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"But blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in him."

Jeremiah 17:7



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**Pictured on front cover:
Mason residents visit
Amish Country; read
more on page 8.*

Message from the CEO



By Vickie Brashear, President & CEO

The theme of our 2025 Annual Report, Creating a Legacy of Energy, Purpose, and Joy, is more than a phrase. It is a vibrant reality lived out each day across our campuses. When you glance at the monthly activities calendars at both Mason and Mt. Healthy, you quickly see communities brimming with life, connection, and celebration. In fact, both the variety of opportunities that rivals what you might find on a cruise ship and the smiles on our residents' faces tell the story best.

From morning to evening, each day is thoughtfully filled with engaging opportunities. Residents gather for Coffee & Conversation, where friendships are strengthened over warm mugs and meaningful dialogue. Laughter echoes during games of cornhole, chair volleyball, Pop-A-Shot basketball, and Wii bowling. Creative spirits flourish in knitting and sewing groups, while movie afternoons provide relaxation and shared enjoyment.

Outings are another treasured highlight. Residents regularly enjoy lunch and dinner trips, including special experiences at the symphony and La Comedia Dinner Theatre. These excursions offer not only entertainment, but also fellowship and the joy of shared experiences beyond our walls.

February was a shining example of the energy that defines our community life. Both campuses hosted lively Super Bowl parties filled with team spirit and friendly fun. We also introduced the Move and Mingle event, where residents competed against one another in lighthearted challenges. The event was an overwhelming success, fostering camaraderie, laughter, and a healthy sense of competition.

Each campus has its own unique traditions that add to the richness of community life. At our Mason campus, the ROMEOS (Retired Old Men Eat Out) gather weekly for lunch outings. What began as a simple meal has become a cherished time of fellowship and brotherhood. Meanwhile, our Mt. Healthy campus celebrates residents with monthly birthday parties, ensuring that each individual feels honored and remembered.

Physical wellness remains an important part of creating a legacy of energy. We offer a wide variety of exercise and fitness classes designed to meet residents where they are. Opportunities include line dancing, virtual workouts, strength and stability training, Morning Movement and Motion, afternoon exercise sessions, Stretch & Restore, and circuit classes. Participation is strong, as residents recognize the importance of staying active in body as well as spirit.

At the heart of everything we do is our identity as a faith-based Christian organization. Spiritual growth and encouragement are woven into daily life. Residents are invited to Sunday chapel services, Bible and song gatherings, daily devotionals, Bible studies, Chaplain's Chat, and dedicated times of prayer. These moments provide comfort, hope, and the assurance that God's presence guides our community.

Creating a legacy of energy, purpose, and joy means nurturing the whole person: body, mind, and spirit. It means offering opportunities for laughter, growth, friendship, and faith each and every day. We celebrate not just a calendar full of activities, but a community alive with purpose and anchored in Christ's love. ✝

Leaving a Legacy that Lasts



By Matt Hilderbran, VP of Development

On November 18, 2025, Christian Village Communities was honored to host our inaugural Legacy Society Luncheon, an afternoon set aside to celebrate and thank those who consider the Christian Benevolent Association Foundation (CBAF) and Christian Village Communities (CVC) part of their family.

The Legacy Society recognizes individuals and families who have included the CBAF in their long-term estate plans. Through this meaningful act of stewardship, members offer a powerful testament to their priorities and to their desire to see this God-honoring ministry continue for generations to come.

Guests gathered in a spirit of gratitude and fellowship, sharing a meal and reconnecting with friends who share a common heart for the mission. It was a joy to look around the room and see so many faithful supporters whose generosity quietly but profoundly shapes the future of our communities.



We were honored to hear from our guest speaker, Larry Monroe, retired CVC CEO and current CBAF board member. Larry reflected on the ministry's history, the lives that have been impacted over the years, and the importance of intentional legacy planning. His message reminded us that legacy giving is not simply about financial resources. It is about faith, values, and ensuring that compassionate care rooted in Christ continues long after we are gone.

