

Winter  
2021



# Beacon of Hope

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

## Butterfly volunteer retires after 13 years

In 2007, Linda Campbell's mother Aline Wade died after living at Wesley Manor for five years. Later that summer Linda found a way to give back to Wesley Manor in appreciation for all the quality care her mom received over those years. Thus, she began a 13½ year journey of making blankets for Wesley Manor's Butterfly Program.

"I was trying to show my appreciation for all the love Wesley Manor gave my mother. Rebecca (Church) called and asked if I could make Butterfly quilts. I found a pattern for crochet, which was much easier," she described. "I had never quilted anything. But Rebecca said the crochet looked even better than the quilts."

Wesley Manor provides butterfly blankets to all our palliative care residents; when the person dies their family is invited to take the blanket home. In most cases folks will take them home as a remembrance, but several family members choose to bury their loved one covered by one of Linda's blankets.



*After more than 13 years adorning our residents with beautiful, hand-made quilts, Linda is retiring.*

She began by stitching butterflies on purchased blankets and then she had an idea! She began to crochet and before long she had created her own unique pattern made up of butterflies from head to toe. It was named "The

Butterfly Program" because of the metamorphosis that the caterpillar experiences. What seems like death is, in fact, new life.

Years ago, Rebecca (Wesley Manor's Director of Pastoral Care) invited her to a special recognition program. "I can never say 'no' to Rebecca," Linda said. "She asked me to go downtown, where I was named Volunteer of the Year. I was flabbergasted! It was unnecessary, but I appreciated it. I did it for love of the people, and not for any recognition."

"Linda has supplied Wesley Manor with hundreds of beautiful throws," said Rebecca. "We could never begin to thank her for all the hours of labor she donated so that our dying residents might be covered with bright and wonderful colors."

Fortunately, we have many stored so future residents will be able to experience the warmth that radiates because it was made with love. ♥

## Wesley Manor recognized with Best of Assisted Living award

Wesley Manor was recognized as a 2021 Best of Assisted Living Award Winner on *SeniorAdvisor.com*, the largest ratings and reviews website for senior care and services in North America. Winners of this award represent the top tier of in-home care, assisted living, and other senior living providers, based on the online reviews written by seniors and their families.

This exclusive designation places the winners in the top one percent of senior care providers according to those who matter most — the consumers. This is the fourth year Wesley Manor has earned this award.



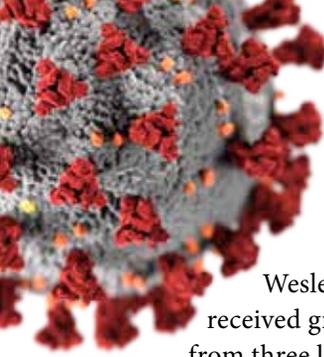
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## Special Annual Report Edition

This year we are celebrating our accomplishments and challenges by including a special *Gratitude Report Edition* located inside this *Beacon* issue.



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# Grants provide Covid-related equipment for residents

Wesley Manor recently received grant funding from three local foundations that will help protect residents from Coronavirus exposure, enhance the ability for staff to perform CPR and help residents stay in touch with family members outside the facility.

**The Good Samaritan Foundation, Inc.**, a ministry of the Kentucky Conference of the United Methodist Church, has provided \$28,000 to purchase a *MoonBeam 3 ultraviolet disinfection technology unit* to augment traditional cleaning methods involving various chemicals and staff time.

Wesley Manor began researching this technology before the onset of COVID-19, to fight infections such as MSRA, C-Diff and other infections.

Wesley Manor has placed an extremely high priority on adding UV disinfection tools and protocols to help combat transmission of infections.

**The Cralle Foundation** awarded \$5,000 to purchase technology to help families stay connected during the pandemic — *iPads, tripods and headphones* made for seniors with hearing loss. Family and other unpaid caregivers—including relatives, partners, friends, and neighbors—are the most important source of emotional and practical support for older adults with chronic, disabling, or serious health conditions. Despite the unique challenges that protecting vulnerable older adults from the coronavirus present, the current surge in COVID-19-related deaths in long-term care

facilities makes meaningful human and family connections even more important. Residents and family members now have more options to communicate and visit virtually.



