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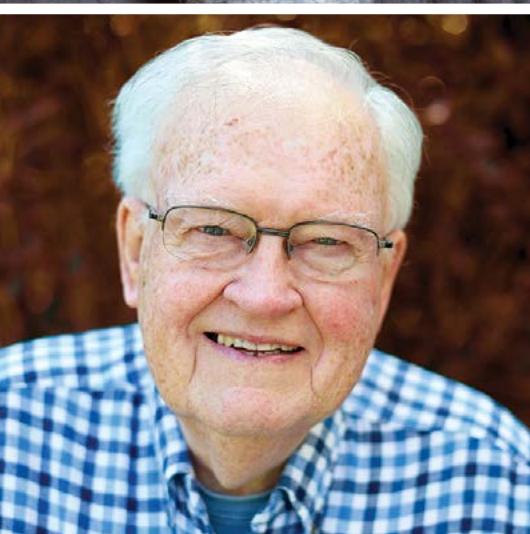
NEWS FROM WESLEY WOODS



While observing an art class at one of our Wesley Woods communities, I admired the painting of a resident and said, "I don't think I could ever learn to paint like you!" She replied, "Oh, it's easy when you begin with a blank canvas and there is someone to show you how. You can paint anything and make it be whatever you want!" Her comment stopped me in my tracks, how true that a blank canvas represents limitless potential and opportunity.



So it is with support from donors like you. You give us a blank canvas to meet the needs of residents living in Wesley Woods communities. [Chaplains](#) provide a host of spiritual life activities and are a quiet presence to listen when needed most. [Wellness nurses and programming](#) help residents work towards personalized, age-specific health outcomes with an emphasis on the reduction of falls.



The cornerstone of the Wesley Woods mission is to provide [financial assistance for housing and meals](#) to residents who may have outlived their resources or do not have the financial means they need to access higher levels of care. [Your support provides residents peace of mind knowing they will not have to leave their Wesley Woods home.](#)

As we enter this season of giving, we invite you to visit wesleywoods.org/donate to make a gift that will help Wesley Woods fill the blank canvases with *connection, well-being and promise.*

Gratefully,



Diane

Diane Vaughan
President
Foundation of Wesley Woods



Terry

Terry Barcroft
President and CEO
Wesley Woods Senior Living

MASTERFUL MOMENTS: *Advancing Dementia Care*



Wesley Woods is deepening its commitment to residents living with dementia by launching **Masterful Moments**, an educational program designed to transform dementia care by fostering empathy, understanding, and meaningful connections. Supported by generous donor contributions, the program equips staff with hands-on training and practical tools to respond compassionately and confidently in every interaction.

More than a training, Masterful Moments represents a cultural shift—reimagining what life can look like for residents with dementia. A key feature is the Virtual Dementia Tour, an immersive experience that simulates the cognitive and emotional challenges of dementia and offers new perspectives on communication and behavior.

Wesley Woods of Newnan is the first community to fully implement the program. Early results in the memory care neighborhood show residents are more engaged and content, while staff report increased confidence and empathy. Wesley Woods is committed to expanding Masterful Moments across all communities, ensuring every resident—regardless of cognitive challenges—experiences dignity, connection, and joy.

To support the Wesley Woods wellness program, visit wesleywoods.org/donate.



YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

While we continue our work to annually fund the financial assistance, pastoral care, and wellness programs, our Wesley Woods communities have additional needs.

Please contact Maggie Medlock at 404-282-8674 if you or a company or foundation you know have interest in funding one or more of the following items:

- New furniture for common areas \$18,000
- Awning for outdoor space \$9,000
- Ten raised garden beds \$5,000
- Read2Connect program for dementia care residents \$3,200

LAST YEAR DONOR SUPPORT PROVIDED:

1,195	2,266	6,253	766
Virtual Fitness Classes	In-Person Fitness Classes	Wellness Nurse Visits	Mental Health Visits

THE SECURITY OF A WESLEY WOODS HOME

Martha Lee has lived at Wesley Woods for “more years than she can remember.” At 106 years old, she has exhausted her financial resources, so gifts from Wesley Woods donors have enabled her to remain in her home. She recently needed to move to a higher level of care which required additional resources, and again, the generosity of Wesley Woods donors has enabled her to continue living happily with her friends and receive the higher level of care she requires. Thank you for making it possible!

To support the Wesley Woods financial assistance program, visit wesleywoods.org/donate.



CELEBRATION CORNER

Wesley Woods communities celebrate 2025 Awards & Honors that reflect the dedication, compassion, and excellence that define Wesley Woods and our commitment to providing the highest quality of life for residents.

WESLEY WOODS ATHENS TALMAGE TERRACE AND LANIER GARDENS

Best Retirement Community:
Winner for the 20th consecutive year.

ST. JOHN TOWERS AUGUSTA

Best Retirement Community:
Consistent winner since 2018, with honors spanning multiple categories including *Best Apartment Complex*, *Best Retirement Community*, and *Best Assisted Living*.

WESLEY WOODS OF NEWNAN

Named the best in the Assisted Living category by *Newnan-Coweta Magazine's* 2025 Best of Coweta Reader's Choice Awards—winning every year since the award's inception five years ago.

Holleran Choice Community Award:
Earned for outstanding resident engagement and satisfaction, placing at the very top of the national benchmark for Life Plan Communities.