The Legacy Society serves as the planned giving program of Christian Village Communities. Established to secure the long-term sustainability of the ministry, it helps ensure that the work of CVC will remain strong for generations to come. Since its inception, CVC has been blessed through the generosity of its giving partners to provide financial assistance to residents and staff facing demonstrated financial need.

Legacy gifts are directed to the ministry's endowment fund. These endowment funds are conservatively invested, and CVC utilizes only the investment income when appropriate, preserving the principal as a permanent asset of the ministry. This thoughtful approach allows each gift to continue working year after year to provide stability and hope well into the future.

The heart behind the Legacy Society is simple. It exists to preserve and strengthen a ministry that honors God by caring for older adults with compassion and dignity. Through planned gifts, members help ensure that qualifying residents who face financial hardship can continue to receive the care they need within a loving Christian community. We are deeply grateful to each Legacy Society member. 





Sunrise Vista Update



By Lizz Stephens, VP Marketing & Business Strategy

The Christian Village at Mason's new 10-acre expansion, Sunrise Vista, is entering its final stages of development! Sunrise Vista is CVM's new independent living expansion. If you read the previous edition of the Connection Newsletter, you learned that in July 2025 we hosted a grand opening celebration for completion of our first phase which came just one year after we broke ground on the project. Our first phase consisted of 12 homes, and the second and final phase consists of an additional 12 homes. All homes in Sunrise Vista feature three bedrooms, three full bathrooms, a double car garage, gas fireplace, high-end finishes, a large kitchen island, and topline appliances. We project that the final homes in phase two will be ready to move into in late spring or early summer.



Our first phase of Sunrise Vista residents all moved in and have shared that they are thoroughly enjoying CVM's maintenance-free lifestyle and the camaraderie of their neighbors. We are so honored that they chose CVM as their home and are eager to welcome our phase two residents!

Another exciting component of Sunrise Vista is a beautiful clubhouse which can be enjoyed by all CVM residents and families. Residents don't need to wait until the project is completed to start using the clubhouse either!

The CVM management team is thrilled to announce that on Wednesday, February 11, 2026, our beautiful new Village Clubhouse opened! This 3,600

square foot clubhouse is at the entrance of Sunrise Vista which is conveniently located within the CVM campus. The clubhouse features a fireside lounge, game room, arcade area, and a covered outdoor porch with plenty of seating for relaxation and fellowship. Inside, you will also find the Village Bistro which will serve many delicious menu items as well as grab-and-go items. Included in the bistro is a bright and cheery dining space.



All CVM residents were invited to attend the grand opening of the Village Clubhouse on February 11th. During the celebration, residents had the opportunity to tour the new space and enjoy light refreshments featuring items that will be offered in the Village Bistro.



Sunrise Vista has been a thrilling and rewarding project for Christian Village Communities. It has allowed us to extend our ministry to more senior adults while simultaneously offering more diverse independent living options. Sunrise Vista remains sold out with a growing waiting list. If you or a friend would like more information, please call VP Marketing and Business Strategy Lizz Stephens at 513-701-3408.

Thank you for your ongoing support as we continue to expand and improve the Christian Village at Mason! 🇺🇸



"Grow Old Along With Me"

By David Ray, Chaplain

A thoughtful poem by Robert Browning begins with these lines:

Grow old along with me!
The best is yet to be,
The last of life, for which the first was made:
Our times are in His hand
Who saith, "A whole I planned,
Youth shows but half;
trust God: see all, nor be afraid!"



Let's be honest: We are a village of "old people." We have lived full lives and can sometimes dangerously conclude that "the best" years are behind us. But I like the sentiment of Browning's words which say that God has planned "the whole" and that "youth shows but half." We need to see the whole.

