



**Faith Connections  
Holiday Edition  
December 2022-January 2023**



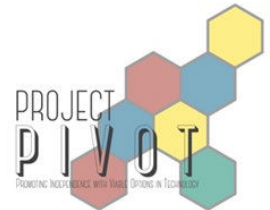
**At this special time of year, we extend our heartfelt thanks for your prayers and partnership in 2022. We pray God's hope, peace, joy, and love will be yours this Christmas and throughout the coming year.**

**Have You Received Your Flat Rock Holiday Letter?**

Flat Rock depends on supportive donors like you to help us provide care, services, programs, and skill development activities. Your generosity helps us cover the gap between Medicaid funding and the cost to provide care. This year, we expect to provide more than **\$634,000 in free, charitable care**. Be on the lookout for our holiday letter and, if you haven't already done so, please prayerfully make a gift today via the letter's return envelope or at <https://www.flatrockhomes.org/giving/>. Thank you!

**#GivingTuesday**

Our #GivingTuesday Project PIVOT (**P**romoting **I**ndependence with **V**iable **O**ptions in **T**echnology) will allow numerous technology upgrades at Flat Rock. Watch for the total update. If you missed out on the actual #GivingTuesday event held November 29, you can still donate here: [#GivingTuesday | Flat Rock Homes](#)



**Planning Ahead  
Disability Awareness Sunday**



If your church has congregants aged 65 and older, statistics show that half of them deal with arthritis. According to the Arthritis Foundation, arthritis is the leading cause of disability claims in America. The CDC reports that one in four persons in the United States has a disability ranging from hearing or vision loss, mobility challenges often caused by arthritis, and invisible disabilities such as PTSD, learning disabilities, or others.

Our disability awareness presentations offer information and suggestions to equip churches and groups to understand and adapt to meet the needs of the church and community. Plan now for your **Disability Awareness Sunday**. Rose Darling, Church and Community Engagement Coordinator, presented the

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Sunday message with the help of Scouts at First Christian Church of Stow, Ohio in September 2022. Geoffrey Darling, a faithful Flat Rock volunteer, gave a presentation from Gospel of Mark 4. (Please enjoy <https://youtu.be/XYK4m1F4Wj0?t=2061>) Flat Rock's Church & Community Engagement Coordinators Rose Darling or Deaconess Sherri Buehl will adapt a message to suit your needs for Disability Awareness Sunday or special group presentation. Contact [engagement@flatrockhomes.org](mailto:engagement@flatrockhomes.org) to schedule this important message. Our team is also available for **pulpit supply, music supply (Rose), retreats (Sherri), and more**. No church is too small. References are available.

### **Race at the Rock**

As we look forward to the annual Dick Parks Memorial Race at the Rock in May 2023, we invite your church to participate as a SPONSOR. Additionally, make plans to schedule a race to benefit Flat Rock in your community! Contact [engagement@flatrockhomes.org](mailto:engagement@flatrockhomes.org) for additional information!

[The Dick Parks Memorial Race at the Rock | Flat Rock Homes](#)

### **Adopt a Home**

Our **Adopt a Home** program continues to build relationships between churches, individuals, and our Flat Rock residents and consumers. Learn more about this heartwarming project [Adopt-A-Home | Flat Rock Homes!](#)

### **Wall of Hope**

**Wall of Hope** is about the easiest fundraiser you will ever see! It fits all budgets – from \$1 and up! Donors simply choose a supplied envelope marked with a dollar amount and then return it with that gift amount to the church (or send it directly to Flat Rock). It really is that simple, and it's an effective way to involve everyone to support Flat Rock. Ask us how to set it up. Contact [engagement@flatrockhomes.org](mailto:engagement@flatrockhomes.org)

### **Update on Blair Porter**

**Manos Juntas VIM (Volunteers In Mission) Mexico**

Blair, Flat Rock's Youth Ambassador during her senior year at Huron High School, has gone south of the border to Mexico with the Volunteers in Mission, where she is teaching English until mid-January 2023! So far, she's met about 85 of her 1st through 6th grade English day students.

From 4 pm to 7 pm she teaches at the Susana Wesley Institute with children and adults from the community. Her entire weekends are spent at Manos Junta's House of Hope, a home for 21 children.

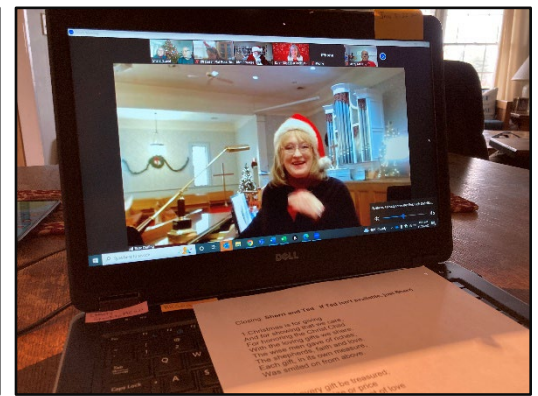
Let us keep Blair and her students in our prayers. Blair is an example of how God nudges our lives to follow him and do good for others.

Enjoy some photos from Flat Rock Care Center and Community Services!



Photos shared by Blair Porter of her and her class in Mexico

Santa joined the fun during Zoom Christmas Caroling on November 29th



Individuals enjoying time at Day Program doing projects, playing games, and going on outings!