

# Living with Dementia is Still Very Much about Living



For more than fifty years, The Village of St. Edward has provided faith-based care for seniors as they progress through the latter stages of life. Dedicated to maintaining privacy, dignity and independence, The Village creates a true sense of belonging for each resident and provides compassionate support for families.

Recognizing the special needs of residents with cognitive impairment, The Village of St. Edward Foundation is pleased to provide support for the new twenty-eight specialized Memory Care units on the Fairlawn campus. The addition, scheduled to open December 2016, was designed to provide a dedicated residential, therapeutic environment supporting residents with dementia.

The living area has an open theme, promoting safe movement for residents. Generous natural lighting, pleasant music and limited background noise provide a positive environmental setting.

Some residents come to The Village's Memory Care from their



homes, while others, like "Anne," have transitioned from Assisted Living. "Anne" will benefit from a specialized care plan designed to help her continue to feel at home while providing her family with the assurance she is safe.

Caring for residents with cognitive impairment requires specialized programming and staff training. The Village's Memory Care service offering provides ongoing and intensive training for staff specifically to help residents meet their highest level of functioning.

In keeping with Catholic values and commitment to the residents in The Village community, your support of The Village of St. Edward Foundation ensures no resident will ever be asked to leave or expected to find residence elsewhere if they outlive their funds. Interior spaces and several outdoor gardens are available for private naming opportunities. For a detailed description, please feel welcome to contact Vondea Sheaffer, Vice President of Development at (234) 466-0556.





Diana Waugh, RN, BSN

# I'm Still Here...Come Find Me

In October, The Village of St. Edward welcomed Diana Waugh, RN, BSN, nationally-known speaker, consultant and author, to provide a day of professional development for nursing and memory care staff and evening seminar for community members. "I'm Still Here... Come Find Me!" was sponsored in part by the Frank P. Kaufmann Fund for Memory Care Education and Advocacy.

In speaking to The Village staff, Ms. Waugh emphasized teachers don't teach. Rather they create an environment where learners want to learn. She

commended and encouraged care providers to continue to learn the unique needs of each resident.

In her straightforward, yet humorous approach, Waugh encouraged families, friends and professionals to find ways to make life meaningful for the memory care resident. She acknowledged the frustration and sense of loss felt by all people confronting memory loss and

provided better ways to communicate with suffering loved ones. "I was feeling lost in dealing with my father," shared a daughter in attendance. "This gives me hope and better ways to communicate with him."

Waugh reiterated that, while it's not always possible for us to "make everything better," care givers hold the power to "make everything human."

“this gives me hope”

## New Memory Care Provides High-Tech Sensory Therapy

**Alzheimer's disease is the most common form of dementia. The disease impacts daily living through memory loss and cognitive changes.** And while not all memory loss is an indication of the disease, one in ten people over sixty-five and more than half of those over eighty-five have Alzheimer's.

As dementia symptoms increase, fear, agitation and wandering often worsen late in the day and over time. While there is not yet a cure for Alzheimer's, certain non-drug therapies can slow progression and reduce the impact of the disease.

Evidence has shown that Snoezelen (pronounced SNOO-zeh-lehn) multi-sensory therapy, using light, sound, scents, and music to initiate sensual sensations, has a lasting, calming effect in reducing otherwise challenging behaviors.

Indicative of The Village's commitment to care and treatment, the Memory Care unit includes two Snoezelen rooms, one on each of the two floors. Each room contains a bubble tube, a panel of colorful lights and a variety of sensory items in a comfortable setting. Residents may have a short session with a staff member or may visit the room as they wish.

“Comprehensive assessments are completed with families and residents prior to admission. These assessments enable us to create engaging and therapeutic activities to maintain and improve existing strengths and abilities of each resident. The directors, medical staff and designers have worked together to create a facility utilizing the best practices in dementia care.”

Michelle Emerson, RN,  
Director of the Memory Care Unit

# Here to Serve

## New Staff Members Bring Strategic Skills

Each day, passionate and experienced leadership ensures residents can and will live their best life in an environment that fosters a true sense of belonging.

Michelle Emerson, RN, Director of the Memory Care Unit, has served in various roles including Charge Nurse and MDS nurse with The Village. With seventeen years of nursing experience, Michelle brings a personal passion and extensive previous experience of Alzheimer's and dementia care.

Michelle remembers visiting her grandmother in a beautiful facility but one that lacked interaction with residents and their families. She is committed to creating a highly interactive environment where residents feel at safe, happy and most of all, loved.

Shawn McMahon, RN and Director of Quality Assurance, has extensive experience in post-acute and skilled nursing care.

Shawn uses and applies his experiences to quality service and performance improvement initiatives. As a collaborative and visionary leader, he and his team regularly confer with staff, families and physicians to ensure residents experience their optimal level of wellness.

Vondea Sheaffer, Vice President of Development, works with individuals, corporations and foundations to provide philanthropic support for the people and programs of The Village of St. Edward.



Michelle Emerson, RN



Shawn McMahon, RN



Vondea Sheaffer, VP



She has worked as a development professional in the region serving at the Northeast Ohio Medical University (NEOMED), Akron Children's Hospital and the National Inventors Hall of Fame. She earned a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Akron, her Masters of Public Administration from Kent State University and serves on the board of the Association of Fundraising Professionals, Northeast Ohio chapter.



“Community is first of all a quality of the heart. It grows from the spiritual knowledge that we are alive not for ourselves but for one another.”

– Henri J.M. Nouwen



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## You can make a difference!

