



## Faith Connections September 2021

### The Wall of Hope Project

From October to Thanksgiving, your congregation may wish to participate in Flat Rock's continuing tradition of providing security, safety, and shelter for those we serve!



**Participate.** Your church will receive a number of envelopes marked with dollar amounts. We will work with you to decide what you need.

**Place or hang** the envelopes in an easy-to-access area and invite your congregation to take an envelope, place the designated amount of money in it, and return it to the church by Thanksgiving.

**Send** to Flat Rock Homes to be donated towards our continued mission!

We thank you for your faithful partnerships that support our legacy of caring and excellence that demonstrates Christian values. Follow this link for additional information: <https://www.flatrockhomes.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/Flyer-Directions-141.pdf>

### Transforming Lives through Vocational Training and Employment Services

Rev. Cyndi Johnson, Director of Adult Programs/Chaplain, shares this story of another transformed life through Flat Rock's Vocational Training and Employment Services Program:

A Wyandot County consumer was very timid and reclusive. We worked hard to build a good relationship with her. Her job coach calls her an overcomer as she has blossomed before our eyes. She is very detailed in her job and has excelled so that she received two pay increases before the end of her 90-day probationary period. She provides excellent customer service and is very outgoing now. It was thought she would quit this job in the first week, and here she is 3 months later doing so well!

Flat Rock's Vocational Training and Employment Services Program serve adults with various disabilities to train for and secure employment. Flat Rock is pleased to partner with the Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities Program to provide these life-changing services. When you support Flat Rock, you help transform lives! To learn more, visit <https://www.flatrockhomes.org/services/vocational-training-employment/>

### COMING SOON! October is National Disability Employment Awareness Month

Pastors and congregations: You can provide employment opportunities to persons with disabilities. The Department of Labor website has suggestions and links to information: <https://www.dol.gov/general/topic/disability>

### Leave a Legacy

Consider the ministry of caring for others by remembering Flat Rock Homes in your will. If you have already included Flat Rock in your will, please let us know. We want to thank you and include you in the legacy society of Flat Rock:

**The Society of 1866.** Email Jill at [jkinser@flatrockhomes.org](mailto:jkinser@flatrockhomes.org) details.

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### Roll it Forward Wrap-up

Our Roll It Forward Rummage Sale was a huge success last month and we made over \$2,500 from this two-day sale. Thank you so much to those who donated, purchased, and volunteered your time at the sale. We were blessed with many donations of treasures and trinkets from donors, churches, and individuals wanting to support a great, local cause.

### Ravenna Ramps

An accident or illness may bring about an urgent need for an at-home accessibility ramp. A volunteer group at Ravenna UMC builds ramps for anyone in the community with a verifiable need. Dave Stewart of the church explained that none of the team is a professional builder, but they work together to install ramps that meet the needs of the individual. With the rising costs of lumber and other building supplies, it is helpful, but not essential, that the family or individual help with costs of materials. When the recipient is done with the ramp, the group asks for it to be returned so that the materials may be used for another project. This ministry and others, such as the Magnolia Market and Loaves and Fishes food distribution (under the leadership of Pastor Norma Bates), help meet the needs of the Ravenna community!



We would love to share what your church is doing to minister in your community! Please email Rose Darling at [Rdarling@flatrockhomes.org](mailto:Rdarling@flatrockhomes.org)

### Meet Board Member Dan Jones



When Kelly Jones' family sought a home for her, they looked at several places, and it was Flat Rock's rural setting in "God's Country" that seemed a safe and loving place for her to enjoy. The family also found the faith-based atmosphere of Flat Rock to be very appealing. Kelly has now lived at the Care Center since 1996. Kelly's father Dan was especially pleased as the extended family became involved in the planning process of the current headquarters, which opened in 2004. He remarked, "The layout of the building is a huge plus as it is designed to meet the needs of the residents."

Dan's brother Steve became involved through his position (at that time) with Sauder Woodworking, which donated all the commercial-grade furniture. Nate, Kelly's brother, continued to make it a family affair by assembling the furniture as his Eagle Scout project!

Dan serves on the Flat Rock Homes Board and is Treasurer of the Joint Boards of Directors. As Treasurer, he leads the Finance Committee. He also serves on the Innovation and Sustainability Strategic Priority Work Group. Thank you, Dan, and all Board Members, for all you do in support of the mission and ministries of Flat Rock Homes, Care Center, and Community Services. If you would like information about serving on the Board, please email Karen Kilgo, President and CEO, at [kkilgo@flatrockhomes.org](mailto:kkilgo@flatrockhomes.org).

### Adopt-a-Home

What does "adopt-a-home" mean? You build closer relationships with our individuals by sending cards and gifts to that home's individuals and providing supplies and fun activities (such as a pizza party or holiday decorating). You may communicate through the home's supervisor to learn what best meets an individual's needs and wishes. Your special attention will bring such joy! Please contact Sherri Buehl at [sbuehl@flatrockhomes.org](mailto:sbuehl@flatrockhomes.org) or Rose Darling at [Rdarling@flatrockhomes.org](mailto:Rdarling@flatrockhomes.org) with questions or to register. Follow this link for more information: <https://www.flatrockhomes.org/adopt-a-home/>

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