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Trinity Garden Opens at Ohio Living Llanfair with Special Memorial Service

Family, friends and Ohio Living Llanfair residents celebrated the incredible life of Ed Wells at an on-campus celebration of life ceremony on October 9, 2022. The event also served as a dedication for the Wells Family Trinity Garden, a new outdoor gathering space made possible by his generosity.

The Wells Family Trinity Garden sits in a central location on Llanfair’s campus and creates a much-needed space for residents, family members and staff to commune and relax. It features a pergola with retractable sun shades, a meditation garden with a water feature, and is home to both native and seasonal plants.



Retired architect and fellow Ohio Living Llanfair resident James Warner played an instrumental role in the planning and vision-casting of the garden. “The triangular piece of grass where the Wells Family Trinity Garden sits today was of special interest to me, as I regularly spent time there with my late wife, Robynn, and believe it to be therapeutic. It was an honor to develop a concept and vision for this site.”

Its name, Trinity Garden, is a nod to the three-pointed piece of land it sits on, as well as its proximity to the chapel. “When the weather is nice, there is always a group conversing under the pergola,” added Ann Roller, Ohio Living Llanfair executive director. “The space has become a focal point for the community in a very short time.” No doubt, Wells’ legacy will carry on for many years to come. 🌱

Caring Without Limits: Our mission in action

When an Ohio Living Palliative Medicine patient without financial means or immediate family expressed a need for bed sheets, nurse practitioner Diane Borchelt sprang into action.

“I don’t ask my patients how they’ve gotten to where they are – I only care about the here and now,” said Diane. “His entire world is his bed and his oxygen tank. He’s caught in a hard situation, because he isn’t old enough to receive senior services, and he has no family or friends to help meet his needs.”

The 53-year-old patient has stage four renal cancer with metastasis and resides in a dining room he rents from month-to-month. Diane provides his palliative care home health services every two weeks. Exercising love in action, Diane purchased bed sheets, socks, a comforter and blankets for the patient, expecting nothing in return. The Ohio Living Foundation has since partnered with her to cover the cost of the items.

“This is what nursing is,” insisted Diane. “It’s mind, body and spirit – we care about people; it’s what we do.” 🌱

Legacy Tour Spotlight: Traveling the World

One of the highlights of the Legacy Tour was the use of virtual reality headsets from Rendevar, provided by the Ohio Living Foundation. The headsets allowed Tour visitors to travel anywhere in the world, from the Eiffel Tower to their childhood home, using Google Maps technology.

Bob is a resident at Ohio Living Swan Creek, and he loved getting to travel in spite of his limited mobility. “He didn’t ever want to stop,” staff reported. “It took him away to somewhere new, and it made him so happy.”

For more stories about the Legacy Tour, see page 6. 🌱



Flagpole garden honors Delaware County veterans of past and present

More than 40 attendees gathered at Ohio Living Sarah Moore on May 21, 2022, to dedicate a flagpole garden in honor of Delaware County veterans.

The dedication ceremony included remarks from Aric Arnett, executive director of Ohio Living Sarah Moore, David Hyatt of AMVETS 102, Commissioner Gary Merrell, and Sean McCarthy, assistant director, Ohio Department of Veteran Services.

As part of the collaborative effort, local veteran organizations partnered with the Ohio Living Foundation to design and fund a flagpole, landscaping and marker to recognize the selfless contributions of Delaware County veterans. The following organizations contributed to the project, along with R-A-R Monument and Maple Ridge Landscaping who provided in-kind services.

- American Legion Post 115
- American Legion Post 457
- American Legion Post 518
- AMVETS Post 102
- AMVETS Post 104
- Disabled American Veterans Chapter 79
- Delaware County Veterans Association
- Marine Corps League Detachment 1437
- Military Order of the Purple Heart Chapter 148
- Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 1095
- Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3297
- Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8736

Ohio Living is proud to support and serve our nation's veterans through community initiatives and top-tier care and service offerings. 🌱



Interactive Chautauqua on the Lake event debuts at Ohio Living Lake Vista

A good old fashioned “chautauqua,” complete with period performers, lectures, music, drama and concessions was met with rave reviews this summer at Ohio Living Lake Vista in Cortland.

Chautauqua on the Lake was held June 3 and 4 and drew more than 100 people. Generous support from a longtime Warren-area donor and funds from the Ohio Living Foundation’s Lifelong Learning grant helped to offset the cost of programming, making the event cost-free for all who attended.

Northeast Ohioans are familiar with the chautauqua concept, because for many years, Trumbull County hosted a stop on the Ohio Chautauqua Tour, in partnership with the Ohio Humanities Council. The event had been suspended post-COVID area, but the team at Ohio Living Lake Vista was glad to resurrect it.

“We believe in creating a culture of active aging,” said Brian Kolenich, Ohio Living Lake Vista executive director. “Living well must touch on all the components of wellness, and Chautauqua on the Lake did just that. It helped bring people together, got everyone outside, and the event carried a unique educational component too. We’re committed to lifelong learning and engaging not only our residents, but also the greater community in our efforts.”

