



# Flat Rock

Restoring Hope. Transforming Lives. Living Faith.

## Faith Connections March 2020

### FLAT ROCK HOMES, CARE CENTER, AND COMMUNITY SERVICES IMPLEMENT PREVENTATIVE MEASURES IN LIGHT OF COVID-19

FLAT ROCK, OH- March 13, 2020- Flat Rock Homes, Care Center, and Community Services has implemented measures to ensure the health and safety of those served, as well as staff, during the COVID-19 pandemic (coronavirus) spreading across our state and country.

**Effective immediately:** No outside visitors to the main campus including parents/guardians, tours, volunteers, mission teams, donors, donation drop-offs, interviews, etc. Home visits for Care Center residents are suspended and discouraged in the Community Services homes. All non-essential meetings, appointments, and activities are suspended. Stay home if you are sick. All staff will fill out a health questionnaire and screened for a fever daily. Non-essential administration staff will work remotely until further notice. Adult Advantages, our Adult Day Support Program, has suspended services.

These measures, as well as many others, are being taken to ensure the health and safety of all served by Flat Rock and our staff.

Please contact Karen Kilgo, President/CEO of Flat Rock Homes, Care Center, and Community Services with any questions at 419.483.7330 ext. 1104 or email at [kkilgo@flatrockhomes.org](mailto:kkilgo@flatrockhomes.org). If you have a question regarding your specific loved one, please contact their administrator or QIDP. Follow the @FlatRockHomes social media pages and [www.flatrockhomes.org](http://www.flatrockhomes.org) for the most up-to-date information.

**The COVID-19 outbreak that is spreading across our great country is creating financial stress that no one had anticipated. The costs of extra supplies, additional overtime, and so much more were not anticipated in our budget for the year. We have also lost income from many of our activities closing or being canceled.**

**We have come to our donors before in our times of trouble, and now we come to you again in hopes that you will be able to help us through these hard times. [Please donate to our emergency needs here.](#)**

## COMING SOON!!! REGISTER NOW!!! The Dick Parks Memorial Race at the Rock

This is the 15th year for the race benefitting those served by Flat Rock Homes, Care Center, and Community Services! Gather a team! Participate individually! Register Today!

This year, we have added another event to the day, a 1-Mile Run!

- 5K Race: \$35
- 1-Mile Walk: \$25
- 1-Mile Run- New for 2020!: \$25
- Kids Fun Run (ages 10 & under): \$15
- Inspirational Race (for individuals with intellectual/developmental disabilities): \$15
- Non-Participant T-Shirt Only: \$15

Check-in and walk-in registration open at 8:00a with the first event kicking off at 9:00a. Awards in a variety of categories begin at 11:00a or whenever the last person finishes the event.

- Registration fees include a yogurt breakfast bar (breakfast bar will be available for non-participants for a donation).
- Register by **April 18th** to guarantee your 2020 Dick Parks Memorial Race at the Rock shirt!
- All proceeds will go to the continued mission of Flat Rock Homes.
- [Register today here!](#)

**THE WALL OF HOPE** will be available!

Now, during this trying time, we need HOPE, and your generous support for our residents.

## Out of the Ashes- Ten Years After Arson

In March 2010, passers-by reported smoke rising from the Salem Alliance United Methodist Church in the Tuscarawas District near Alliance. Soon, Washington Township firefighters were joined by five other departments to battle the fire. A still unknown arsonist started a rather small fire that left the building with intense smoke damage. It was the second intentionally set church fire in that rural area in a week.



However, Pastor Neil Orchard said the “fire allowed the church to have a future,” as it was rebuilt to accommodate anyone with any mobility need. The new structure is a single level with safety, convenience, and a look toward future needs, making it easy to navigate. For example, Pastor Orchard reminds us that a 15-second fall on ice with a resulting broken leg suddenly becomes a mobility issue. Wide doorways, grab-bars in restrooms, and ramps help make a building more accessible.

Pastor Orchard, a church consultant for more than 18 years, with an emphasis on accessibility, reminds churches to be sure their insurance coverage includes “replacement value costs” and “code update coverages.” Congregations are encouraged to be proactive in finding ways and funds to meet the needs of all who enter the church. Pastor Orchard may be reached at [salemchurch10@aol.com](mailto:salemchurch10@aol.com)

## HOW MAY WE ASSIST YOUR SUMMER PROGRAMMING?

Your Church and Community Engagement Coordinators are here to help you with special programming needs. We offer pulpit supply, special programs on disability awareness, Spiritual Gifts, music programs, and much more. Contact Deaconess Sherri Buehl at [sbuehl@flatrockhomes.org](mailto:sbuehl@flatrockhomes.org) or Rose Darling at [rdarling@flatrockhomes.org](mailto:rdarling@flatrockhomes.org). Our President and CEO, Karen Kilgo is also available. [KKilgo@flatrockhomes.org](mailto:KKilgo@flatrockhomes.org)

## How churches are dealing with COVID-19

As churches are closed to gatherings this month, many have taken to social media and other creative means to share Faith, Hope, and Love. Some offer a worship service much like their normal Sunday service, while others offer a more casual devotional.

In Canton, Westbrook Park UMC set up a Parking Lot service that utilized an on-site AM radio station to broadcast to those who attended. The congregation sat in their cars, listened to the broadcast as it was being held in front of them. Music, prayers, a sermon, and interactive moments were all available. When the people agreed with the message, a beep of the car's horn replaced an Amen.. A drive thru offering was made available as the attendees departed.

Please share how your church responded to the worship needs of your community and congregation.



**Westbrook Park UMC, Canton (Tuscarawas District)**

**WATCH FOR OUR FLAT ROCK FAITH CONNECTIONS VIDEOS COMING SOON on Facebook, YouTube and at [www.flatrockhomes.org](http://www.flatrockhomes.org)**

## Mission Statement

The mission of Flat Rock Homes is to provide outstanding services which transform lives of persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities, their families and persons with critical needs through a dedication to caring and excellence that demonstrates Christian values.

## Vision Statement

The vision of Flat Rock Homes is to be a model organization which creates caring communities of excellence that support life-long services to persons with developmental disabilities, their families and persons with critical needs while maintaining a sound financial position.