



# Flat Rock

Restoring Hope. Transforming Lives. Living Faith.

## Faith Connections July 2020

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### Celebrate 154 Years of Transforming Lives with Flat Rock!

Dear Friends,

This summer, we invite you to celebrate Flat Rock's 154<sup>th</sup> birthday by making it a better place for those at Flat Rock.

One of our 40-ton air conditioning units is quickly wearing out and, due to age and lack of availability of parts, continued repairs are not practical or cost-effective. This unit provides cooling to our nursing center, kitchen, central supply, staff/visitor restrooms, and locker rooms, training and therapy rooms, and two of our major hallways. Because of the pandemic, masks are required for all our staff. The warm air becomes uncomfortable quickly when wearing personal protective equipment. We've brought in portable air conditioners to help, but this is a temporary and inadequate "fix". Timing is less than ideal. This project is estimated to cost \$59,600 and needs to be done immediately.

Your gift of \$15,400, \$1,540, \$154, or any other amount will help us complete this project this summer. **Would you prayerfully consider making a gift to our 2020 Birthday Fund to celebrate 154 years of Flat Rock?** Your donation would also be the perfect way to remember/honor someone special on their birthday. Donations in excess of the project cost will be used for other much-needed maintenance projects.

Your donation helps individuals grow and develop into the person God created them to be. Through your gifts, we're transforming lives and offering more therapeutic and life-affirming programs for all.

With Blessings,

Karen L. Kilgo  
President/CEO, Flat Rock Homes, Care Center, and Community Services

**[Make a donation online by clicking here to go to our secure donation page.](#)**



### **Your favorite event, and ours, has gone digital for 2020!**

The Dick Parks Memorial Race at the Rock will be virtual this year. You can participate wherever you are! We can't wait to share more information with you in the coming few weeks! If you're already signed up, don't worry, you're still registered!

**Keep an eye on our website and social media for information as it comes out!**

### **Personal Protective Equipment gown project– COMPLETED! Thank You!**

Thanks to churches and individuals, we now have the robes and gowns we need for the Personal Protective Equipment project! A team of seamstresses and tailors throughout the EOC adapted the cuffs for use as PPE gowns. Nearly 200 robes of all colors and sizes came in! Thanks to all who participated!

### **West Union UMC Crusaders Sunday School Class: 28 Years of Faithful Giving!**

**"Truly our hearts were touched."**

The West Union UMC, Crusaders Sunday School Class, led by Discussion Leader Rudy Glazer, gave their first donation to Flat Rock Homes on January 13, 1993, and has been faithfully supporting this mission for 28 consecutive years. The fourteen dedicated members gather each Sunday before worship service to share their faith, extend their prayers, and graciously give to those in need. Flat Rock continues to be blessed by their generous giving.



Before Flat Rock, the class's monthly collection provided support to a Native American child. Upon the child's high school graduation, the program ended. Through a UMC communication, Rudy learned about the history of Flat Rock Homes and its transition to serving those with intellectual and developmental disabilities and suggested the class begin supporting this mission.

Over the years, class members have visited Flat Rock several times. Rudy recalled a moment from the initial visit, sharing they were all impressed with the employees and the visible loving care they provided to the residents. **"Truly, our hearts were touched by what we saw that day,"** said Rudy. He went on to share the stories of the residents' progress are inspiring and it is amazing to see individuals with difficulties helped so much. "It has been a joy being a little part of the great work done at Flat Rock," said Rudy. "May God continue to bless and guide this work."

If you or your church/organization would like to learn more about the great work at Flat Rock Homes and the many ways you can support this mission, please contact Cynthia Geiger at [cgeiger@flatrockhomes.org](mailto:cgeiger@flatrockhomes.org).

**Please remember Flat Rock Homes in your will. For more information, contact Jill at 419-483-7330 ext. 1126 or [jkinser@flatrockhomes.org](mailto:jkinser@flatrockhomes.org)**

## Keep Those Cards and Letters Coming!

Please continue to send cards of encouragement to Flat Rock's essential workers and residents. Here's how:

- If cards are for staff, mark "Attn: Staff Cards."
- For Care Center residents, please mark "Attn: FRCC Cards."
- For Community Services residents, mark "Attn: FRCS Cards."
- If you have a specific individual that you're sending a card to, you can address them to that person.

For infection control purposes during the pandemic, PLEASE SEAL ENVELOPES WITH TAPE, GLUE, OR A SPONGE! Please mail cards to **Flat Rock Homes Attn: (from above) PO Box 1 Flat Rock, Ohio 44828**

## Connect with us on Social Media

Flat Rock has a presence on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [Twitter](#)! You are especially invited to join our Facebook group at [Flat Rock Homes: Restoring Hope!](#) We pray for the East Ohio Conference United Methodist Churches, pastors, individuals, situations, and more. We would love to see you there so we can pray for you and your special requests!

## Church and Community Engagement Opportunities

As churches open and get back to a "new normal" schedule, please remember that our President & CEO Karen Kilgo, and Church & Community Engagement Coordinators, Deaconess Sherri Buehl, and Rose M Darling, are available for:

- Pulpit supply
- DisAbility Awareness Sunday message, and resources
- Retreats
- Music programs or piano/organ supply
- and more!

Contact us for additional information and to schedule an inspiring message!

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## Coming in August:

- **Virtual Race at the Rock details**
- **DisAbility Awareness Sunday opportunities**
- **Transformed Lives through Flat Rock ministries**
- **And more!**