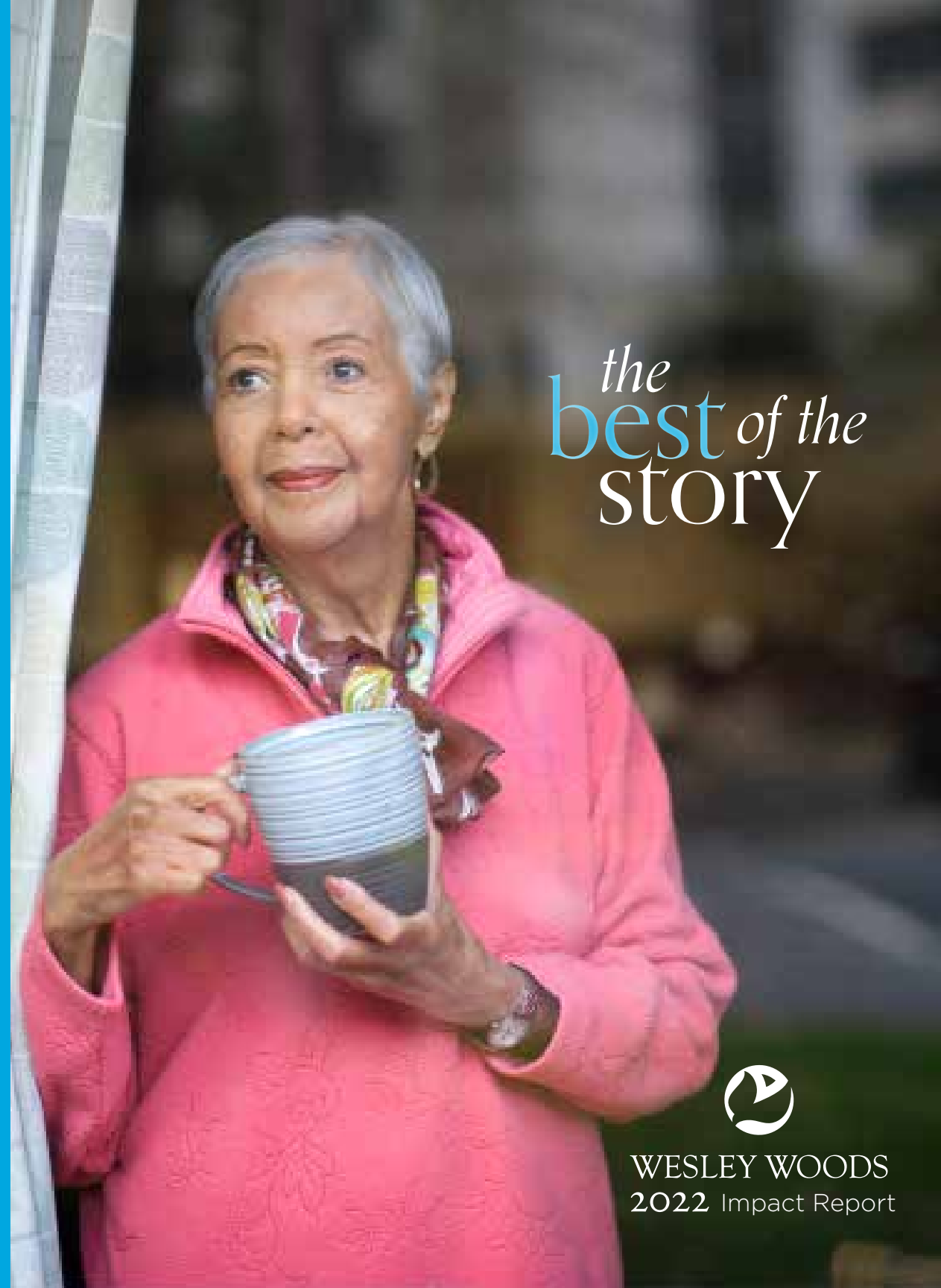


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*Inspired Living*

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WESLEY WOODS  
2022 Impact Report





