




**WIDOWS HOME**  
OF DAYTON  
*Over A Century Of Caring*

**HAPPY NEW YEAR**  
**2015**



### ***2015 Will Be a Great Year for the Widows Home of Dayton!***

As I mentioned last month, 2014 was a great year for the Widows Home of Dayton! 2015 is likely to be even better! Why do I say that?

First, we have a great team of managers and staff. We are gaining more and more stability with them. We are developing more people who are likely to be with us long term. Training is very important in nursing homes and we intend to put more and more emphasis on it.

Second, Widows Home is a happy place to be. We have an "Open Door" policy where anyone can pop in and talk to whomever they want and get answers to their questions. We like to have fun with parties and celebrations as part of the normal routine. We want to plan even more fun this year!

Third, we want to do some spiffing up of the community this year by allocating more of the Maintenance Department's time to various projects.

Finally, we are starting the year off full! As of January 6, we had all of our 75 beds occupied or reserved for someone coming back from the hospital. Starting off this strong bodes well for our finances and our ability to do the things we want to do.

Thank you for your interest and involvement with the Widows Home of Dayton family!



### **Did you know that our home was actually the forerunner of the YWCA?**

By Jenny Warner

Originally, our home was known as the Dayton Female Association which took care of orphans in a building on Magnolia Street (the current site of Miami Valley Hospital.) When an 1866 legislative act turned the care of orphans over to the county, the original building sat empty for a few years. Once our founder, Nancy Trotter Bates, discovered a new group of individuals needing help, the destitute widows of Civil War soldiers, she needed to legally acquire a new building. (The portrait in the front lobby just outside our parlor is that of Nancy Trotter Bates.) What had been the Dayton Female Association reorganized to become the Women's Christian Association (the forerunner of the YWCA) in 1870. Unfortunately, Mrs. Bates died just a month before the reorganization, so her daughter, Susan Winters, was asked to become president of the Association.

A 1872 legislative enactment permitted the transfer of the property and little home to the new Women's Christian Association. The Association served women for many years there until the new Victorian style home was built on our current site on Findlay Street in 1883. You can view a new, large scale picture of the Victorian home now hanging in our 2nd floor Board room.

Our home was run by the Association until 1961 when ties were severed with the YWCA by mutual agreement. The missions no longer aligned as the YWCA was serving the young at that time while the Widows Home was caring for the elderly. The Widows Home of Dayton, Ohio was born as a not for profit corporation on April 1, 1961.



# 'TIS THE Season OF Giving

The Widows Home received two surprise donations of warm apparel items just in time for Christmas. The nonprofit Life Essentials agency's Socks for Seniors campaign donated many pairs of warm socks and footies. And Mechanical Systems of Dayton, just down the street from us on Springfield, donated throw blankets, socks and slippers. All of these made for wonderful Christmas gifts for our residents!

Also \$616 was pledged in the Harvest Home campaign by staff members specifically to support all that the Activities department does for residents, as well as personal care items for those residents in need.

Thank you to our very generous Widows Home employees!!

During the month's of November & December, the Widows Home hosted the annual Wreath Auction. This auction raised \$227 for the Activities department.

Thank you to all those who participated and donated to our wonderful home.

# THANK YOU

## TRAINING ANNOUNCEMENT

### 2015 All Staff In-Service Training Dates

Thursday, January 22nd

Thursday, February 19th

Thursday, March 19th

Thursday, April 16th

Thursday, May 21st

Thursday, June 18th

Thursday, July 16th

Thursday, August 20th

Thursday, September 17th

Thursday, October 15th

Thursday, November 19th

Thursday, December 17th



**Most sessions 2:30 – 4:00 p.m. – watch for specifics each month**

**In-services are mandatory for all staff and will be paid. For any staff who are absolutely unable to attend, materials must be picked up and read by the end of that month in order to receive credit for that month's education.**

Education ~ Widows Home Updates ~ Camaraderie ~ Employee Recognition ~ Snacks





**Mix a pancake  
Stir a pancake  
Pop it in the pan.  
Fry the pancake  
Toss the pancake  
Catch it if you can!**

## **Hotcakes for a cold day**

Friday, January 16th  
from 7:30-9:00 am

All staff and residents are  
invited to attend our  
Snowflake Pancake Breakfast  
Come and join us for  
this free event

## **Employee's of the Month**



**Jan Stewart  
&  
Jane Lumen**

Jan Stewart and Jane Lumen are employees of the month for January. They each have been dedicated employees at Widows Home of Dayton. Jan has been here for 29 years and Jane for 11 years as STNA's. It is apparent that they love our residents. The care they give is compassionate and kind. They often go above and beyond their job duties. They do a lot of little extra things such as buying our residents items that they may need, with their own money. They may think these "little extras" go unnoticed, but they are seen and appreciated by all! Widows Home of Dayton is a better place due to Jan and Jane and they are truly a blessing.



# IN LOVING MEMORY

**The Widows Home of Dayton would like  
to take a moment to remember the residents we lost in 2014.**

William Beeker	Virginia Bettinger
Cindy Hatfield	David Kreitzer
Gladys Cantrell	David Longstretch
Catherine Lewis	Delora Davidson
Jeanne Yeazell	James Brown
Jewel Ramsey	David Combs
Maria Espino	Sharon Davis
Beatrice Conley	Rena Sandlin
Wanda Roark	Stase Masilionyte
Wanda Kerr	Gloss Simes
Carl Dudeck	Kimberly Colley
Mattie Blankenship	

## **Come To Me**

*God saw you were getting tired,  
And a cure was not to be.  
So He put His arms around you  
And whispered, "Come To Me."  
With tearful eyes we watched you,  
And saw you pass away.  
Although we loved you dearly,  
We could not make you stay.  
A golden heart stopped beating,  
Hard working hands at rest.  
God broke our hearts to prove to us,  
He only takes the best.*