When I arrived here as chaplain four years ago, one of our dear residents—who regularly attends our worship services—wrote me a note that included the following:

"You undoubtedly are among more old people than you have ever been before. I think you are finding us to be different than you perhaps thought we would be."

Then she added: "Few are just sitting around waiting to die. Your sermons challenge us and make us stretch up a little higher. This is far more a place of learning and of spiritual growth than I had thought it would be."

"We are a village of people who have not given up on growing, learning, creating, exploring, and enjoying life. We bring with us great personal life stories, but have also not stopped writing them."

These words stuck in my head and continue to inspire me. We are a village of people who have not given up on growing, learning, creating, exploring, and enjoying life. We bring with us great personal life stories, but have also not stopped writing them.

Isn't it beautiful how Browning describes this season as: "The last of life, for which the first was made," and reminds us that God planned the whole.

Personally, as I look back over my own life, I am thankful for the ways my past equipped me for my future. And I do think God was in the planning. I am thankful for this "last of life, for which the first was made."

So, let's trust God and not be afraid. Let's not quit before we are done. Or as my good friend put it, few of us are "just sitting around waiting to die."

You may notice how I've used the word "we" in this writing. That's because my wife and I are moving onto the Mason campus soon. So, we are becoming "old" village people too.

And who knows, but that for all of us, "the best is yet to be!" ✚



Cherished Spaces

The Cherished Spaces Campaign at The Christian Village at Mason (CVM) represents an important step in continuing a tradition of excellence in care, innovation, and faith-centered service. Over the years, CVM has distinguished itself as a leader in senior living.

One of the many strengths of CVM is its commitment to providing a complete continuum of care that supports residents throughout every season of life, from independent living to skilled nursing.

Every detail of the skilled nursing program at CVM is designed with residents in mind. As the needs of residents continue to evolve, so must the spaces in which care is provided. One of the most meaningful ways to honor residents during times of increased medical need is by offering private nursing rooms that support both physical recovery and emotional comfort.

Currently, CVM offers a limited number of private skilled nursing rooms. Our desire is to convert 22 existing units into private rooms, increasing the total number to 69. This expansion will allow more residents and families to experience the privacy and personalized care that private rooms provide.

Private rooms offer significant benefits for resident comfort. Having a personal space allows individuals to rest without interruption, receive care with dignity, and maintain a sense of independence even during vulnerable moments. Improved sleep and reduced disruption can contribute to better recovery and overall health.

Private rooms also enhance the overall care of residents. Private rooms help reduce the spread of illness and provide the ability to care appropriately for residents who require special precautions. They also make it easier for staff to tailor daily schedules and routines to individual preferences and needs.

Beyond physical care, private rooms nurture emotional and spiritual care. Residents can personalize their surroundings with meaningful items from home, creating a familiar and comforting environment. Families and loved ones can visit in a peaceful setting that encourages conversation, prayer, and connection.

This important initiative is made possible through the faithful partnership of the Christian Benevolent Association Foundation (CBAF). Through generous gifts and shared vision, the foundation works to strengthen and sustain the mission of Christian Village Communities. As this capital campaign moves forward, the CBAF invites supporters to invest in private skilled nursing rooms that reflect compassion, excellence, and Christ centered care for generations to come. ✝



Eventful Snapshots

Residents at the Christian Village at Mt. Healthy and the Christian Village at Mason enjoy vibrant, fun-filled activities year-round, thanks to our wonderful team of dedicated staff. Residents enjoy the community and the entertainment that these events bring, from field trips, to parties, to outdoor activities, to puppies! Don't believe us? Check out the smiling faces in the snapshots from just a few of the joy-filled events in the past year. 🏡



Mason residents get in the competitive spirit at the highly memorable Move and Mingle event. The afternoon was filled with camaraderie, laughter, and a little friendly competition.



Mt. Healthy residents showcase their best costumes at the highly attended Fall Fest. The community came together to celebrate, enjoying a live band, minigames, and more.



