



Faith Connections

April 2025

Flat Rock Homes, Care Center, & Community Services is a faith-based, mission-minded ministry supported by churches of many denominations, individuals, families, businesses, and foundations.



The Lord is risen, He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

The Dick Parks Memorial Race at the Rock

Coming soon! Join us for the 20th annual fundraising event in support of Flat Rock Homes, Care Center, and Community Services on Saturday, May 17, 2025!

For info: <https://www.flatrockhomes.org/events/race-at-the-rock/>

- Registration/Check-in: 8-8:45 AM.
- Kick-off: Walk of Hope at 9 AM followed by 5K race and 1-mile walk!
- The Dick Parks Fundraising Awards to be presented. *Note: Funds must be submitted during registration to be counted toward award.*
- Last day to guarantee a race shirt; 4/25.
- Flat Rock merchandise! Food trucks!



If you can't come to Flat Rock, hold your race at a location of your choice, and

send sponsorship funds Flat Rock Homes, PO Box 1, Flat Rock OH 44828, or

<https://www.flatrockhomes.org/events/race-at-the-rock/> Contact Meg at

mlarkin@flatrockhomes.org for details.

Geranium Appeal



Beautiful geraniums and other plants adorn the Flat Rock main campus while remembering/honoring important people in our donors' lives. This year's appeal continues the tradition of beautifying the property. Your gift will help us landscape our campus, create a peaceful and inspiring setting for residents, staff, and visitors. In addition, you will have the opportunity to honor/remember someone special with a personalized plant marker placed next to a geranium in their name. Thank you for your generous support as we continue to make Flat Rock Homes a lovely place for our individuals, their families, staff,

and visitors. <https://www.flatrockhomes.org/make-a-gift/>

Flat Rock Homes, Care Center & Community Services, 7353 Country Rd 29, PO Box 1, Flat Rock, OH 44828

Phone: 419-484-7330 <https://www.flatrockhomes.org>

Thank you! The Impact of Your Gifts

Your generous gifts enable us to provide our individuals with adaptive equipment and supplies, including:

- leg braces
- wheelchair cushions
- mattresses
- lift chairs
- Hoyer lifts
- Eyeglasses
- hearing aids
- orthopedic shoes

Special outings, like hockey and basketball games, are made possible through your donations! Through your generosity, Care Center residents purchase arts and crafts supplies to decorate their homes for holidays and attire for special activities like the Night to Shine prom and holidays. Thank you for the way you make an impact in the lives of our individuals.

The Flat Rock Homes Endowment Fund was recently established through an



appreciated stock donation thanks to a significant gift from John Miller and his wife, Jean Zimmerman. John explains: *"I love the work you do at Flat Rock!"*

Endowment Fund gifts provide a strong foundation for lasting support for the individuals at Flat Rock Care Center and Community Services. A gift of appreciated stock offers you tax advantages by avoiding capital gains taxes and receiving a charitable deduction for the full market value. Additional ways to support Flat Rock while

securing your financial future include:

- Donor-advised funds (DAFs);
- Planned giving;
- Charitable IRA Distributions (QCDs).

Schedule a conversation with Jill Kinser, Director of Development, to discuss ways to support Flat Rock. jkinser@flatrockhomes.org Phone: 567-228-7408.

Mark Your Calendar

Ready! Set! Bake! Participate in the Flat Rock state-wide **Bountiful Blessings Bake Sale** September 19 & 20. Details to follow in the next newsletter.



Clergy Meet & Greet

Clergy from the Flat Rock area enjoyed a Meet & Greet gathering on March 18 to become better acquainted with the Flat Rock Care Center and our ministries. Pastor and Flat Rock Board Member, Pamela Sayre of Huron UMC, and Karen Kilgo, President & CEO of Flat Rock Homes, shared insights and

information after tours and brunch. Clergy and laity volunteers are invited to participate in monthly services with hymns and a message. Contact Sherri at Sbuehl@flatrockhomes.org.



Photo Gallery



Care Center staff celebrated March Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month by wearing orange on Wednesdays.

Career opportunities

<https://www.flatrockhomes.org/careers/join-our-team/>

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Indoor basketball fun in the gym.



Our individuals enjoy a wide array of indoor and outdoor activities, both at Flat Rock's main campus and throughout the community.

Visiting the Sandusky County Humane Society in Fremont



Swimming at the Norwalk Rec Center



Come visit us! Set up a tour with Sherri sbuehl@flatrockhomes.org

Volunteer opportunities are available for Clergy and/or Lay persons to participate in our new service of hymns and a message on the second Tuesday of each month at 3:30 PM at the Care Center.