



WESLEY WOODS  
FOUNDATION

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# THE CONNECTION

NEWS FROM WESLEY WOODS



**M**other's Day is just around the corner, and our # 1 gift recommendation is to give your mom and other women who have positively impacted your life **the gift of time**—Cherish Every MOMent.

In the book *Love You Forever* by Robert Munsch, a young mother rocks and softly sings to her son: "I'll love you forever, I'll like you for always, as long as I'm living my baby you'll be." At the end of the book, the tables are turned, as the son holds his mother close, returning the forever love that has nurtured him through his life.

In the Wesley Woods world where 70% of our residents are women who have lived an average of 82 years, the gift of a long life is enriched through your gifts that honor and remember those who first cherished us, our mothers.

This Mother's Day, we invite you to visit [wesleywoods.org/foundation](https://www.wesleywoods.org/foundation) to honor special women in your life by making a gift to Wesley Woods. Your generosity will 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. **Cherish Every MOMent** this Mother's Day by celebrating the women who have loved, nurtured, taught, and cared for us.

Gratefully,



*Diane*

Diane Vaughan  
President  
Foundation of Wesley Woods



*Terry*

Terry Barcroft  
President and CEO  
Wesley Woods Senior Living

## A FAMILY LEGACY

Love for Wesley Woods runs deep in the family of Susan and Glenn Warren. Growing up at Northside United Methodist Church, Glenn's earliest memories of Wesley Woods centered on the annual Mother's Day offering. He witnessed the generous giving of his parents and grandparents for the ministry of Wesley Woods. Glenn later learned the story of his grandparents' connection with the founding of Wesley Woods. When the senior pastor of Northside UMC, Dr. Candler Budd, envisioned a home for retired preachers, he turned to Glenn's grandparents for early support of this mission. Since the founding of Wesley Woods in 1954, the Warren family has actively served and supported Wesley Woods.



Instilled with a faith that is lived out in service, Glenn has served as chair of both the Foundation of Wesley Woods and Wesley Woods Senior Living Board of Directors.

As third-generation supporters of Wesley Woods, the Warrens' generous giving to capital campaigns and the pastoral care program keeps their family legacy alive. Glenn states, "Susan and I are blessed by the ability to serve Wesley Woods and believe in its mission to create communities of connection, well-being and promise." The Warrens have visited all Wesley Woods communities and find their greatest joy in meeting residents who are proud of their Wesley Woods home. Wesley Woods is grateful to have the longstanding support of Susan and Glenn Warren and their family for generations.

**In the past year,  
Chaplains  
have provided:**

**9,634**

Resident Connections

**762**

Family Connections

**2,246**

Staff Support Connections

**2,436**

Studies and Services

## STRENGTH EVEN IN WEAKNESS



Over the last year and a half, Wesley Woods chaplains have held the spiritual center for our communities. They 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. In Augusta, Chaplain Rick Nevard remembers a resident who was struggling to find strength for a difficult time in her life. "I assured her that she did have the strength and at her weakest moments, God's

strength would be there for her. We wept, we prayed, we sang hymns, and we came through to the other side. She determined that with God's help she would be able to face this. As she left, she said, 'God bless you, Chaplain. You are my pastor and my friend.'"

Be a part of providing Pastoral Care to residents at Wesley Woods by making a gift at [wesleywoods.org/donate](https://wesleywoods.org/donate).

# JOIN US SEPTEMBER 15TH TO HONOR OUR 2022 HEROES, SAINTS & LEGENDS



Billye Aaron



Dr. Judy Greer



Virginia Hepner



SEPTEMBER 15, 2022

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Visit [wesleywoods.org/heroes](https://wesleywoods.org/heroes) to celebrate with us!

## LEAVE YOUR LEGACY

Contact [Diane.Vaughan@wesleywoods.org](mailto:Diane.Vaughan@wesleywoods.org) or 404-728-6286 to leave a legacy gift and join the Torchbearers Society.

Lea (74) and Joe Andrews (77) are leaving their legacy at Wesley Woods by joining the Torchbearers Society. Having no family to whom to leave their estate, they searched for an organization that provides programming and support to enrich the lives of older adults. They chose Wesley Woods because of its mission to create communities of connection, well-being and promise by providing wellness programming, pastoral care and financial assistance for housing and meals to those who have outlived their resources. Wesley Woods is grateful to Lea and Joe and other Torchbearers who are providing future support for Wesley Woods and the older adults we serve.

## BALANCING WELLNESS

Anne Nicholson is an active and engaged resident at Wesley Woods. She hesitantly tried yoga for the first time a year after moving in, worried it would not be a good fit. Three years later she says, "I wish I had started sooner." How did it help? "I'm less tired and more alert," she says. "I've improved my balance and discovered the importance of stretching." Anne incorporates what she is learning into her everyday life by balancing on one foot while watching TV or engaging her core while walking. Yoga has helped Anne to become more mindful and aware of her body. "I use yoga whenever I think of it."

Make a gift to the wellness program to help more residents, like Anne, by visiting [wesleywoods.org/donate](https://wesleywoods.org/donate).



In the past year, Wesley Woods Wellness Programs have provided:

2,514

Virtual Fitness Classes

3,297

In-Person Fitness Classes

7,261

Wellness Nurse Visits

780

Mental Health Visits



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