Mt. Healthy residents enjoy a live art demonstration at the annual Talent Show, which featured impressive vocal performances, dances, and much more.



Mason residents visit South Central Mennonite and Amish Country, where they picked apples, perused the local goods, indulged in delicious homemade treats, and spent time outdoors.

The Artist and the Engineer

By Aleigha Hummel, Development Assistant

From an early age, Dave and Norma McIntire shared two rare gifts: they found both each other and their vocational callings at a young age.

Dave and Norma grew up in Indiana, and met in first grade at church. In high school, Norma oversaw prom decorations but nearly missed her own senior prom after a breakup. Determined, her friends set out to find her a date. Dave hadn't planned to go, but the promise of a date with Norma was too good to pass up.

That marked the beginning of a relationship that continued through college, despite attending rival schools. Norma graduated from Indiana University, while Dave graduated from Purdue University.

For Norma, there was never a question about her vocation. "I always knew what I wanted to be," she says. "It was always art." Norma recalls selling her drawings for two cents apiece in sixth grade. Artistic talent runs deep in her family, including her great-uncle, William Sydney Mount, the 19th-century American painter.

Over time, Norma's work gained recognition. She was invited to join the Art League of Cincinnati, and was accepted into the American Watercolor Society. Her work has been published multiple times.

She taught private art classes for 31 years. Even today, she continues teaching and would love to bring this passion into her new home at CVM.



While Norma has spent her life creating works of art, Dave has dedicated his career to engineering. "I always knew I wanted to work with electricity," he says.

He has since retired from his work as a regional sales manager at Rockwell Automation. The company makes electrical parts, producing everything from switches to capacitors and filters—including the command/destruct signal filter for a major rocket built for the United States Military.

Outside of work, Dave is a charter member of the Mason-Deerfield Township Rotary Club. He was also an advanced technical volunteer with the EMS and a master scuba diver.

Dave and Norma's personalities mirror their professions in many ways. "We don't hang wallpaper together anymore," Norma says with a smile. "It's better for our marriage." Dave laughs. "When I put the piece of wallpaper up, it fits perfectly. And when she puts it up, she has to trim around the edges."

Behind the humor is admiration. Norma describes Dave as patient. Dave says Norma is open-minded and willing to work through anything. Together, they have formed a steady partnership for more than six decades, continuing with their life here at CVM.

From meeting in first grade to a lifelong marriage, Dave and Norma have designed a life together—one built with beauty, precision, and enduring love. 🌟

Donating During Your Lifetime: Retirement Plan Gift

For many donors, retirement savings represent years of careful planning and stewardship. A Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) is a meaningful way to use those savings to support causes that reflect your values while also offering tax advantages. For those who care deeply about the mission of the Christian Benevolent Association Foundation (CBA Foundation), a QCD can be a simple and impactful way to give.

If you are age 70 ½ or older, you can transfer funds directly from your IRA to a qualified charity such as the CBA Foundation. Because the gift goes directly from the IRA to the charity, the distribution is not counted as taxable income. This allows you to support charitable work you believe in while reducing your tax burden.

Each year, individuals can give up to \$100,000 through a QCD. For many donors, this can also help satisfy required minimum distributions from their IRA while supporting ministerial needs at Christian Village Communities. By reducing taxable income, a QCD may also help lower Medicare premium costs and reduce the tax impact on Social Security benefits. Most importantly, a Qualified Charitable Distribution allows you to see the impact of your generosity during your lifetime. It is a practical and powerful way to align financial planning with faith and purpose. If you would like to learn more about making a QCD, please contact VP of Development Matt Hilderbran at 513-701-3345. Thank you for considering a gift that helps fulfill the mission of the CBA Foundation! 