**Moonbeam 3**

**The Kings Daughters and Sons Foundation of Kentucky** awarded \$15,000 to purchase a *chest compression system*. This system will be used in the Health Care Center to assist staff in performing CPR. The chest compression system will help to keep up the intensity and regularity of compression needed to be effective in saving lives. ♥

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## Best of Assisted Living award

The annual SeniorAdvisor.com Best of Awards celebrates the best of the best in senior living and home care across the United States and Canada. Of the nearly 100,000 providers currently listed on *SeniorAdvisor.com*, just over 1,000 were recognized with this award. Wesley Manor Retirement Community is one of the only winners in Louisville, KY, and regularly receives highly positive reviews from residents and their families.

Consumer reviews are getting a lot of attention on the Internet these days. Almost every organization encourages their customers to write online reviews. Genuine, customer-generated reviews help both the organization and the consumer in several ways.

Consumer-driven websites including *Senioradvisor.com*, *Caring.com*, *Yelp* and Wesley Manor's Facebook page are good places to write a review. Many

folks have already written great reviews about Wesley Manor—thank you! If you haven't already, be sure to take a minute to write a review about Wesley Manor online. You'll help other potential residents and their families, and help the ministry of Wesley Manor, at the same time. ♥



## "Swing for Seniors" Golf Scramble to benefit Wesley Manor's Charitable Care

**SAVE-THE-DATE: Monday, May 17  
Woodhaven Country Club**

You're invited to participate in the 20th annual *Swing for Seniors Scramble*! This popular event takes place at Woodhaven Country Club. Join us for a day of friendly competition including contests and prizes, lunch, snacks and refreshments on the course. All Covid safety protocols will be followed.

All proceeds benefit Wesley Manor's Charitable Care Program which supports residents who have outlived their resources, to remain in their homes as part of the Wesley Manor community.

For more information, sponsorship opportunities or to register, visit [www.WesMan.org](http://www.WesMan.org) or contact Carrie Burns, [cburns@wesman.org](mailto:cburns@wesman.org) or (502) 400-3239. ♥



# Thank you to our 2020 wonderful volunteers!

- Alan Fryrear, *Board of Directors*
- Alexis Morales, *Activities*
- Anna Auxier, *Ambassador*
- Ann Krampe/Jencare, *Advisory Council*
- Arvil Dobson, *Board of Directors*
- Bart Doerhoefer, *Board of Directors*
- Bethlehem Baptist Church, *Music*
- Bob Anderson, *Pastoral Care*
- Bob Smith, *Pastoral Care*
- Carol Balthrop, *Ambassador*
- Carter & Marilyn Reynolds, *Ambassadors*
- Charlene Reynolds, *Advisory Council*
- Chelsey Minch, *Golf Committee*
- Chick-Fil-A Okolona, *Landscaping*
- Chris Hoganson, *Activities*
- Christ Church United Methodist--Pioneers, *Landscaping*
- Christ Church United Methodist--Lydia Circle *Activities*
- Christ Church United Methodist--Shepherd's Camp, *Activities*
- Christel England, *Resident Christmas Gifts*
- Chuck Hancock, *Activities*
- Craig Reynolds, *Board of Directors/Golf Committee*
- Daneen & Dick Good, *Landscaping*
- Diane Jessee, *Resident Christmas Gifts*
- Diane Perry, *Landscaping*
- Denise and Jim Ringlein, *Activities*
- Eddie Squires, *Advisory Council*
- Eric Harden, *Golf Committee*
- Fred Whitmore, *Mission Adv. Committee*
- Haylee DePoyster, *Activities*
- Jaime Reynolds, *Golf Scramble*
- James C. Barnett, *Board of Directors*
- Jane and Ellen Lohmeyer, *Activities*
- Jane Hunt, *Ambassador*
- Jeff Crittenden, *Advisory Council*
- Jennifer Henderson, *Advisory Council*
- Jim Higdon, *Activities*
- Jim Moberly/Creekside Ridge Greenhouses, *Landscaping*
- John & Thersea Venter, *Ambassadors*
- John Conrad, III, *Board of Directors*
- John Wieland, *Fundraising event*
- Judy Ford, *Ambassador*
- Judy Snively, *Fundraising event*
- Katherine Autin, *Advisory Council*
- Kathy Semmes, *Advisory Council*
- Marilyn Caudill, *Ambassador*
- Mary Anne Reynolds, *Fundraising/Ambassador*
- Michael Gibbons, *Board of Directors*
- Nat and Bedra Peters, *Ambassadors*
- Norma Sledge, *Board/Fundraising/Ambassador*
- Okolona VFW Auxillary, *Activities*
- Qianna McClure, *Advisory Council*
- Ron & Juanita Swogger, *Visitation*
- Ronald Million, *Ambassador*
- Russ Wardlaw, *Board/Fundraising/Mission Adv. Committee*
- Russell & Marlene East, *Fundraising event*
- Kay Barringer, *Advisory Council*
- Kelly Gannott, *Advisory Council*
- Ken Curry, *Board of Directors/Landscaping*
- Kim Dodson, *Board of Directors*
- Ladies Sewing Circle, *Resident clothing protectors*
- LaVerne Skinner, *Resident Christmas Gifts*
- Linda Campbell, *Resident Butterfly quilts*
- Linda King, *Board of Directors/Mission Adv. Committee*
- St. Elizabeth Ann Seaton Catholic Church, *Pastoral Care*
- Shirley Grimes, *Ambassador*
- Southeast Christian Church, *Landscaping/Activities*
- Steve Jones, *Board of Directors*
- Susan Trout, *Visitation*
- Tiffany Bingham, *VIP Club*
- Tom Smith, *Ice Cream Parlor/meal delivery*
- Willa Hines, *Landscaping*



