



WESLEY WOODS  
FOUNDATION

WINTER 2022

# THE CONNECTION

NEWS FROM WESLEY WOODS



Our yearlong theme has been the **“Power of our Purpose.”** Recently, many of us found ourselves asking, “Why do I do what I do, and is there a better way?” Asking this question *challenges* us to find more meaning and purpose in our work and in our personal lives.

At Wesley Woods we find **power** in fulfilling our **purpose** to create communities of connection, well-being and promise for older adults. We do this by providing charitable housing assistance to residents who have outlived their resources or do not have the financial means to move to a higher level of care, ensuring that no resident must leave their Wesley Woods home.

We ensure that all residents have access to our robust wellness programs to enable them to live independently longer in their Wesley Woods community. Through the Wesley Woods pastoral care program, chaplains visit residents in their home and in the hospital, offer counsel through struggle and loss, and help them connect with purpose and hope for joyful living.

In this season of Thanksgiving, we invite **you** to experience the **power of our purpose** by making a special gift to Wesley Woods. Scan the QR code below or visit [wesleywoods.org/foundation](http://wesleywoods.org/foundation) to watch the Fund-the-Mission video to see how we partner with you to create communities of connection, well-being, and promise.



SCAN ME

Gratefully,



*Diane*

Diane Vaughan  
President  
Foundation of Wesley Woods



*Terry*

Terry Barcroft  
President and CEO  
Wesley Woods Senior Living

## PEP IN HER STEP

**M**s. Gloria, one of the residents living in our Augusta community, has seen positive results from the new Silver Sneakers fitness classes being offered three days per week. A retired police officer, Gloria has been using a walker since moving in four years ago. After several weeks in the new class, Gloria can do the things she wants and no longer needs her walker for balance and support.

Thanks to your generous gifts, we can continue to keep residents active and engaged, which can make a real difference in someone's life—just ask Gloria. She says the classes “make us have more energy, feel stronger and have fun!”

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

**Wesley Woods  
wellness programs  
delivered  
in the past year:**

**2,231**

Virtual Fitness Classes

**2,832**

In-Person Fitness Classes

**7,302**

Wellness Nurse Visits

**1,010**

Mental Health Visits



## SHARING THE BLESSINGS

**M**rs. Linda Nalley has generously supported Wesley Woods for nearly five decades. Her relationship is both long-standing and multigenerational. Soon after relocating to Atlanta, Linda joined Decatur First United Methodist Church and contributed to the inaugural Mother's Day Offering in 1976. She has been an active participant in our mission via her church, and her connection to Wesley Woods deepened when both she and her mother experienced the care of Wesley Woods. As a loyal donor to the Wesley Woods Mother's Day Offering, and by including Wesley Woods in her estate plans, making her a member of our legacy giving Torchbearers' Society, Linda has made an enduring impact on Wesley Woods. She poignantly reflects on her philanthropy by expressing, "I give to Wesley Woods so that others can share the blessings of care that my mother and I experienced."



To learn more about the Torchbearers' Society, please contact Carson Raymond at 404.728.6204 or [carson.raymond@wesleywoods.org](mailto:carson.raymond@wesleywoods.org).

## FOOD FOR THE SOUL

**W**esley Woods residents love to eat together. Community mealtimes provide nourishment for body and soul, and the chaplains recognize that being present in the dining room with residents is an opportunity for connection. Chaplains Carol Scroggs and Dick Huycke, in Athens, go on a walk about, stopping at tables and chatting with residents they might not otherwise see. When a new resident appears at the table, chaplains can easily offer a first welcome to the neighborhood and make an appointment to visit them in their home. Chaplain Rick Nevard regularly enjoys meals with residents in Augusta. One resident recently thanked him for joining them for lunch. "When you eat with us, you are one of us. It means a lot to know you are around." Wesley Woods is grateful for donor support that creates a place at the table for chaplains to be with our residents.

When people are curious about one another's lives, when they lean in toward one another to listen, and then pause to ask another question, or to share a moment from their own lives . . . THAT is when connection happens! According to the resident, "You can't trade that for anything."



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

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

**10,190**

Resident Connections

**818**

Family Connections

**2,125**

Staff Support Connections

**2,764**

Studies and Services



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*Heroes, Saints & Legends*

**2022 HONOREES**



Billye Aaron, Judy Greer, and Virginia Hepner were honored as 2022 Heroes, Saints & Legends for transforming our community through a lifelong commitment to leadership, service and philanthropy. *We invite you to scan the QR code below to see how.*



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