2025 HEROES, SAINTS & LEGENDS HONORED



Nancy Gordy Simms, Douglas R. Hooker, and Patrise M. Perkins-Hooker, were recently honored as 2025 Heroes, Saints & Legends. These extraordinary individuals have transformed lives and our greater community and state through a lifelong commitment to leadership, service, and philanthropy. Wesley Woods is grateful to each attendee, donor and sponsor who made the celebration a remarkable success!

To see a complete list of donors and prior Heroes, Saints & Legends honorees, please visit wesleywoods.org/heroes.

*Heroes,
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WHY SUPPORT WESLEY WOODS WITH A DONATION FROM YOUR IRA?

Save on taxes—a gift from your IRA to a nonprofit like Wesley Woods will count as a qualified charitable distribution (QCD) and will be tax-free up to \$100,000. The transfer lowers your taxable income, even if you do not itemize deductions.

Helps you meet your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD)—for individuals who must take an RMD, an IRA gift will count toward your RMD without adding to your taxable income and in turn reduce your annual income level.

Help Wesley Woods thrive—a gift from your IRA can make a significant impact for the mission of Wesley Woods. No matter your age, you can designate Wesley Woods as the beneficiary of all or a percentage of your IRA and it will support our mission after your lifetime.

Always remember to work with your advisors on charitable gifts using planned giving vehicles such as an IRA or bequest. Please contact Maggie Medlock at 404-282-8674 or Maggie.medlock@wesleywoods.org with questions about supporting Wesley Woods.

LOWER YOUR TAXES AND FUND THE WESLEY WOODS MISSION THROUGH YOUR IRA

Pat Cilimberg is an ardent supporter of Wesley Woods. Since she is eligible to give through her IRA as a qualified charitable distribution (QCD) she can lower her taxable income and make an annual gift that is tax-free up to \$100,000 each year. Pat believes deeply in Wesley Woods and is happy to use her IRA distribution to support its mission. We invite you to consult your tax advisor to make a tax-smart annual gift through your IRA to support Wesley Woods.



To learn more about the benefits of making a gift through your IRA or required minimum distribution please contact Maggie Medlock at 404-282-8674 or Maggie.medlock@wesleywoods.org.

PLANTING SEEDS FOR THE FUTURE

Rosemary Woodel created and cares for the pollinator garden at Wesley Woods of Athens and is passionate about it continuing to thrive beyond her lifetime. To ensure this happens, she joined the Wesley Woods Torchbearers Society which is an opportunity for individuals to express their personal values and perpetuate support of Wesley Woods. Rosemary has made a gift commitment that will ensure the garden remains an asset to the local environment and a beautiful, restorative space for residents and families for generations to come.



We invite you to join the Torchbearers Society and make Wesley Woods part of your legacy. A planned gift may be made through any of the following vehicles:

- Designation in a will, trust, or other estate plan
- Beneficiary of an IRA or retirement plan, such as 401K or 403(b)
- Charitable remainder trust
- Beneficiary of Life Insurance proceeds or beneficiary designation

Please contact Maggie Medlock at 404-282-8674 or Maggie.medlock@wesleywoods.org for a confidential conversation about making Wesley Woods part of your personal legacy.

If you have made a planned gift commitment for Wesley Woods, please let us know so we can express our sincere appreciation.



While Wesley Woods relies heavily on current contributions, the ongoing needs of residents can be fulfilled by the foresight and generosity of individuals, known as Torchbearers, who include the Foundation of Wesley Woods in their estate plans. **We are grateful to the following Torchbearers:**

3 Anonymous Members	Harry C. Howard
Mrs. Lea Andrews	John Kauth
Nancy Andrews	Rev. Dr. Elisabeth Lunz
Terry and Todd Barcroft	Ann and Bob McMahan
Frank Barron, Sr.	Dr. Kathleen Minnix and Dr. William L. Minnix
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Zoe and Charles Hicks	Betsy and Mike White
Kathy Hoard	Bill Witcher
	Rosemary Woodel

To learn more about leaving Wesley Woods in your will or estate plan please contact Maggie Medlock at 404-282-8674 or Maggie.Medlock@WesleyWoods.org.



CHAPLAINS HELP RESIDENTS FIND JOY

Chaplain Sharon Edgar leads a devotional and hymn singing with residents living with dementia. "No matter what we talk about or what we sing, it's simply a joy to be with them," she says. Studies of people living with dementia have shown that music can be an important therapeutic and spiritual practice.

Caring for a person living with dementia is, first and foremost, simply caring for the person—getting to know them as an individual, their personal history, their likes and dislikes, what brings them meaning and joy, their struggles. It is an opportunity to build a relationship with them by connecting in the moment and creating a supportive, caring environment.

Chaplains journey with people from different backgrounds, perspectives, interests, and needs. Our goal is to meet people where they are and walk alongside them wherever they are going. For people living with dementia, this can mean singing old familiar hymns, listening to the same story every day, and being a companion who reminds you that you are loved. To support the pastoral care program at Wesley Woods, visit wesleywoods.org/donate.

LAST YEAR DONOR SUPPORT PROVIDED:

8,400	730	1,581	1,696
Resident Connections	Family Connections	Staff Support Connections	Studies and Services

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- Lower your taxable income by donating your Required Minimum Distribution
- A gift from your IRA will count as a qualified charitable distribution (QCD) and will be tax-free up to \$100,000.
- Lower capital gains with a gift of appreciated securities such as stock
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