



# WIDOWS HOME

## OF DAYTON

*Over A Century Of Caring*

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LeadingAge Ohio is a nonprofit trade association that represents approximately 400 long-term care organizations and hospices, as well as those providing ancillary health care and housing services, in more than 150 Ohio towns and cities. The continuum of care reflected by the member organizations serve an estimated 400,000 elderly Ohioans annually and employ more than 35,000 persons statewide.



When the Widows Home of Dayton began in 1872, its mission was to provide a residence for widows of Civil War Soldiers. We are still very proud of our history. Although the mission has changed over the years, one constant remains - to meet or exceed the needs of our residents.

Today, the Widows Home serves primarily elderly men and women who have a continuing need for physical and psychological support in a facility that is cheerful, home-like, clean and provides high quality care. Many of our residents come from Dayton's east end and have roots connecting them to the Gem City for generations.

The Widows Home is a nonprofit, long-term care facility. The generosity of the community has kept the Widows Home of Dayton serving some of our community's most vulnerable for nearly 150 years. We are able to provide our residents with excellent care because of contributions from people like you.

We'd like to reintroduce you to the Widows Home of Dayton. Our newly redesigned newsletter will introduce you to one of our special residents and two very dedicated members of our staff, and how you can make a difference.



Find us on Facebook at Widows Home of Dayton

# Staff Spotlight



Jan Stewart and Jane Luman are twin sisters. Jane says Jan should be listed first as she was the first born... by five minutes. They have both worked at the Widows Home of Dayton since 1985 and things were definitely different then!

They reminisce about working here when the Home only served women. Men didn't become residents until 2000. Back then, the Home was smaller and was overseen by a woman who lived onsite in an apartment upstairs (which has since been converted into office space). Jan and Jane both state the reason they continue to work at Widows is "not for the money, but for the people," and about how much they have learned working here.

They've gotten to know hundreds of residents over the years and recount stories of some of their favorites, including a kind, respectful gentleman they lovingly referred to as "Dimples". They have known numerous residents who have lived beyond 100 years old. It's caring and committed staff members like Jan and Jane that make Widows Home of Dayton so very special.

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# Resident Spotlight

Meet George. He's a great guy who loves sports and enjoys talking about sports, especially softball. George moved to the Widows Home in 2015. His memory isn't what it used to be, unless you get him talking about softball. George is a life-long Miami Valley resident and grew up in Beavercreek. He's a local sports superstar!

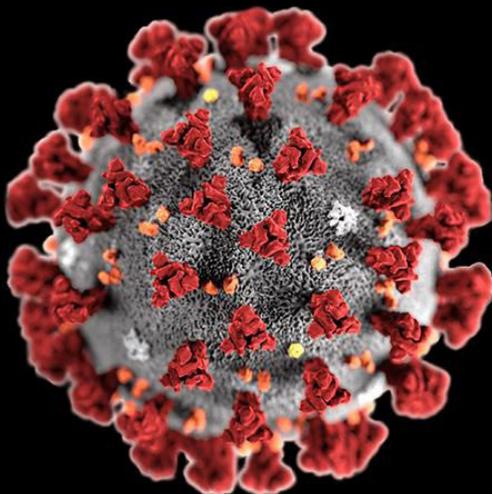
According to his best bud Jerry, George was one heck of an athlete! In fact, he's in several Halls of Fame, including the Beavercreek High School Hall of Fame and the Dayton Amateur Softball Hall of Fame. George's High School record in basketball was only recently broken and he graduated in 1953. Jerry said that George was one of the best pitchers he'd ever seen and was often named MVP of tournaments they attended throughout the country. Prior to moving into the Widows Home, George spent years caring for his mother and father. George is quiet and likes to spend time in his room, but if you can get him talking about sports, he lights up like a softball diamond ready for a night game!



George passed away peacefully in his sleep before this newsletter went to press. We are saddened by this loss and still wanted his story to be told.

# How Can You Help?

There are numerous ways to support the Widows Home of Dayton. If you shop online at Amazon, use AmazonSmile.com and select Widows Home as your charity. Amazon will donate a portion of all your purchases to us. You can do the same thing with your Kroger Plus card. Just sign up for Kroger Community Rewards and every time you shop, Kroger will donate to Widows Home. Neither of these options cost you a dime! We are always looking for funds to do things to make the Widows Home better. Sign up on our website to make a monthly contribution. Even ten dollars a month will make a huge difference. If you have any questions about how you can make a difference in the lives of those who live here, call Linda at (937) 252-1661.



By now we are all very familiar with the virus named COVID-19. It's dangerous and doesn't discriminate. Oh, and don't forget, it is particularly hard on the elderly.

We are taking every precaution available to protect the residents of the Widows Home of Dayton. Not only are staff members wearing masks, but residents are encouraged to wear them too. Temperatures are taken on everyone entering the building and visitors are still restricted. Meals are served in rooms and activities are limited.

In all honesty, it's been hard, but it's worth it. We're proud to report we passed a surprise Federal COVID-19 inspection with no deficiencies. It's been a long and hard few months, but nothing is more important than the safety of those who call Widows Home of Dayton their home.



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## Resident Pantry

### Help stock the shelves!

Many of our residents don't have funds available to buy extras that make life a little more comfortable. Thanks to donations to our Resident Pantry, they can get those additional personal care items by attending various activities. The residents love the opportunity to shop the pantry.

Items needed for the pantry include:

- Shampoo
- Deodorant
- Body Wash
- Body Wash and Shampoo all-in-one for Men
- Shaving Cream
- Hand and Body Lotion
- Face Cream and Cleanser Pads
- New Seek and Find Puzzle Books

For more information on donations to Widows Home, please call Linda at (937) 252-1661.