Grateful Hearts Program

In February, the CBA Foundation promotes a special Valentine's Grateful Hearts Program. The Grateful Hearts Program allows individuals to give a donation in honor of a Christian Village Communities (CVC) team member who has made a difference in their life or the life of a loved one. Along with the donation to the CBA Foundation, a heartfelt note is shared with the honoree. These notes overflow with gratitude and stories about the employee that has gone above and beyond in their work. During the month of February, the team members receive a special Valentine treat! These donations support our Employee Hardship and Scholarship Grants. These grants provide financial assistance to CVC employees who have experienced a catastrophic event resulting in temporary financial hardship beyond their control, or support those who are pursuing continued education. Listed are the team members that have been honored in February:

Michael Slade
Tracy Wolcott
Jackie Prater
Aaron Smith
Kim Tharp
Alexis Daniell
Destiny Brumbaugh

Stephanie Mondy
Lisa Boles
Becky Sergent
Racheal Tekwe
Mary Brown
Lizz Stephens
Don Benter

Missy Philpot
Derek Steele
Ben Montoney
Patty Woodrum
Debra Walker
Geri Benter
Margaret Drexel

Roger Wright
Aleigha Hummel
Vicky Cornett
Tammy Flint
Tomi Maruna
CVM All Staff

Grateful Hearts can be sent to the CBA Foundation (designated for the Grateful Hearts Program) at 411 Western Row, Mason, OH 45040, or online at <https://christianvillages.org/donate/> and select fund: Grateful Hearts Program. 

Staff Development Dementia Specialist Role

By Susan Meyers, VP of Health Services, Compliance and Analytics

Christian Village Communities is pleased to announce the hiring of Staff Development Dementia Specialist Kim Horn, whose newly established role is designed to strengthen excellence in dementia care across our organization. This important position reflects our proactive commitment to meeting the growing needs of older adults and supporting the dedicated staff who serve them each day.

Dementia continues to affect families and communities at an unprecedented rate. National projections indicate that dementia cases in the United States are expected to roughly double by 2060, rising to nearly one million new cases annually. As the population ages, senior living communities must be prepared not only to respond to this increase, but to lead with compassion, skill, and innovation.



The creation of the staff development dementia specialist role ensures that Christian Village Communities remains at the forefront of person-centered, faith-based dementia care. Kim brings exceptional experience and credentials to this new role. She holds a bachelor of science in health education from University of Cincinnati and is a Certified Dementia Practitioner with more than 20 years of experience in long-term care. Throughout her career, Kim has demonstrated a deep commitment to enhancing quality of life for residents living with cognitive changes while equipping care teams with practical, evidence-informed strategies. She will be working between Christian Village Mason and Christian Village Mt. Healthy, ensuring both campuses benefit from consistent support and education.

The staff development dementia specialist role provides a proactive, system-wide approach to dementia care by combining comprehensive staff education with individualized resident support and early identification of cognitive changes. Kim will serve as an internal subject matter expert and mentor, educating and coaching staff in effective dementia-related communication techniques, behavior support strategies, and person-centered care practices. By modeling approaches that uphold dignity, respect, and Christian values, she will help staff

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feel more confident and prepared when interacting with residents experiencing memory loss or cognitive decline. Beyond staff education, Kim will provide non-medical engagement and advocacy for residents in the early to moderate stages of dementia. Her work will focus on supporting independence, strengthening social connections, encouraging meaningful daily routines, and promoting smoother transitions across levels of care. Through interdisciplinary collaboration with nursing, therapy, life enrichment, and pastoral care teams, she will help ensure that each resident's unique story, preferences, and abilities remain central to their care plan.

We are excited about the positive impact Kim will have as she advances excellence in dementia care across Christian Village Communities. Her leadership will empower our staff, support our residents, and further our mission of guiding older adults to have joyful and purposeful life experiences in a faith-filled community. ✝

A Life of Service

Ken Brand has called Christian Village at Mt. Healthy home for four and a half years. Guided by faith, he's followed God to places he never imagined.

"To me, life is about serving people," he says. That calling has taken many forms, such as teacher, principal, volunteer, mentor, and minister, but it began long before any title.

