



Faith Connections April 2021

The 2021 Dick Parks Memorial Virtual Race at the Rock Kicks Off!



Things are a little different this year, so make sure you read ahead and visit the website for details:

- Registration and shirt purchases are separate this year. Registration is \$10 and shirts are \$15. You can get both for the regular \$25 price!
- We've launched a JustGiving event for 2021! If you're already signed up, [click here to create your page](#). If you need help setting up, please email development@flatrockhomes.org.
- All shirts are pre-orders. The first batch will go out in May, and the second will be in June. Please be patient as we order and ship shirts.
- The top fundraising team, church, and individual will win The Dick

Parks Fundraising Award! You can donate through [JustGiving](#), on our [regular donation page](#) on the website, or via US mail. To be eligible to win the award, at least one person from the team/church must be registered for the race.

- Donations can be made toward an individual fundraising effort OR a team/church, but not both. Visit <https://www.flatrockhomes.org/events/race-at-the-rock/> for further details and to register!

Applause! Applause!

Recently, an individual who graduated from the Flat Rock Employment Program and completed working with his Job Coach was called to the front of the grocery store where he works. He was then presented with a gift card a customer purchased for him. She praised his hard work and complimented how great the displays look and how wonderful the product always tastes. She had his growth and progress in his position from the beginning to graduation. He loves his job. The goal of the Flat Rock Employment Services Program is to find jobs that folks with disabilities will love and in which they can be successful and thrive.



A Look-Back

March was National Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month, and our individuals, residents, staff, and community friends wore orange t-shirts on Fridays to observe the occasion. While the month was dedicated to this observance, awareness can be promoted every day! There are pictures and more information on our social media pages. We're looking forward to celebrating Disability Employment Awareness Month in October.





Thank You, Friends of Flat Rock

During our Rural King Church Week fundraiser, you succeeded in helping us raise \$157.70 from your submitted store receipts. This is 10% of all uploaded receipts that Rural King will be donating to Flat Rock Homes. We appreciate your participation in our first year partnering with Rural King for their Church Week fundraiser. Your gifts help us continue to provide support and services to individuals with disabilities. We could not "do it" without you!

Introducing the TRL Outdoor Therapeutic Center!

This TRL (Transforming Lives, Restoring Hope, Living Faith) project, on the Main Campus, includes much that will improve the lives of those served by Flat Rock and those who work within the Care Center and Community Services Programs. The project kicked off with #GivingTuesday 2020 when generous donors helped raise nearly \$25,000 to start the project!

Included in this huge undertaking are:

A Prayer Labyrinth

Upgrades to the current campus playground with appropriately sized, accessible equipment

Demolition of several on-campus buildings
and a Memorial Walking Trail

Naming opportunities are available. Visit <https://www.flatrockhomes.org/trl-outdoor-therapeutic-center/> or email CGeiger@flatrockhomes.org or JKinser@flatrockhomes.org for additional information on supporting this project.

Karen Kilgo Elected to UMA Board Position



Karen Kilgo, President and CEO of Flat Rock Homes, Care Center, and Community Services was elected as Secretary of the United Methodist Association's Board of Directors for a term starting in April of 2021. Karen adds this to her long list of memberships, community involvement, and other board positions.

Kilgo has served as the President and CEO of Flat Rock Homes, Care Center, and Community Services since June of 2016. Previously, she spent 13 years with Christian City, a non-profit ministry in Union City, Georgia serving seniors and children, and nearly four years with Atlanta Mission, a non-profit ministry that is the city's largest provider of homeless services and addiction recovery programs. While in Georgia, she was active in the lay leadership of McDonough First United Methodist Church while serving on many committees, boards, and teaching adult Sunday School. Since moving to Ohio, she has joined Norwalk First United Methodist Church where she is a certified Lay Servant Minister and a member of the United Methodist Women and the church's finance committee.

Kilgo is excited about this opportunity and looks forward to serving in this role. For the full press release visit www.flatrockhomes.org/news/.

What will your legacy be? Contact Jill Kinser at jkinser@flatrockhomes.org to receive an informative packet about Flat Rock Homes Legacy Giving.

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Flat Rock's "Adopt a Home" Adoptions Now Available!

We have been talking about it, and here it is!

Here is your chance to develop a closer relationship with the individuals served by Flat Rock Homes, Care Center, and Community Services! You may choose how you, your group, or your church will interact. Most homes have between two to six residents per home. All projects will be coordinated by staff, but here are ideas:

Send cards or gifts for birthdays, holidays, or "just because!"

Sponsor a pizza party, BBQ, trip to the zoo, or other activities!

Provide new sheets, blankets, or pillows from time to time!

Send household items such as bathroom and kitchen cleaners, soaps, shampoos, etc.

Please pray about and consider how you, your church, women's group, men's group, or youth group may participate.

Please contact Rose at Rdarling@flatrockhomes.org or Sherri at sbuehl@flatrockhomes.org for more information and to adopt-a-home!