully served our country. We apologize if we inadvertently omitted anyone from the list ~

## A salute to our veterans

- Robert Abrams
- Andrew Bush
- Dale Chapman
- James Carter
- Walter Cosby
- William Furnish
- William Goldbach
- James Hall
- David Hoskin
- Todd Howlett
- Lynn Jamison
- Albert "Sonny" Moran
- Bruce Morris
- Tom Neal
- Larry Oslin
- Rodney Pohl
- James Ringlein
- Frank Schuler
- Ike Stetter
- Ronald Swogger
- Henrietta Webb
- Dwight Willsey ♥

# It's the "little things"

By Jerry L. Hoganson, President



Can you believe it? It's been about two years that we've been dealing with the Coronavirus!! I remember when it was first identified. Our government officials and medical professionals thought and hoped that it was just another variety of the flu, and it would be gone in a couple of months. Then, reality set in. Not only has the virus been here for two years, but the medical community is predicting that it *may* always be with us. That's forever!!! And forever is a very long time.

We've learned many things about pandemics, prevention, vaccines, masks, hand-washing, and ICU's. The pandemic has been devastating. In Kentucky, we just passed the milestone of ten-thousand deaths from Covid-19. In the United States, we've lost over 750,000 people. It's estimated that over FIVE-MILLION people have died world-wide which is like having every person in the Commonwealth of Kentucky dying from this virus.

Infected people in the United States have come way down lately, with approximately 70% of all Americans having received at least one dose of the vaccine. New cases of the disease are mainly from the unvaccinated, so we continue to encourage all eligible people to get vaccinated.

As a health care administrator, I am optimistic as we look for trends or developments that might improve the pandemic situation and how it affects Wesley Manor. The following are encouraging factors as we move forward:

**1. Vaccinations:** With the percentage of people getting vaccinated, we are moving toward 'herd immunity' which helps protect us all, and most importantly, our beloved seniors.



*If we all continue to do the "little things" and work together, we will conquer the challenges ahead of us.*

**2. Mask Usage:** Masks are not always fun to wear, but studies have shown they give us an extra layer of protection. We encourage our visitors to continue to 'mask up' for safety.

- 3. Sanitation:** New cleaning devices and effective sterilization techniques have been implemented, and Wesley takes these seriously.
- 4. Hospital ICU's:** Hospitals have become better prepared for patients needing higher levels of care which enhances overall success rates.

Wesley Manor's work is not done though, and this ongoing battle still needs fought — especially as many other countries are experiencing a record number of new cases. We need to share our resources so that the less fortunate countries can protect their citizens as well. Employing cooperation between all governments is critical so that everyone can be free from Covid and a new-normalcy can be achieved again.

As individuals and a community serving seniors, we all need to work together for our overall safety by continuing the following. First, we need to take care of our own health. Second, we need to make sure our families are safe. Third, we can share our resources and knowledge so that we can be good neighbors and not spread the virus to others. This pandemic presents many challenges, but if we all do the "little things," one person at a time, we can make a difference. God bless us all and protect us. ♥



## SPECIAL THANKS

*We are excited and thankful for friends from Christ Church United Methodist and St. Matthews United Church for renovating the entrance to our Community Center!*



# Fall Non-Event Tops \$70,000 in Funds for our Charitable Care



The 2nd Annual Fall *Non-Event* was once again well received from sponsors and donors alike, exceeding the goal of \$65,000! The board of directors and volunteer committee invited and “*requested the absence of your presence,*” and you responded! Many thanks to all who made donations, large and small, to contribute to our success! This fundraiser is vital to funding Wesley Manor’s Charitable Care Ministry.

Fall Event funds support the Charitable Care Ministry Program. Since our beginning in 1963, Wesley Manor has never asked a resident to leave our community because of an inability to pay the full cost care. This spirit of benevolence is part of our mission and sets us apart from most other retirement communities. In the last several years, Wesley Manor has provided more than \$1.5 million in charitable and subsidized care to about 75 residents annually. This aid has been made possible through the Charitable Care Ministry.

Hats off to the loyal, creative volunteer committee who had the vision and plan for success — along with our ever-strong groups and many supporters that have made this event and Wesley Manor such a huge success! ♥

## FALL EVENT COMMITTEE

- Norma Sledge, *Chair*
- Marlene East
- Carol Powell
- Mary Anne Reynolds

## FALL EVENT CORPORATE SPONSORS

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## Want to make a difference? Shop with a purpose this Holiday Season!