Ken received a BA degree in philosophy at St. Joseph's College in Indiana, where his desire to make a difference deepened. He went on to the Indiana University School of Law, intending to pursue law and foreign services. "Nothing of that happened," he says, laughing.

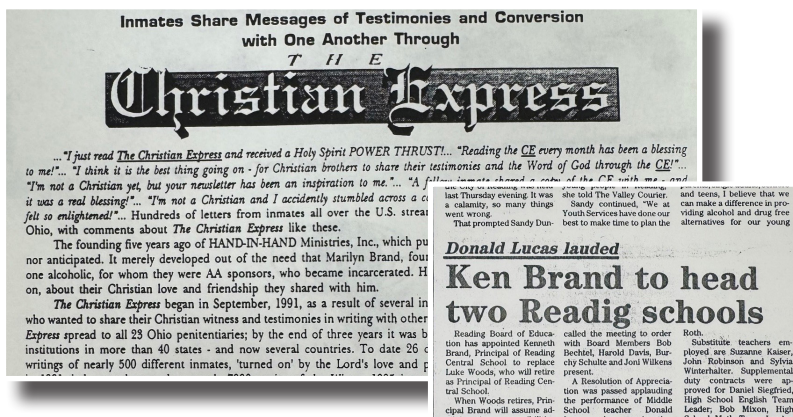
The day before school began, a priest begged him to teach at St. Roch Catholic School. He said yes, following the Holy Spirit's prompting. It marked the start of a lifelong career in education, including roles in Mansura, Louisiana, as assistant principal at Cardinal Cushing School and later principal of St. Michael's Elementary in Leesville.

He later earned his Master of Science in School Administration from the University of Dayton. During that time, he met Marilyn, the woman who would become his wife. Ken proposed just three weeks after they met. They shared 46 wonderful years of marriage before Marilyn went home to be with the Lord in 2013.

Ken devoted 31 years to education, including 25 as principal of Reading Central School, where his steady leadership shaped countless students and families.

Ken poured himself into his community and church, opening his home to former inmates and working against segregation and prejudice in schools. His service included leadership roles with the Indianapolis Association of Christian Youth, Mental Health Services of Hamilton County, and the Hamilton County Elementary Principals Association.

One ministry closest to Ken's heart is Hand-in-Hand, a prison outreach behind The Christian Express, a national publication written by current and former inmates. In retirement, he served as its executive director, publisher, and editor. What began in a Chillicothe penitentiary as a way for inmates to share their faith grew into a source of hope and encouragement for readers nationwide.



Today, Ken's life of service continues. At the Christian Village at Mt. Healthy, he volunteers in hospice, prays faithfully for others, and remains active in his church. Though life's seasons change, his calling remains. His journey reflects a simple but profound truth: a life devoted to serving others is a life well lived. ✝

Harmony and Companionship: Music and Pet Therapy Bring Comfort to Hospice Patients

By Heather Carter, Assistant Administrator / Director of Social Services

Christian Village Hospice has been caring for residents at the Mason and Mt. Healthy campuses for three years, and the team continues to strengthen and enhance its provision of care.

The hospice team includes nurses, certified nursing assistants, social workers, and chaplains. Care is often complemented by volunteers who provide meaningful socialization and interaction with patients.

As the hospice team looks for ways to support the whole person, we have been blessed to add pet therapy and music therapy services to the program. Studies show that both music and pets can reduce anxiety, ease pain perception, and improve emotional well-being for patients facing life-limiting illness. Yet their impact extends beyond measurable outcomes.



Roxie, Therapy Dog

Hospice patients may not always be able to speak or respond, but they can still benefit from familiar songs, as well as the softness and warmth a pet can provide. Words to songs or hymns deeply rooted in memory can become a prayer or meditation.