**Dear Friends of Wesley Woods:**

Remember Paul Harvey’s radio program “*The Rest of the Story?*” (You can find old segments on YouTube.) The stories of people facing adversity, overcoming hardship and reinventing themselves were inspiring. The residents of Wesley Woods are similarly inspiring. We strive to create an environment in which they can transform themselves, so that their Wesley Woods’ chapter is the best of their lives. Instead of the “Rest of the Story,” we call it “*The Best of the Story.*”

On the following pages are three such stories—residents who, through our wellness programs pastoral care and charitable care support, have confronted challenges, discovered something new about themselves and changed their lives for the better. Your generous support of Wesley Woods and our Foundation make these transformations possible. Thank you.

Over the past year, Wesley Woods has experienced its own transformation. We have come out of COVID stronger and wiser. Despite the downturn in the market, rising costs and a leaner workforce, we are fiscally sound. In fact, this year your support was the best it’s ever been and helped us meet these increasing costs. Thank you, again.

We continue to execute on our strategic plan. We conducted a full audit of our technology needs to ensure our technology infrastructure for administration, healthcare and delivery of services is state of the art. We have conducted a similar audit of our lifestyle programming, which will guide our effort to reinvent the resident experience. And we are developing a comprehensive leadership training program for our most important resource—our employees.

As we continue to search for sites to build a new Wesley Woods community, the need for middle- and low-income housing for older adults is only increasing. (*People 65 and older are the fastest-growing age group in Georgia.*\*) Identifying the perfect mix of property and partners in an area where there is great need takes time. With eyes fixed firmly on the road ahead, we are confident that for Wesley Woods, the best is yet to come.

And now, you know, *The Best of the Story.* Good day.

Terry Barcroft, President & CEO,  
Wesley Woods Senior Living

Diane Vaughan, President,  
Foundation of Wesley Woods

\*[thecurrentga.org](http://thecurrentga.org)





Donors contributed  
**\$461,008**  
to the Wellness Program,  
an 18% increase over the  
previous year.

**CREATIVITY  
TAKES  
COURAGE**

**Shari McDonald** was never an artist. Oh, she was attracted to art as a child, but she never felt she had the talent for it. After all, she told herself, she couldn't even draw a straight line. And so, she set that interest aside. They say age brings wisdom. It can also bring courage, a try-it-and-see-what-happens spirit. A sense that maybe it isn't too late.

# the best of the story

COURAGE  
BRINGS  
GROWTH

Shari McDonald >>>>>  
Wesley Woods of Athens

When Shari was invited to a watercolor class in Wesley Woods' Wellness Program, all her old beliefs and hesitations resurfaced. She wasn't any good, she said. She didn't have any supplies. She'd think about it. Well, she did think about it, and she decided it was time. At 78 years old, Shari walked into her first art class. And in that class, she painted a mountain and a tree. The painting was, by her own description, "cartoonish," and she wanted to throw it away. But the effect on Shari was profound. She kept coming back to class, moving from watercolors to acrylics, from the hesitant beginner to an artist confident enough in her abilities to share her art on social media.

That first class woke something up in Shari, and she's not letting go of it. **And that first painting—the cartoonish mountain and tree? She still has it.**





>>>> **THE WELLNESS PROGRAM**

Supported by donors to the Foundation of Wesley Woods, the wellness program has a tremendous impact on the lives of residents across all Wesley Woods communities. The program operates under the philosophy that you are never too old to learn or to strive to become your best self. Our programs promote all facets of wellness—emotional, spiritual, physical, intellectual, vocational, environmental and social well-being.

To support wellness programming, please contact Diane Vaughan at 404.728.6286 or go to [wesleywoods.org/foundation](http://wesleywoods.org/foundation).



6,802  
Wellness Nurse Visits

924  
Mental Health Sessions

4,864  
Total Number of Fitness Classes

By the NUMBERS



Donors contributed  
**\$626,617**  
 to Pastoral Care, a  
 28% increase over the  
 previous year.

