



Mission Statement

The mission of Flat Rock Homes is to provide outstanding services which transform lives of persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities, their families and persons with critical needs through a dedication to caring and excellence that demonstrates Christian values.

Vision Statement

The vision of Flat Rock Homes is to be a model organization which creates caring communities of excellence that support life-long services to persons with developmental disabilities, their families and persons with critical needs while maintaining a sound financial position.

A National Role for Flat Rock in the Care of Children

Flat Rock Children's Home, in its various forms, served as the national orphanage for the Evangelical Association and the Evangelical United Brethren Church for many years. Dr. James Nelson, a historian of the Evangelical United Brethren denomination, remarked that he remembered gathering pennies from the children of the Sunday School to send to the orphans at Flat Rock while living in Kansas as a child.

In 1968, Flat Rock Homes became affiliated with the East Ohio Conference of the United Methodist Church, following a merger of the Evangelical United Brethren Church and the Methodist Church. That relationship between Flat Rock Homes and The United Methodist Church is now defined as "a covenant relationship with the East Ohio Conference of the United Methodist Church." Flat Rock Homes, Flat Rock Care Center, and Flat Rock Community Services continue to be members of the United Methodist Association (UMA), which

serves as the accreditation source for the United Methodist Church's Health and Welfare Agencies.

A Plan for the Future

Continuing the legacy of the transforming power of care for individuals with ID/DD, the new Flat Rock Care Center facility consists of six individual homes connected by a large inner hallway to nursing, dietary, the therapeutic center, gymnasium, and a new administration center. It is a state-of-the-art facility for the care and treatment of individuals with intellectual, developmental, and behavioral challenges. As a result of the improvements to the facility, every resident who moved from the old facilities has shown dramatic improvement in all levels of health, development, and well-being.

Joe's Story



Joe completed his school program in May of 2011. Joe then began attending his day habilitation program. Joe's goal was developing skills to bus tables and wash dishes. Joe enjoyed this task and developed the ability to complete this task with minimal supervision.

In March of 2018, Joe demonstrated an interest in community employment. Joe was referred to Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities to begin the process for community employment.

Joe attended numerous meetings where he expressed the type of job he was interested in obtaining. He went on two trial work placements to gain experience. His community employment vendor staff worked with him on learning to fill out job applications, how to dress for an interview and practiced interviewing skills. In April of 2019, Joe did obtain a community job at Arby's. Joe is proud of his work and happy to receive his paychecks. Joe wants to purchase an X Box with the money he earns.

Carrie Jo's Story



The staff at Flat Rock Care Center has known many of its residents since they were children and have watched them grow into adults.

They've developed a close bond and care deeply for their welfare. But this love does not just go in one direction as QIDP Cheryl explains. "I remember the time Carrie Jo went out with her housemates to get pizza, pop, and breadsticks. She knows I love pizza, breadsticks, and pop. When I saw her the next day the first thing she told me was that she ate a bite of cheese pizza and breadstick and took a big drink of Cherry Coke just for me. Carrie Jo said she was thinking of me and wanted me to have some of it too even though I wasn't there!"

Carrie Jo has made great strides not just at home here in the Care Center, but she does an incredible job working at a local barbeque place. She works hard sweeping floors, restocking napkins, clearing and cleaning tables, and so much more!

One Way We Can Help

This Sunday 10/24, Sherri Buehl will be with us in worship sharing about the many stories of Flat Rock and the many ways we can help support this vital ministry with people who are developmentally delayed.

This Sunday, you will have an opportunity to take an envelope off of the "Wall of Hope" back in Wesley Hall. This wall will be covered with envelopes labeled with every dollar amount from \$1 to \$144. You choose the envelope you want to fill.

You may then return your envelope to the church by November 21 filled with at least the dollar amount listed on the outside. On that day, we will pray over our gifts and send them on their way. If every envelope is filled, the total gift to Flat Rock Homes will be around \$10,000.

The Wall of Hope supports Flat Rock's legacy of providing security, safety, and shelter to individuals with developmental and intellectual disabilities. What an incredible way to share the love of Christ with our friends at Flat Rock!

