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A Stitch in Time

When Sharon first came to Widows Home of Dayton, it was for rehab after a fall at home. It was also at the beginning of the pandemic. Sharon and her doctor decided it wasn't best for her to return home after her rehab, so she decided to stay at Widows for the extra care. She's been at Widows now for over a year. If you ask her, she'll tell you, "It's the best place in the world. They take care of us."

Sharon misses seeing her family regularly, but talks to her 3 adult children on the phone often. She's excited about visitation returning and can't wait to see everyone in person. One thing Sharon has that most residents don't is a granddaughter, Taylor, who works at Widows Home and they enjoy seeing one another on a daily basis.

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We're Opening Up

2020 has been a long and stressful year. COVID-19 has been hard on all of us. But, with vaccines now widely available, along with hospitalizations and deaths from the virus declining, we are optimistic that we'll soon be able to open to the public again. With that in mind, we are looking forward to volunteers returning to Widows Home. Family members able to visit loved ones once again. And who knows, maybe even a group outing soon! If you're interested in learning more about Widows Home or how you can volunteer, call **937-252-1661** and ask for Linda.

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Sharon loves crafts, painting, watching movies and puzzles, but more than anything she loves to crochet. She's crocheted blankets for herself, her roommate, friends and family. Her hobby helps her pass the time, that is when she's not involved in something else. Sharon is always willing to participate in the activities at Widows Home. You'll always find her at bingo, game day, crafting and painting, but it's really all about socializing with other residents. It's the activities that make a difference in the day-to-day lives of the residents. Your donations to the Widows Home of Dayton help keep our residents' lives full with meaningful and satisfying activities. Please take a moment to use the enclosed envelope to make a donation. Your gift stays right here and helps make life better for the residents.



~ STAFF SPOTLIGHT ~



Congratulations on Your Achievement!

Mindi is a Registered Nurse, but not just any RN, she's a new RN. Mindi returned to school to earn her RN after being a Licensed Practical Nurse for more than 25 years. She became an LPN when she and her husband lived in Florida and after they returned home to Ohio, she worked part-time as an LPN while raising her children. Mindi always had the goal of returning to school to become an RN. In 2016 while working full-time and raising a family, she went back to school part-time. In 2019 she decided to ramp up her education and successfully completed her course work, her clinicals, and in 2021 passed her State Nursing Boards to become a Registered Nurse.

It was hard work but well worth the effort. Mindi works as the MDS nurse for Widows Home. That means she's paying attention to all the details. To be a Licensed Nursing Home, there are rules and regulations about how all interactions with residents are documented. It's Mindi's job to ensure all documentation is completed accurately and within all the guidelines set forth by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid. Although Mindi only came to work at Widows Home two years ago, she "loves it!" Mindi said she knew it was the place for her when she walked in the door. "I love it, really!" she said. "Fantastic staff members, and all we want to do is the best we can for the residents."

We are so pleased Mindi is part of this team. Mindi and the rest of the team at Widows Home depend on your gifts to ensure our residents receive the best care possible. To learn more about how you can help, go to www.widowshome.org.

Fifty Cents a Day

There's not too much you can do with fifty cents these days. Fifty cents won't even pay for your morning cup of coffee.

However, there is something fifty cents a day can do.

If you donate fifty cents a day to Widows Home you can ensure new residents have a welcome package, full of nice soaps, lotions, a new toothbrush, and other niceties and necessities. Fifty cents a day also keeps our activities pantry stocked with easy grab and go activities for residents to use to occupy their time and help with their rehabilitation. But who has time to send fifty cents to the Widows Home every day? You do!

You can sign up on our website to make a donation to your credit card for just \$15 a month (that's less than fifty cents a day) and help keep great things happening at Widows Home of Dayton. A monthly contribution is your commitment to supporting seniors. It gives us the steady resources needed to move our efforts further each month.

Monthly giving is easy, affordable, and safe. Visit the Donate Now button at the top of our website, www.widowshome.org.



For less than fifty cents a day, your gift can lift spirits, engage residents, and promote a happy, full life.

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Widows Home of Dayton, Not Just for Widows

What many people don't know about Widows Home is that men live here too. No, it has not always been that way. In fact, the Home started truly as a home for widows of Civil War Soldiers. Things change though ... and Widows Home changed too. Women didn't have to be widows to reside here starting in the 1970s or so and in 2000 the Home started accepting men. One thing that remains the same is we are still a **nonprofit organization**, committed to providing quality services to all our residents. When you donate to Widows Home you support that mission.