**CONNECTION  
 FORGES  
 TRUST**

**Ulrike Arntz** never thought much of herself, despite being an intellectual and deeply spiritual person. Her journey had been a long one. It was a life marked by growing up with a mother who told her she was ugly and would never amount to anything and then heartache and abuse at the hands of two husbands. But this is a journey she now looks back on with a whole new perspective.





>>>> **THE PASTORAL CARE PROGRAM**

Thanks to the support of generous donors, the Pastoral Care Program is able to provide all Wesley Woods communities with a chaplain. No matter the faith journey of an individual resident, the chaplain is there to provide support and guidance and to be a friend along the path.

To support the pastoral care program, please contact Diane Vaughan at 404.728.6286 or go to [wesleywoods.org/foundation](http://wesleywoods.org/foundation).

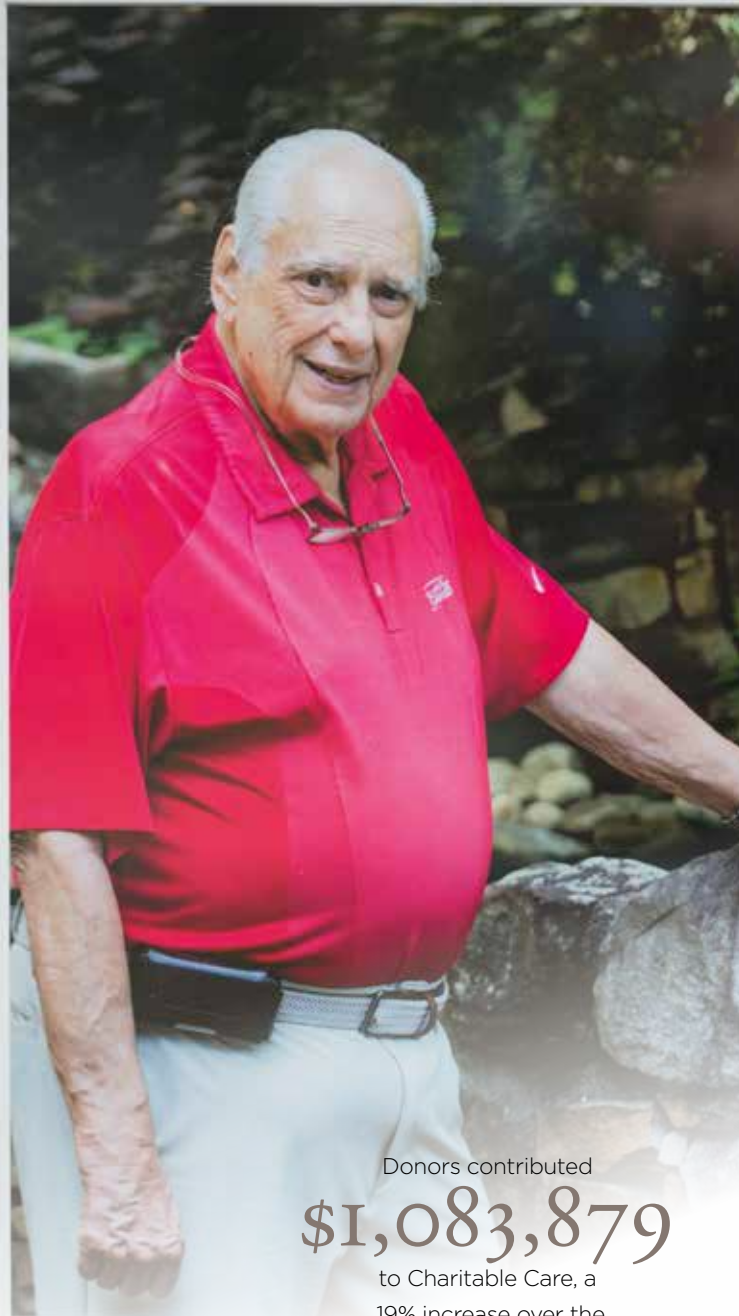


**10,591**  
Resident and Family  
Connections

**2,633**  
Studies & Services

**13,825**  
Attendance

By the **NUMBERS**



Donors contributed  
**\$1,083,879**  
to Charitable Care, a  
19% increase over the  
previous year.

