



WESLEY WOODS
FOUNDATION

FALL 2021

THE CONNECTION

NEWS FROM WESLEY WOODS



In this season of Thanksgiving, we find ourselves more grateful than ever—grateful for the health and safety of Wesley Woods residents; grateful for the care partners (staff) who nurture the minds, bodies, and souls of each resident; and grateful to donors who make it possible for Wesley Woods to fulfill its mission to *create communities of connection, well-being and promise*.

We eagerly embrace John Wesley’s challenging call, “Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can” as we seek to serve those entrusted to our care. By all the means you can—Financial assistance for housing and meals for residents who have exhausted their resources remains the cornerstone of our mission. In all the ways, places and times you can—The pandemic has challenged us to find new ways to deliver on our programming and to connect with residents and their families. Our chaplains have held the spiritual center of our communities, and our wellness program is working harder than ever to ensure that residents live independently longer in their Wesley Woods home.

Thank you for all the good you are doing in the lives of Wesley Woods residents. We encourage you to visit wesleywoods.org/foundation and scroll to watch the Fund-the-Mission video to see how we partner with you to create communities of connection, well-being and promise for all the people we can.

Gratefully,



Diane

Diane Vaughan
President
Foundation of Wesley Woods



Terry

Terry Barcroft
President and CEO
Wesley Woods Senior Living

Thank you Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield Foundation and Wells Fargo Foundation!

We gratefully acknowledge the Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield Foundation for their gift to purchase PPE, cleaning and sanitation supplies, and disposable food containers. Your support is saving lives by helping us keep our COVID-19 infection rate low.



Thank you, Wells Fargo Foundation, for your grant enabling us to provide charitable rental and meal assistance to Wesley Woods residents in financial need. Your generosity makes it possible for these older adults to remain in their Wesley Woods homes within safe, supportive communities where they receive high-quality programming and an array of assistive services.



HOWARD BUSBEY LEAVES HIS LEGACY

HOWARD BUSBEY left his larger-than-life legacy at Wesley Woods. He served on the board of directors and entertained residents through his theatrical group, the Phoenix Players. He was also a member of the Torchbearer's Society—leaving a paid-up life insurance policy to support the mission of Wesley Woods to create communities of connection, well-being and promise.



Howard Busbey
7/31/28 – 7/16/21

To learn how you can make a difference in the lives of older adults by leaving your legacy at Wesley Woods, contact Diane Vaughan at 404-728-6286 or Diane.Vaughan@wesleywoods.org.

CARING THROUGH COVID

*By Rev. Karen Kagiya,
O. Wayne Rollins Director of Pastoral Care*



Three years ago, when I became the first O. Wayne Rollins Director of Pastoral Care for Wesley Woods Senior Living, I could not have imagined how a global pandemic would challenge the world and especially those of us who work in older adult ministries. What I could imagine was a dream team of chaplains—dedicated, skilled compassionate care partners who would help our residents

continue to grow in their faith and know the grace and love of God more deeply.

The dream became a reality, and when the pandemic started, our pastoral care team was ready to meet the challenge. Over the last year and a half, Wesley Woods chaplains have prayed with residents in their grief and uncertainty, shared in celebrations of hope and healing, and helped people find spiritual strength for the journey. When family and friends could not visit, chaplains stood in the gap with love and grace. Above all, the chaplains embodied God's presence to remind us all that we have not been alone in this time. Through your generous giving to pastoral care, the chaplains, residents and care partners together continue to create communities of connection, well-being and promise. Visit wesleywoods.org/foundation, to support the pastoral care program.

IN THE PAST YEAR, CHAPLAINS HAVE PROVIDED:

10,668
RESIDENT
CONNECTIONS

935
FAMILY
CONNECTIONS

2,770
STAFF SUPPORT
CONNECTIONS

2,688
STUDIES AND
SERVICES

HEROES, SAINTS & LEGENDS A GREAT SUCCESS!



THANK YOU for your remarkable support of Heroes, Saints & Legends and the extraordinary 2021 honorees, (Pictured L-R), Dr. H. Allen Ecker, Bishop Woodie W. White, and Phil Jacobs. This year's event raised more than \$400,000! Visit wesleywoods.org/heroes to see sponsors of the event and to view the videos honoring these remarkable leaders and their commitment to our wider community.

PHYSICAL WELLNESS PROGRAMS WORK!

Five years ago, Wesley Woods began conducting voluntary wellness assessments for residents. Using evidence-based tools like the Fullerton Balance test, we identified specific areas needing attention to help us shape and invest in educational, physical and support programming to improve the overall well-being of our residents. We began offering balance classes like Yoga, Tai Chi and Walking Clubs to support physical needs, and we hired on-site Wellness Nurses and Chaplains to provide support for clinical, educational, and spiritual needs. Here we are—almost four thousand assessments later, and the data clearly demonstrate a sustained increase in our combined Fullerton Balance scores, showing our wellness program is working! As we continue to grow and expand opportunities on this journey to resident well-being, we appreciate and depend on our faithful donors to support our progress and to increase this invaluable programming! Visit wesleywoods.org/foundation, to support the wellness program.



IN THE PAST YEAR, WESLEY WOODS WELLNESS PROGRAMS PROVIDED:

2,903

VIRTUAL
FITNESS CLASSES

2,206

IN-PERSON
FITNESS CLASSES:

7,485

WELLNESS NURSE
VISITS

293

MENTAL HEALTH
VISITS



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As long as ever
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John Wesley



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