One-on-one music therapy sessions offer meaningful emotional, cognitive, and sensory support for hospice patients living with dementia. Even in advanced stages, when verbal communication declines, the ability to respond to music often remains. Individualized sessions allow a music therapist to tailor songs and interventions to the patient's personal history and preferences, helping evoke long-term memories and moments of recognition and connection. Familiar melodies can reduce agitation, ease anxiety, and promote relaxation.

Pets are also often part of a patient's life story. Their presence can bring comforting memories and reinforce a sense of continuity. Interacting with a therapy animal can ease feelings of separation and fear while offering warmth, softness, and calm. Like music therapy, pet therapy is not just merely recreational. It holds clinical value and provides interdisciplinary intervention that enhances comfort, connection, and quality of life.

Both music and pet therapy visits have provided enhanced support for many of our patients. Music and animals have a way of reaching us when words fall short. In hospice care, where comfort, presence, and emotional ease matter more than ever, these simple forms of connection can become powerful sources of relief. ✚



New Leaders at CVC



Melinda Amrein



Michael "Rob" Chapman

Life Enrichment Director Michael "Rob" Chapman joined Christian Village at Mt. Healthy in August 2025. With nine years in therapeutic recreation, including a recent role at the former Daniel Drake Center, Rob became a Certified Therapeutic Recreation Specialist in 2021. He specializes in using music and cooking to spark reminiscence and provide sensory stimulation.

Rob earned a bachelor's degree in speech pathology & audiology from Miami University in 2015 but shifted to recreational therapy in 2016 after a senior internship with the Daniel Drake Center's therapeutic recreation team. Passionate about working with older adults, he has spent his career in long-term care and studied gerontology in college.

A lifelong Cincinnati resident, Rob grew up near North Bend and has lived in Mason for over six years. He married his high school sweetheart, Emily, in 2023. Together they enjoy hiking, cooking, traveling, swimming, and TV sitcoms. Rob aims to visit all 50 states and has seen 36 so far. A former choir singer and pianist, he is a proud uncle of three nephews and a niece, sharing his love of board games and Disney with them.



Baylie King

Admissions Coordinator Baylie King has recently joined the team at the Christian Village at Mason. She was born and raised in Lebanon, Ohio, as an oldest child. She has spent many years in the sales and marketing industry and also works part-time at an Italian restaurant as a server in her spare time because this appeases her social butterfly personality. She has a four-year-old son, Memphis, who is her everything. Besides superheroes, they love to play outside together, read books together, and play with their mini-Pomeranian, Pixie!

Some of Baylie's interests and hobbies include singing and karaoke, spending time with her family, and attending hot Pilates and yoga. She is a massive fan of the outdoors, hiking, camping, and anything musically inclined. By the force of her son, she is also a Bengal's fan.

Baylie is excited to continue to learn and grow as a part of the Christian Village Communities team, and she would love to chat with anyone who stops by her office to say hello.



Karen Schmitt

Dietitian Karen Schmitt RD, LD joined Christian Village at Mt. Healthy team in October 2025. She has been a dietitian for over 20 years. For the past several years, she has worked in acute care settings within UC Health. Prior to that, her career was primarily in long-term care; this is where her passion lies.

Karen's journey into dietetics began in culinary school. She has always loved food and cooking, but she discovered she wanted to understand the science behind food and nutrition. That led her to pursue her degree in dietetics and nutrition at the University of Cincinnati. She is passionate about helping others find realistic, enjoyable ways to nourish their bodies and support their health.

