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NEWS FROM WESLEY WOODS



**IT'S THE MOMENTS THAT MAKE THE DIFFERENCE.** Mother's Day is a special opportunity to take a moment to cherish mothers and other significant women who have positively impacted our lives. At Wesley Woods, 70% of our residents are women, with an average age of 82, so Mother's Day is especially meaningful.

The pandemic has challenged us to find new ways to **Cherish Every MOMent**, so during this spring season we are working to raise vital funds to fulfill our mission *to create communities of connection, well-being and promise.* Gifts to Wesley Woods enable us to provide financial assistance for housing and meals to residents who have exhausted their resources, chaplains in each community to provide pastoral care, wellness nurses and programming to enable our residents to live independently longer in their Wesley Woods homes, and protection from the COVID-19 virus.



This Mother's Day, join us as we **Cherish Every MOMent** and celebrate the women who have loved, nurtured, taught and cared for us. We invite you to visit [wesleywoods.org/foundation](https://www.wesleywoods.org/foundation) to see how you can honor special women in your life.

Gratefully,



*Diane*

Diane Vaughan  
President  
Foundation of Wesley Woods



*Terry*

Terry Barcroft  
President and CEO  
Wesley Woods Senior Living

## A SALUTE TO Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield Foundation and Wells Fargo Foundation

Wesley Woods gratefully acknowledges [Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield Foundation](#) for their gift enabling us to purchase PPE to protect residents and staff from the COVID-19 virus, cleaning and sanitation supplies to safeguard our communities, and disposable containers for food service delivery to resident apartments. Thank you for your gift which has helped us save lives.



Thank you, [Wells Fargo Foundation](#), for your gift which enabled Wesley Woods to provide charitable rent and food assistance at Wesley Woods Towers this past year. Several residents rely on family members for financial assistance, and some of those relatives lost their jobs due to the pandemic. The support you enabled us to provide brought great peace of mind to our residents in financial need.

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**Wesley Woods is vaccinating residents and staff, and chaplains are on hand to alleviate fears and provide comfort.**

## YOUR SUPPORT OF WELLNESS NURSES SAVES LIVES!



Christine, the wellness nurse at Asbury Harris and Branan Towers, met with a resident who had not been feeling well. Concerned, she asked questions about his symptoms and asked that he show her all of his medications. Upon review, Christine discovered the resident had been taking three different strengths of the same blood pressure medication. The resident had literacy challenges and was unable to read the medication bottles, so when his doctor increased the dosage, he continued to take his old prescriptions along with the new one. Christine checked his blood pressure to make sure it was not dangerously low. Finding him to be okay, she explained he should only take the most recently prescribed

dosage of the medication, and they eliminated the old prescriptions. Wellness nurses are a Godsend to Wesley Woods residents, and their salaries are fully funded with donations.

To support the wellness nurse program, visit [wesleywoods.org/foundation](https://wesleywoods.org/foundation).

WESLEY WOODS WELLNESS PROGRAMS DELIVERED SINCE COVID-19 BEGAN:

**2,498**  
VIRTUAL  
FITNESS CLASSES

**7,245**  
WELLNESS  
NURSE VISITS

**296**  
TELE-MENTAL  
HEALTH SESSIONS

## TORCHBEARERS' PAY IT FORWARD

By Zoe Hicks

My husband, Smoky, and I have always appreciated the wonderful way Wesley Woods has cared for older adults. The combination of loving physical care, meeting emotional needs and providing spiritual direction makes Wesley Woods stand out among its peers in senior living.

Our respect rose to a new level when Smoky's mom moved to Atlanta no longer wanting to live alone. Although we looked at many options for her, nothing came close to Wesley Woods. Mother Hicks loved living at Wesley Woods for twelve years and lived to be 101. We cannot repay the love and care shown to her during that time, but we have shown our appreciation by leaving a bequest to the Foundation of Wesley Woods in our wills. Those who cannot give significant amounts during their lifetimes can be generous through their estate plans, thus paying it forward.

To learn more about leaving Wesley Woods in your will or estate plan please contact Diane Vaughan at 404-728-6286 or [Diane.Vaughan@wesleywoods.org](mailto:Diane.Vaughan@wesleywoods.org).



## CHAPLAINS STAND IN THE GAP

By Rev. Dr. Nancy Long, Asbury Harris Epworth Towers and Branam Towers Chaplain

A resident learned that her sister and aunt, who had raised her, died from Covid-19. She wanted to fly to California to attend the funeral, but her family wisely insisted it would not be safe. Instead, they arranged for her to be part of the memorial via Zoom. She talked with me about her grief and feeling disconnected from those she loves. I listened as she processed her anger and the loss of being with family to say goodbye. She said, "I never knew the real purpose of a chaplain, but the comfort I received just talking to you showed me why we need you." Chaplains stand in the gap during this time and listen.

To make a gift to support the pastoral care program, visit [wesleywoods.org/foundation](http://wesleywoods.org/foundation).



SINCE COVID-19 BEGAN, WESLEY WOODS CHAPLAINS HAVE PROVIDED:

**10,908**  
RESIDENT  
CONNECTIONS

**1,642**  
VIDEO/EMAILED  
DEVOTIONS

**887**  
FAMILY  
CONNECTIONS

**3,164**  
STAFF SUPPORT  
CONNECTIONS



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