**COMMUNITY  
THRIVES ON  
GIVING**

Now, the story of **Norm Stein.** After a successful career in retail and running his own businesses, Norm retired to take care of his wife as she battled cancer. When she passed, he found his way to Wesley Woods, where he found a community that gave back to him when he needed it the most.





To support charitable care, please contact Diane Vaughan at 404.728.6286 or go to [wesleywoods.org/foundation](http://wesleywoods.org/foundation).

#### >>>> CHARITABLE CARE PROGRAM

It is a question that lingers in the back of our minds as we get closer to retirement: “Have I saved enough?” Even if the answer is a confident “Yes,” things happen—an extended illness, unexpected financial expenses, a downturn in the market—you just never know. Even the blessing of a longer than expected life can threaten one’s financial stability.

This is why charitable care is such a profound way to support the Foundation of Wesley Woods and have a tremendous impact on the lives of older adults. The gift of peace of mind opens a new realm of possibility and purpose.

# 31,320

nutritious meals were provided to residents in need.

By the NUMBERS

# 100%

of residents were housing and food secure thanks to donors to the Foundation of Wesley Woods.

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For many Wesley Woods residents, their retirement years are the best of their story—thanks to the generous benefactors to the Foundation of Wesley Woods. Because of your support, residents of Wesley Woods can live healthier, happier and more carefree lives filled with purpose and peace of mind. Support of our wellness and pastoral care programs as well as charitable care directly impacts the quality of the lives of residents of Wesley Woods.

The following pages recognize and honor the life-changing support you provide. With your gift, the next chapter for many residents is...

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**best** of the  
story



*Thank You!*







Foundations provide vital support for Wesley Woods residents. They sustain our ongoing wellness, pastoral care and charitable care programs, and they fund key initiatives that improve our ability to serve Wesley Woods communities, like mental health care, capital improvements and capacity grants.

AEC Trust  
Atlanta Foundation  
Clark and Ruby Baker  
Foundation, Bank of America,  
N.A., Trustee  
Community Foundation for the  
Central Savannah River Area  
(CFCSRA)  
Cullum Foundation  
Dunwoody UMC  
Fisher-Crum Foundation  
John and Mary Franklin  
Foundation  
The J. B. Fuqua Foundation  
Price Gilbert Jr. Charitable Fund  
Glenn Memorial UMC  
The Evelyn and Frank Gordy  
Foundation  
Greene-Sawtell Foundation

The Scott Hudgens Family  
Foundation  
Jackson EMC Foundation  
Knox Foundation  
Lois and Lucy Lampkin  
Foundation  
The Ray M. and Mary Elizabeth  
Lee Foundation  
Methodist Foundation for  
Retired Ministers  
Stuart & Eulene Murray  
Foundation  
North Georgia United Methodist  
Housing and Homeless  
Council  
Northside UMC  
Peachtree Road UMC  
Piedmont Charitable  
Foundation  
Thomas H. Pitts Trust

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The Rich Foundation  
Ida Alice Ryan Charitable Trust  
SOMA Foundation  
South State Bank Fund of the  
CFCSRA  
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J.B. White Fund  
Frances Wood Wilson  
Foundation  
David, Helen and Marian  
Woodward Fund  
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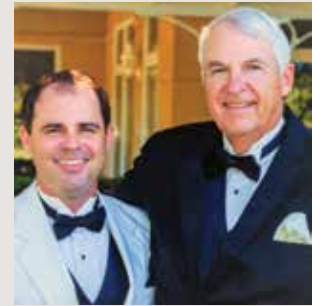
While Wesley Woods relies heavily on current contributions, the ongoing needs of residents can only be met by the foresight and generosity of individuals who include the Foundation of Wesley Woods in their estate plans. We are especially grateful for the current members of the Torchbearers' Society—your legacy will make a lasting impact.