Big plans are on the horizon for Chautauqua on the Lake. Next year, organizers hope to extend the event dates and add a craft show to the programming slate. 🌱



Ohio Living Celebrates Centennial Anniversary, Long-Lasting Legacy

Faith, compassion and community are the driving forces behind Ohio Living's 100-year legacy. What started in Sydney, Ohio as Dorothy Love Presbyterian Home in 1922 has blossomed into one of the nation's largest not-for-profit, multi-site aging services organizations with 12 life plan communities, Ohio Living Home Health & Hospice, Physician Services and Palliative Medicine, and the Ohio Living Foundation.

One hundred years later, our organization has changed and grown, but the foundation remains the same. Through technology and partnerships, Ohio Living has found innovative ways to continuously improve care and services at each of its communities.

We've celebrated our centennial anniversary in a flurry of creative ways this year, including themed events, festive birthday celebrations, employee spotlight recognition, and custom digital and print pieces.

Celebrating our residents

71 Ohio Living residents will celebrate their centennial (or higher!) birthdays this year, and we wanted them to feel cherished on their special day. To commemorate the occasion, our teams delivered celebratory birthday cards, balloons and blankets. We also interviewed each resident to learn more about them and share their stories online.



Celebrating our employees

We're fortunate to have a wealth of long-tenured employees supporting our mission. 100 of them were invited to share their career journey and how their Ohio Living experiences has been. Participants received centennial lunch boxes to thank them for sharing their stories, which are being posted to social media and compiled into a book.

Celebrating creatively

Ohio Living Home Health & Hospice sponsored a coloring contest for local elementary school students. 21 schools participated – one even distributed the coloring sheets to their entire student body. In tandem, a second coloring competition was held for family members of Ohio Living employees at every location.

For both contests, three winning entries were chosen for each location by a local life plan community's Centennial Task Force.



Additionally, the resident art competition was revived, and centennial-themed entries were submitted across Ohio Living. Residents from nine communities submitted 34 unique entries that ranged from photography to embroidery to collage.

13 winners were selected to be featured in "Resident Artist of the Month" social posts throughout 2023, as well as a calendar with sales to benefit Caring for the Caregiver.



Celebrating on campus

The Ohio Living Legacy Tour: A Cherished Journey that Began with Love was designed to be a mobile interactive exhibit to educate residents and members of the surrounding communities on Ohio Living's history; engage with donors and potential residents; and introduce possible future employees to our industry and organization.

The tour was set up at 11 Ohio Living life plan communities, as well as the corporate office, with additional themed events scheduled in tandem with the tour. Also on tour were a set of virtual reality headsets from Rendever, provided by the Ohio Living Foundation, which allowed visitors to travel across the world without leaving their seats.

Creative solutions, along with the passion and dedication to serve and expand its communities, have been fundamental in Ohio Living's 100-year history. We do not compromise on quality or care, and are committed to supporting our residents, staff, patients and those who love them for many years to come. 🌱

Alive and thriving: Great Place to Work™ designation extended for 2022

Great things hold their value, and Ohio Living is proud to be named a Great Place to Work™ for the fifth consecutive year from Great Place to Work®, the global authority on workplace culture.

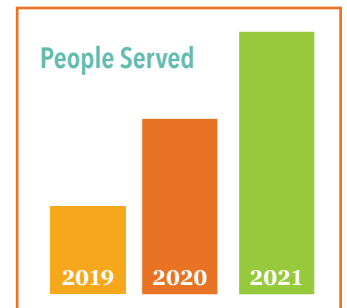
The annual certification process consists of externally conducted employee surveys that focus on policies, organizational structure, employee engagement and other workplace experiences. Extending a round of applause to our incredible staff who make a difference each day. 🌱



Ohio Living Home Health & Hospice Triples its Service Numbers

Home health and hospice services have risen in demand and importance because of the COVID pandemic, and Ohio Living Home Health & Hospice continues to raise the bar across the buckeye state.

Over the past two years, the team has tripled the number of people they serve and recently expanded services into Licking and Muskingum counties. The convenience and safety benefits of receiving at-home care allows patients to stay at home in a familiar environment versus travel to outpatient therapy or other standalone facilities.



“Our teams are phenomenal, and we see a lot of repeat customers,” said Stephanie Green, business development liaison, Ohio Living Home Health & Hospice. “One of the things that sets us apart is our rapid and continuous communication throughout the cycle of care. We contact referrals within an hour to confirm next steps. Once we’ve started care, we also check in with the patient and their families to provide real-time updates and are agile to adjust based on their feedback.”

Skilled teams provide peace of mind for both patients and caregivers, allowing families to enjoy quality time with each other as opposed to visits being focused on care. Speech, occupational and physical therapy are especially popular services and can be administered anywhere patients call “home.” 🌱

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