Did you know you can support Wesley Manor with your shopping? It’s simple and costs you nothing. Add Wesley Manor Retirement Community to your Kroger and Amazon accounts today! Just select Wesley Manor to receive donations,



**amazon smile**

and a percentage of all your purchases will automatically go to Wesley Manor. In 2020 Wesley Manor received nearly \$500 from these two retailers. Our goal for 2021 is to double that—help us raise \$1,000 with your shopping list. If you need help setting up your account, call Carrie Burns in the development office, (502) 400-3239. ♥

[www.Kroger.com/CommunityRewards](http://www.Kroger.com/CommunityRewards)  
[www.Smile.Amazon.com](http://www.Smile.Amazon.com)

## Tribute gifts benefit our Senior Care Ministry

Giving an honor or memorial donation is a meaningful way to recognize a loved one. Your tax-deductible gift is not only a tribute to someone special in your life, but it also helps Wesley Manor continue the mission of service to residents and families in a nurturing Christian environment. When you make a tribute donation, your designee will receive a special card letting them know about your thoughtful gift in their name and the difference it is making at Wesley Manor. There is a form online at [www.WesMan.org](http://www.WesMan.org) to complete this gift or mail a check to the Development Office with honoree information. The following are the tribute gifts received for the third quarter of 2021 (Aug. 1 — Oct. 31, 2021):

*In honor of Brett & Faye Eades*  
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*In honor of Anita Kuvin*  
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*In memory of Lloyd & James Aebersold*  
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*In memory of Lucille Rapier*  
 Linda Elaine Trabue ♥



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*Wesley Manor serves its residents and families with a dedicated and professional staff, in a nurturing Christian community.*

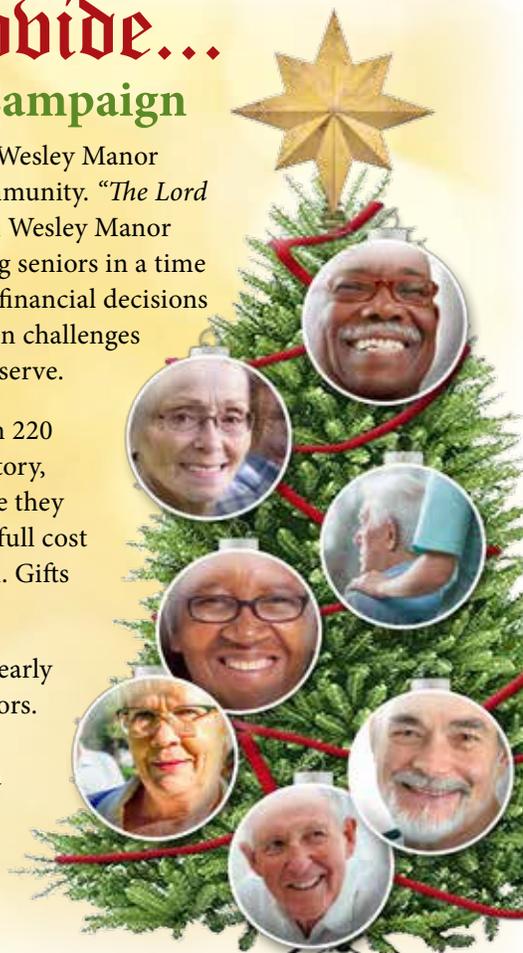
## The Lord will provide... Home for the Holidays 2021 Campaign

“The Lord will provide” has been a guiding force at Wesley Manor and the many wonderful seniors who make up our community. “The Lord will provide” becomes a resident’s hope and peace when Wesley Manor supporters become “the hands and feet of Jesus” assisting seniors in a time of need. Often times, our elders are faced with difficult financial decisions and situations, and the pandemic has created unforeseen challenges for our community, staff and those we are dedicated to serve.

On an average day, Wesley Manor serves more than 220 Louisville seniors and their families. In our 58-year history, we’ve never asked a resident to leave our ‘home’ because they had outlived their savings and could no longer pay the full cost of their care which runs on average \$80/day per-person. Gifts from the Charitable Care Ministry fill those gaps.

Because of you, last year Wesley Manor provided nearly \$2 million in charitable and subsidized care to 177 seniors. As the holiday season approaches, we hope you can continue to be “the hands and feet of Jesus” by offering a gift to the Charitable Care Fund to continue the peace, joy, and comfort that comes with knowing “The Lord will provide.” ♥

*Bless you!*



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