



2014 Was a Great Year for the Widows Home of Dayton!

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First, and most importantly, we have provided great care in a happy, home like environment to approximately 180 residents since the first of the year. We have gotten numerous compliments from residents, family and friends including hand written thank you notes from family members whose loved ones spent their final days here.

Second, we have added some great people to our management team in addition to those that were with us before the year began. We have a strong management team that works together effectively and cooperatively. We have a nice building, but without the quality of people that we have, it would be an entirely different place. The best thing for the Widows Home, and its residents, is to keep this dedicated team motivated and together.

Third, Widows Home has had a strong financial year. Through October, on average 93% of our 75 beds were filled. That is much better than the state average and has made this year profitable. As they say in the non-profit world, "No money, no mission." As we continue to strengthen financially, we will be able to do more for our residents, approximately three-fourths of whom are on Medicaid, and for the community in general. We were blessed this year to receive community related grants that have permitted us to widen our reach.

We welcome your prayers as we enter 2015, as we keep you, your loved ones and our associates in ours.

Have a great rest of the Holiday Season!

Steve Dunson, Administrator



From the Executive Director For Organization Development

With this year's Harvest Home annual fundraising campaign in full swing, I thought I'd share an excerpt from an article that appeared in the Journal Herald on October 8, 1939 entitled "Harvest Home Day Will be Held By Widows' Home on Wednesday"

"What is this big building at the corner of East Fourth and South Findlay street: the place with the two acres of ground around it, the wide lawn, and the banks of flowers? What is this place with its annual Harvest Home day Wednesday, which is a tradition among us?"

An institution of some kind, perhaps? No. Not an institutional institution at any rate.

Some old residence of departed glory. No.

An ancient farm house, still standing on its home grounds? No.

None of these. It is the Widows' home, a place built to be a very real, quiet and comfortable home for old ladies. The institutional idea is conspicuous by its absence. The photographer said, "Why this isn't an institution. This is a home."

...The Association organized its annual Harvest Home day, the first being held on October 8, 1887, and continuing without break these 52 years. In the old days, people who felt they couldn't afford to give money would give in kind, bringing in a sack of potatoes or some jars of jelly or preserves, dressed chickens, sausage, walnuts, or what not. Even the kids would go out and gather walnuts and make their donation on Harvest Home day.

...The Home will be open for callers on Wednesday, with Director Helen J. Currier as receiving hostess."



Today at the Widows Home, we cherish and continue the tradition of the annual Harvest Home campaign. The generosity of others allows us to continue to serve the frail and elderly in the neighborhood where we've sat for the past 142 years.

Employee of the Month



Sharon
Boggs

Sharon has been working at the Widows Home for 25 years. And no, that is NOT a typo. Sharon is hardworking, cheerful and very loving to all the people she comes in contact with. She truly enjoys taking care of the residents at the Widows Home. She thinks of them as part of her family. Sharon has two daughters, 5 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren.

Sharon is December 2014 employee of the month. The staff couldn't have picked a better candidate. You rock Sharon!

Resident of the Month

Dawyne Lumpkin used to be apart of our Rapid Rehab facility, however now he is a long term resident of the Widows Home. You are likely to see him strolling the halls daily. He is usually hitting up the vending machines for a soda and a bag of chips. Dawayne is one of the nicest people you will ever meet. He will have a conversation with anyone about anything. He enjoys his time playing games in activities and just enjoying the day in front of the TV. Dawayne is one of the Widows Home treasures and we are blessed to have him here with us.



Dwayne
Lumpkin

December In-Service

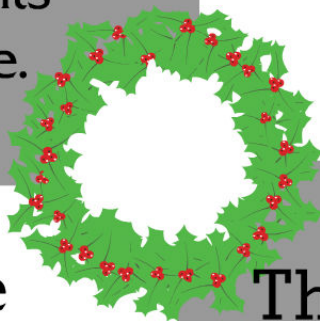
In-Services are mandatory for all staff and will be paid. Please be sure to join us this month for your monthly training.

Thursday December 18th
2:30-4:00

In the cafeteria.

December Topic:

EAP - Employee Asst. Program
Financial Planning
Verizon Phone Discounts
and much, much more.



New MDS Nurse



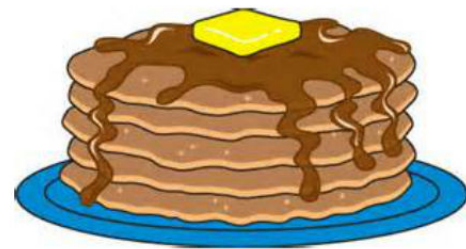
Please be sure to
introduce yourself to our
new MDS Nurse

Ann Scott

We are honored to have
her a part of our team.



Pancake Breakfast



Friday December 19th
7:30 - 9:00 am

In the Shaw Pavillion
All residents and staff
are welcome to join us
for this free breakfast
event.



Blessings at Thanksgiving Dinner





**Widows Home
of Dayton Staff
Christmas Party
Moments**

Merry
Christmas!!