



## FAITH CONNECTIONS OCTOBER 2022

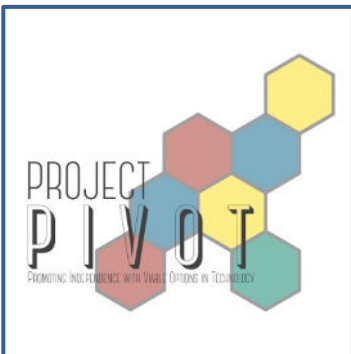
### Happy Clergy/Pastor Appreciation Month!

**Pastors and Clergy: Thank you for your tireless ministries in your churches and communities! We at Flat Rock especially appreciate your prayerful partnerships and support of our mission and ministries.**



Pastors, if we may support you through pulpit supply, music supply, and special programs, facilitating faith-based retreats, disability awareness presentations, or for developmental disabilities resources, please contact [engagement@flatrockhomes.org](mailto:engagement@flatrockhomes.org)

### Announcing Project PIVOT! 2022's GivingTuesday Project



This year, we are planning technology upgrades throughout the Care Center and Community Services homes. It's **Project PIVOT** (Promoting Independence w/ Viable Options in Technology), and we can't wait to see the differences it will make! **This year's goal is \$25,000.**

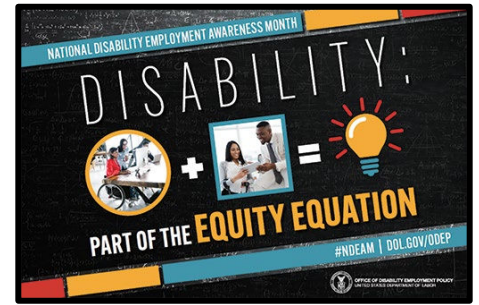
Project PIVOT will:

- Provide higher-quality video calls with loved ones and healthcare professionals
- Increase quality of life and independence through the use of assistive technology (motion sensors, phone upgrades, safety sensors on stove/microwave, etc.)
- Provide high-quality streaming in the Care Center for residents to enjoy their favorite movies, TV shows, or music
- Allow residents to interact with "Alexa" for fun activities as individuals or in a group, and even play and sing *Happy Birthday* to someone special! "Alexa" can provide wake-up calls, reminders, and more
- Provide greater independence in Community Services homes for consumers who don't necessarily want or need 24/7 staff support, but need something a little extra to keep them safe
- Safety upgrades to include window and door alarms to be sure everyone is safe during the night and so much more!

Project PIVOT is inspired by the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities' [Technology First](#) Initiative. To support **Project PIVOT**, visit <https://www.flatrockhomes.org/givingtuesday/>

## National Disability Employment Awareness Month

October is **National Disability Employment Awareness Month**. From the U.S. Department of Labor's Disability: Part of the Equity Equation: "Observed annually in October, National Disability Employment Awareness Month celebrates the contributions of America's workers with disabilities past and present and showcases supportive inclusive employment policies and practices." You may find additional information here: <https://www.dol.gov/agencies/odep/initiatives/ndeam/resources>



Our employed Flat Rock Care Center residents and Community Services consumers find great joy and satisfaction in a job well done! We applaud their hard work and dedication, as well as the support of local businesses that employ them!

## Help Our Program Participants Bless Others

Our **Community Services Adult Day Support Program** participants love animals and are seeking donations of fleece fabric to make warm, soft blankets for the animal shelter. If you can donate, please contact [engagement@flatrockhomes.org](mailto:engagement@flatrockhomes.org). Other requested donations include spices (cinnamon especially needed) for cooking projects; peanut butter for pet treats donated to animal hospitals; small acrylic paints; feed/field corn; low impact or chair exercise DVDs. They also enjoy assembling blessing bags for local homeless shelters. These bags include hats, gloves, trial-size toiletries, mouthwash, toothpaste, and warm socks. Donations of any of these items are greatly appreciated. Thank you for helping us bless others!

## October Is National "Write A Will" Month

If you have not yet completed this important task, there is no time like the present! Speak with your attorney today and visit the Flat Rock website for a sample of simple "bequest language" you can include to remember Flat Rock in your estate. <https://www.flatrockhomes.org/legacy-giving-opportunities/>

## Looking Ahead

**Mark your calendar for Tuesday, November 29!**

First, give to **#GivingTuesday** and support Project PIVOT! Then join us with **Zoom Christmas Caroling** with a special visit from that "Jolly Old Elf" **from 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM.**

The Zoom caroling invite will be published on social media and in the November *Faith Connections*.



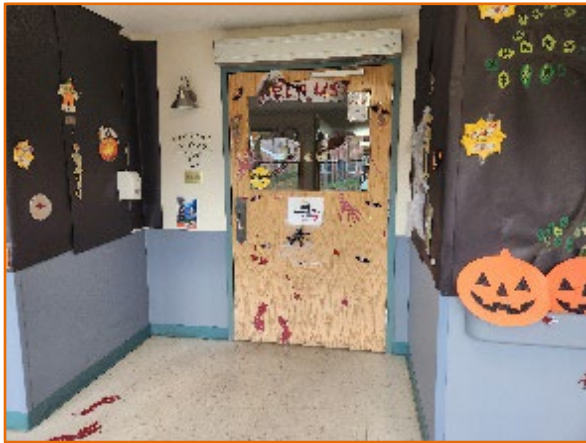
**NOTE:** The holiday issue of *Faith Connections* for December/January will be published in mid-December.

## Tell a Friend in North Central Ohio

Job openings are available at Flat Rock Care Center and in Community Services  
[Join Our Team | Flat Rock Homes](#)

**NEW!! Welcome To Our Picture Page featuring  
Scenes From Around Flat Rock Care Center and Flat Rock Community Services**

We look forward to sharing a glimpse into our residents' lives!



Flat Rock Care Center residents enjoyed decorating the halls for Halloween. They enjoyed competing in a decorating contest.



Our individuals worked hard to make numerous craft items for the Lakeside Lighthouse Festival craft sale.  
*L to R: Lynn Minner (volunteer), Cynthia Geiger, Sherri Buehl.* Rose Darling is behind the camera.



**The Program Department at Flat Rock Care Center set up a Haunted Halloween Hallway as part of their door decorating contest! Check out the insert made by Kim Ross on the next page.**





# Haunted Halloween Hallway