If you are 70½ or older you may be able to reduce the income and taxes from your IRA withdrawals while also supporting The Village of St. Edward Foundation with a Qualified Charitable Distribution.

#### **Benefits of a Qualified Charitable Distribution:**

- Your gift will be put to use today, so that you make a difference immediately
- Avoid taxes on transfers of up to \$100,000 from your IRA to The Village of St. Edward Foundation
- Satisfy your required minimum distribution (RMD) for the year
- Reduce your taxable income, even if you don't itemize deductions
- Make a gift that is not subject to the 50% deduction limits on charitable gifts

To make your gift before December 31, contact your Financial Advisor or Financial Institution to support The Village of St. Edward Foundation.



## Have you considered?

A charitable bequest is simply a distribution from your estate to a charitable organization through your last will and testament. The Village of St. Edward Foundation is happy to provide sample language you may share with your attorney and family. Feel welcome to call Vondea Sheaffer, Vice President of Development at (234) 466-0556 for more information.

St. Edward the Confessor was known for his generosity to the poor and to strangers and is often portrayed offering a ring to St. John who was disguised as a beggar. That symbol of generosity, combined with the fruits of the Holy Spirit shared in Galatians 5:22-23, are the basis for The Rings of St. Edward, our donor recognition.

#### **The Rings of St. Edward**

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## In Memorium

The Village of St. Edward is grateful for David A. Meeker's years of service for The Village. Meeker, who died May 26, 2016, was a Member of The Village's Board of Directors for 30 years and Chair of the Marketing and Communications Committee since its formation in 2015.

"He was passionate about The Village," shared John Stoner, CEO of The Village. "Dave was mindful of The Village's mission and had a heart for the residents."

The Village extends sincerest sympathies to Dave's wife, Anita, their children, grandchildren and families.

**"We rise by lifting others."**

— Robert Ingersoll

# How Can I Help?

In this season of remembering those we love, we appreciate your thoughtful gifts! Your generosity enhances the lives of the residents of The Village of St. Edward. The following are just a few examples of ways our trusted and caring staff may transform your gift and enrich the daily lives of residents.

**\$50** can purchase special sensory items for the Snoezelen Therapy room, calming and engaging a dementia resident

**\$100** can provide an iPod Shuffle, headset and iTunes gift card, a music therapy option for residents with dementia

**\$250** can provide fresh flowers for the Chapel for three months

**\$500** may be used to provide transportation and tickets for residents to attend a special movie or holiday concert in the area

**\$1,000** can provide patio furniture for one of several outdoor gathering spaces

**\$2,000** can promote wellness with the purchase of an indoor garden table allowing a Nursing Care or Memory Care resident to plant and tend flowers year round

**\$5,000** could provide updated artwork in common areas

**\$10,000+** could provide two beautiful aviaries, providing a great deal of enjoyment to residents on each floor of the new Memory Care building

To make your 2016 gift, complete the enclosed envelope and return by mail before December 31 or make your gift securely online by clicking "Donate" at [www.vsecommunities.org](http://www.vsecommunities.org). If you have specific questions about this or any gift, please contact the Foundation Office at (234)466-0556.

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# Resident Spotlights

The residents' spiritual care and growth are core to life at The Village. The Village of St. Edward offers a wide range of spiritual services, Catholic and other faiths, an important part of daily life for many Village residents.

Dominican Sister, Marilyn Ambrosic and resident Chaplain, Father David Novak, offer daily Mass, Reconciliation, prayer groups and individual ministry services. Local Christian and Orthodox clergy lead worship services and small group Bible studies.

Your gifts to The Village of St. Edward Foundation support Spiritual Care services for the residents' daily lives and livelihood.



“What does love look like?

It has the hands to help others.

It has the feet to hasten to the poor and needy.

It has eyes to see the misery and want.

It has the ears to hear the sighs and sorrows of men.

That is what love looks like.”

– **Henri J.M. Nouwen**

## Independent Living



**Marcy Booth**

“The Village is a warm and friendly place. From my first visit 13 years ago, I've been so happy with my decision to live here.”

## Assisted Living



**Marie Waickman**

“Living here, I don't have to worry about a thing. It's a nice place to be!”

## Nursing Care



**Nesby Bush**

“I have a purpose – it's to help others have a better day. I'm content here.”

## A Message from Village Leadership

Over the years, it has been our privilege to stand with commemorative spades to turn the first soil, and join later to cut ribbons for grand openings.



The past months have been particularly exciting as we have collaborated to construct The Village's designated Memory Care Center. This state-of-the-art facility will provide the environment conducive for the highest level of dignity, safety and independence for The Village's most challenged residents.

It has been equally rewarding to see the Foundation's assistance in the fulfillment of The Village's mission, "promoting a quality of life that meets the spiritual, physical and psychosocial needs in a Christian environment consistent with Catholic tradition and teaching."

With the support of generous friends and families like you, The Village has provided residents daily spiritual care, ongoing opportunities for personal growth and enrichment while ensuring no resident is turned away if they outlive their funds.

We are grateful for your support. Today and every day, your support makes an immeasurable impact on the lives of residents and families. There is much good yet to be done! Please help us get at it.

With sincere thanks,

James Fenske

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Chair, The Village of St. Edward Foundation  
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The Village of St. Edward Foundation is a non-profit 501(c)3 which exists for the sole purpose of supporting the residents, programs and needs of The Village of St. Edward campuses in Fairlawn and future campuses. Annual financial support from generous individuals, corporations and foundations provides for the spiritual care, special programs, activities and unique needs of The Village's patients and residents.