Outside of work, she has been married for 25 years and is the proud mom of a daughter and son. She loves cooking, gardening, and reading when she is not watching her kids play soccer. She is also an avid runner and has completed countless half marathons. She has enjoyed getting to know everyone and looks forward to years to come at Christian Villages. ✝️

Memorial and Honor Gifts

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A Foot of Snow, A Mountain of Care

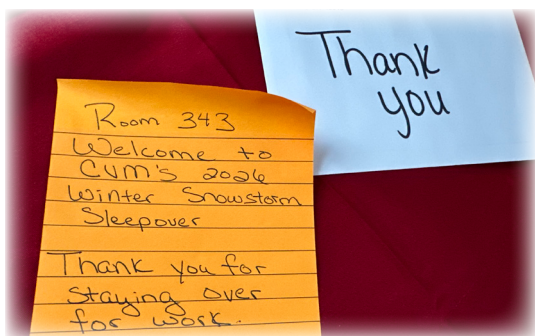
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When a powerful winter storm hit the Ohio Valley from January 24 -26, covering roads in ice and snow, both campuses of Christian Village Communities rose to the challenge. With about a foot of snow at each location, travel became dangerous, and the focus shifted to keeping residents and staff safe, comfortable, and well cared for. What followed was a remarkable display of teamwork and preparation across both communities.

At the Mason campus, approximately ten team members committed to staying overnight to guarantee uninterrupted care. Meanwhile, at Mt. Healthy, eight staff members stayed overnight to ensure residents' needs were fully met.

Dining services provided meals for those unable to travel home, allowing caregivers to focus on residents. Staff from multiple departments worked together to prepare sleeping arrangements, with some in beds and others on air mattresses, handling the situation with teamwork and positivity.



At Mason, each bed was prepared with a personal note and a piece of chocolate, welcoming staff with a hotel-style turndown service. Food and Nutrition Director Debra Walker and CNA Development Coach Cassie Smith wrote individual cards and included "Service from the Heart" cards as a token of appreciation; these cards recognize staff members who go above and beyond in their roles for the benefit of the communities.

When other departments needed help, staff stepped up. One example is Chalie Howard-Jago, a receptionist at Mt. Healthy, who powered through the snow and came in on her day off to help at the facility, including serving in the dining room.

Across both communities, the storm revealed something powerful. It was not just a weather emergency response—it reflected a community that looks after its residents and team members with care and collaboration. Through preparation, cooperation, and genuine concern for one another, both communities turned a challenging winter weekend into a meaningful example of service in action. ✚



State of the Foundation

On March 19, the Christian Benevolent Association Foundation (CBA Foundation) hosted its first State of the Foundation event, offering others an opportunity to learn more about the mission and impact of the foundation. The gathering focused on explaining the role of the foundation and how generosity strengthens the ministries of Christian Village Communities.

The CBA Foundation serves as the fundraising arm of Christian Village Communities (CVC), providing resources for ministerial needs that expand the organization's ability to deliver joyful and purposeful life experiences in a faith-filled community. Throughout the presentation, attendees learned how charitable giving supports residents, employees, and the long-term sustainability of the mission.

VP of Development Matt Hilderbran shared a financial update on 2025 giving and how donor generosity continues to make a meaningful difference throughout CVC communities.



A central focus of the event was CVC's ministerial needs, which represent the heart of the foundation's work. One key area is Charitable Care, including un-designated gifts that allow leadership to respond to the organization's greatest needs, such as helping bridge the gap between healthcare costs and Medicaid reimbursement. Charitable Care also includes employee hardship grants and scholarships through the Grateful Hearts program.

Another key ministry highlighted was Compassionate Care, which helps qualifying residents remain in their community after exhausting their financial resources. This support reflects one of the most meaningful parts of the organization's mission, ensuring residents continue to receive care, stability, and belonging during difficult seasons of life.

During the event, Chair of the CBA Foundation Board Jon McCann spoke about areas of greatest giving opportunity. He encouraged supporters to consider a variety of creative and impactful ways to give, including Qualified Charitable Distributions, stock gifts, life insurance donations, and planned gifts such as bequests. These options allow donors to align their financial planning with their values while supporting the long-term ministry of the organization.

The first State of the Foundation event provided clarity, encouragement, and gratitude, reminding all in attendance that the mission of Christian Village Communities continues to be sustained through generosity, compassion, and a shared commitment to serving older adults with excellence and Christ-centered care. ✝



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