**"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has."**

~ Margaret Mead



## Have a Heart for Seniors Love Offering moves to May 9

At Wesley Manor, we are family — and family cares for its own! This year, our Kentucky United Methodist Churches will receive the annual *Have a Heart for Seniors Love Offering* for our three senior living communities in May instead of the traditional month of February. This important day supports charitable senior care and marks our collective show of support for those seniors who have made a difference in our lives, churches, and communities.

Wesley Manor ranks first among these communities in charitable care provided and in the number of residents served through this program. It costs Wesley Manor an average of \$80 per day per recipient — or \$1.5 million annually. Because of charitable care, we have never had to ask a resident to leave our community due to lack of funds.



By giving a generous contribution through your church's *Have a Heart for Seniors Love Offering*, you will be supporting a long Wesleyan/Methodist tradition of ministry to older adults. You may also donate online to *Have a Heart for Seniors* at [www.WesMan.org](http://www.WesMan.org) or mail your check, payable to:

**Wesley Manor — Have a Heart,**  
5012 E. Manslick Rd., Louisville, KY 40219.  
You can make a difference in an older person's life! Thank you for your generosity. ♥

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

## Wesley Manor welcomes new board members

Thank you to Eric Harden, Billy Hopkins and Allen Schuhmann who joined our board as of January 1, 2021. We appreciate the hard work, dedication and guidance our Board of Directors provide for Wesley Manor! ♥



Eric  
Harden



Billy  
Hopkins



Allen  
Schuhmann

## Donate your vehicle to benefit seniors

It's never too late to fulfill a new year's resolution. Take care of that unwanted vehicle today! It's tax-deductible and the pick-up is free! Donate your car, truck, boat, trailer, motorcycle, etc. to Wesley Manor Retirement Community and help provide support for residents who have outlived their resources! Contact Carrie Burns at (502) 400-3239 to learn more. ♥



### 2021 Board of Directors

**Russ Wardlaw** – Chair  
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**Carrie Burns**, *Vice President, Development*  
**Deanna Young**, *Vice President, Resident Services*

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## Wesley Manor receives Covid vaccine

Three Covid vaccination clinics have been completed on our campus. The vaccine was made available to all residents and staff in Hoskinson House Assisted Living, The Aldersgate and the Health Care Center. All visitation and infection prevention protocols remain the same until we receive further guidance from the state health department and CDC. Watch for our weekly updates at [www.WesMan.org](http://www.WesMan.org). ♥