Anonymous Torchbearers  
Mrs. Lea Andrews  
Nancy Andrews  
Terry and Todd Barcroft  
Frank Barron, Sr.  
Jane and Dameon Black  
Dorothy Blich  
Merritt S. Bond  
Mr. and Mrs. Coleman Budd  
Linda and Bobby Byrd  
Beth Cayce Blankenship  
Julie Childs  
Dr. and Mrs. John W. Darden  
Lillian Budd Darden and  
George "Buddy" Darden  
Mrs. Charlotte Dodson  
Jean and Jerry Eickhoff

Rev. Martha H. Forrest  
Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Fowler  
Max Gilstrap  
Smoky and Zoe Hicks  
Kathy Hoard  
Harry C. Howard  
Rev. Dr. Elisabeth Lunz  
Ann and Bob McMahan  
Dr. Kathleen Minnix and  
Dr. W. Larry Minnix  
Traci Montgomery  
Linda Nalley  
Kathleen and Harold Newton  
Dr. Manning Pattillo  
Rev. Ron Preuss  
Edie and Glen Reed  
Sarah Sloan

Rev. Elwood and  
Mrs. Mary Spackman  
Sally Camp Swann  
Diane Vaughan  
Rev. Donn Ann Weber and  
Mr. Kenneth Weber  
Bill Witcher  
Rosemary Woodel

Please let us know if you have made provisions for Wesley Woods in your estate plans or if you would like to learn more about our Torchbearers' Society by contacting Carson Raymond at 404.728.6204.



Jess Barron and Frank H. Barron

## >>>> GENERATIONS OF GENEROSITY

**The Barron family of Newnan, GA, has secured a legacy of generosity.** Frank Barron serves as President of Lindsey's Inc.—a real estate firm founded in 1948 by his father, Lindsey Barron. Since its inception, Lindsey's Inc. has morphed and grown, and today it is a leader in the real estate market of Atlanta's southern crescent.

With a clear vision in mind, Lindsey Barron donated the land for the site of Wesley Woods of Newnan. He and his wife, Genet, were active residents for many years. Frank described his parents' dedication to the Wesley Woods of Newnan community as especially strong, and he has continued this devotion. Frank served on the Foundation Board of Directors for many years and is a faithful annual donor and member of the Torchbearers' Society.

The Barron family continues their legacy both professionally and philanthropically. Frank's son, Jess Barron, serves as Vice President of Lindsey's Inc., and Jess is currently a member of the Foundation of Wesley Woods Board of Directors. The Foundation cherishes this long-standing relationship and the continuing impact it has on Wesley Woods. When describing his longtime affinity for, and dedication to, Wesley Woods, Frank shared, "We do not know what we would have done without Wesley Woods. You took such great care of our parents, and for that, we give back."

Thank you, Barron Family, for your enduring generosity and the impact it will have on the generations of Wesley Woods residents to come.



YEAR IN REVIEW

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Dedicated 40+ Year Employee, Gladys Clay-Butts, Remembered

Gladys Clay-Butts, who served as Administrator of Asbury Harris Epworth Towers (AHET) since 1984, passed away August 25, 2022. Gladys began her career at Wesley Woods as Resident Services Coordinator at AHET in 1979. Within five years, she was promoted to Administrator and remained in that role until her death.

Much beloved by residents and staff, Gladys kept her door and her heart open to everyone. She listened with patience, gave advice like a loving grandmother and served with deep wisdom and compassion. She embodied Wesley Woods' mission of creating communities of connection, well-being and promise.



Ms. Gladys Clay-Butts

86% feel a sense of pride in the work they accomplish.

91% say the company has a good work/life balance.

88% believe they make a difference through their work.

By the NUMBERS

87% believe their work has special meaning, "It's not just a job."
89% say they felt welcomed when they joined the company.

81% of employees say it is a great place to work compared to 57% of employees at a typical U.S.-based company.



Wesley Woods Senior Living Recognized for Fourth Year in a Row as a Great Place to Work

For the fourth year running, Wesley Woods Senior Living was ranked as a Great Place to Work in the category of Aging Services by Great Place to Work and Fortune magazine.

Wesley Woods was listed 25th nationally for Aging Services. And for the first time, Wesley Woods broke into the top 100 great places to work for millennials.



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