



## Faith Connections Holiday Issue 2024-2025

*May the new year bring an abundance of God's blessings to you and those you love and serve.*

Flat Rock Homes, Care Center, and Community Services' residents, consumers, and staff thank you for your faithful support during 2024. You blessed us with:



The TRL Outdoor Therapeutic Center officially opened in May with its walking paths, prayer labyrinth, beautifully landscaped grounds, and recreational activity area. This outdoor area brings numerous opportunities for fun and healthy activities in the fresh country air just south of Bellevue.

In June, the Seybert Memorial United Methodist Church in Bellevue donated their church and property to Flat Rock. This generous

donation allows Flat Rock to expand and enhance our current Adult Day Support programming. We envision a community-based program offering enjoyable outings and fun hangout spaces for those who want to stay in and enjoy games and activities. For more information on The Seybert Center, click here: <https://www.flatrockhomes.org/the-seybert-center/>

Your generous and faithful gifts of prayer, supplies, and monetary donations throughout the year enable our individuals to receive the support and care they need in a home-like setting filled with warmth and love.



### 2025 Race at the Rock

It might be winter now, but Spring will soon arrive. The Dick Parks Memorial Race at the Rock will follow! You can make this a banner year with your sponsorship and participation! Mark your calendars for May 17, 2024, and join the 20<sup>th</sup> annual event!

Become a race sponsor and make an impact! Categories include church, major, and additional sponsorships. For specifics or more information, contact Cynthia at [cegieger@flatrockhomes.org](mailto:cegieger@flatrockhomes.org) or visit <https://www.flatrockhomes.org/events/race-at-the-rock/>

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## Christmas Fun with Volunteers!

We love our volunteers and thank those who donated time, energy, gifts, and good cheer to bring a jolly Christmas to our individuals! Other volunteer opportunities are available throughout the year. Contact Sherri at [sbuehl@flatrockhomes.org](mailto:sbuehl@flatrockhomes.org) for more information.

Volunteer performers Jimy Foreman and Geoffrey Darling brought lots of laughs to the Christmas concert at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Bellevue on December 1. Pastor Ed Kovacik played a lively trumpet! Pastor Ted Buehl helped Santa and delighted our Community Services individuals at several parties provided by Trinity UMC (Sandusky), North Fairfield UMC, and the Kiwanis Club of Bellevue. This was the 103<sup>rd</sup> year for the Kiwanis Club's annual event!

Check out all the fun at <https://www.flatrockhomes.org/photos/>.

## Leave a Legacy

Legacy gifts allow Flat Rock to provide excellent care into the future without impacting your life today.

For more information, contact Jill at [jkinser@flatrockhomes.org](mailto:jkinser@flatrockhomes.org)



## Spotlight on Allan

Allan lived with his mother for years before beginning his journey toward self-sufficiency when he bravely moved into one of Flat Rock's Community Services' homes. This was not a small step but a leap toward independence and growth.

As Allan settled into his new life, he found inspiration in a volunteer group working on campus, sparking his interest in maintenance work. Seizing the opportunity, Allan joined our Maintenance Team part-time. His dedication and work ethic quickly made an impression, and now, Allan is being considered for a full-time position. Allan's journey is about more than finding a job—it's about finding purpose, pride, and belonging. He worked hard. His dream became a reality with the support and generosity of donors like you. His story is one of true community integration, reminding us of the power of opportunity.

## Church and Community Engagement

How may our team assist you? Do you need a vacation, or do you have Disability Awareness Sunday coming up? Whatever the need, we have a team of qualified and experienced engagement specialists ready to lend a hand. **We offer:** Pulpit Supply, Music supply (Rose, Piano/organ), Retreats (Sherri), and Disability Awareness programs

We often offer our services in United Methodist, Presbyterian, United Church of Christ, and Episcopal churches, and we are happy to visit your church of any denomination in Ohio. Contact [engagement@flatrockhomes.org](mailto:engagement@flatrockhomes.org) or complete the form here and we will contact you <https://www.flatrockhomes.org/invite-a-speaker/> . Numerous references are available.

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## Support Our Mission and Ministry

Without the support of your gifts and time, Flat Rock would not be able to provide the outstanding level of care it offers its residents. We need your help, and there are many ways you, as an individual, group, or corporation, can make a difference. Here are several ways you may give to Flat Rock:

- Become a Friend of Flat Rock with your monthly donation. <https://www.flatrockhomes.org/friends-of-flat-rock/>
- Send a monetary donation in the amount of your choice either via the standard mail to Flat Rock Homes, P.O. Box 1, Flat Rock, Ohio 44828 or donate online <https://www.flatrockhomes.org/make-a-gift/>

**Enjoy photos of the holidays at Flat Rock Homes, Care Center, and Community Services!**

**Visit <https://www.flatrockhomes.org/photos/> for more photos**



**Flat Rock Care Center celebrated Christmas with The Bellevue Kiwanis Club for the 103<sup>rd</sup> year (above photos). Flat Rock Community Services rang in the holiday season with Sandusky Trinity United Methodist Church and North Fairfield United Methodist Church (back page photos).**

**Santa joined in on the fun at all three parties!**

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