



Update

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a newsletter for those interested in
Willow Brook Christian Village and
Willow Brook at Delaware Run

You are cordially invited to the
Spring Rally
Thursday, March 20, 2:00 p.m., at
Willow Brook Christian Village
Delaware, Ohio

Have you driven by our Delaware Run construction site lately? Crews have been working all winter on the Village Square project. This will become the centerpiece of our new retirement community, *Willow Brook at Delaware Run*. Despite all the ice and snow, great progress has been made on this complex that will house apartments and a long-term health care center, as well as the restaurant, fitness center, library, art studio, and all the other facilities that will serve hundreds at this gorgeous community.

Foundations are pretty much in place, and you can see the underground parking garages. Soon the three-story structure will begin taking on 3-D form as the above-ground framing begins. From then on, construction will seem to speed up as we move toward completion in spring '09.

Already twin-single homes are scattered around the 49-acre campus on Delaware's West William Street, and most are already occupied. People are signing up for the apartments that should be ready for occupancy in a little over a year. A few choice locations yet remain.

Our second retirement community in Delaware...

Delaware Run is Willow Brook's second retirement village in Delaware, Ohio. Our original community, *Willow Brook Christian Village*, was built in the 1990s. It sits beautifully among tall trees on Delaware's south side, about three miles from Delaware Run.

People marvel at the fact that we are building a second retirement community in Delaware. How can a town of 40,000 support two retirement communities? If you visit our campuses and talk with some of our residents, you will wonder no more. Both villages are breathtakingly beautiful, with trees, streams, and lakes on rolling hills. And the quality of Willow Brook's services is the stuff of legend. We have been serving older adults in Central Ohio for 36 years, and have earned a reputation that is second to none. And best of all, we are priced for real people.

Visitors from out of town often ask us to come to their communities and build other Willow Brooks. We take this as the highest compliment.

Retirement living at its best...

As a Willow Brook resident, you will find exceptional living opportunities. Your home or apartment will be spacious and well-maintained. The grounds on both campuses are green and inviting.

We left lots of space between houses – space that is filled with trees and gardens. As you drive through either village, you will see that we could have jammed more homes in, but we intentionally did not. You will love the open feel.

You will have access to many amenities and facilities that make life at Willow Brook so enjoyable. At both campuses, you will find a library, fitness center, an on-site bank, a banquet room, meeting rooms and gathering places.

Best of all are the on-campus restaurants. These are not only places for good food, but they are the social hubs of each village. Our award-winning dining has made the newspaper – we were voted *number one* in last summer's Taste of Worthington food festival. And we took *second place* in 2006, beating out some of the finest restaurants in Worthington and north Columbus.

Chefs from this same remarkable team will be serving you at each meal. If you haven't had the opportunity to try a meal in our Courtyard Restaurant, call Carol (740-201-5640) or Kathi (740-369-0048), and they will happily provide you with a gift certificate for two people to enjoy a meal at the time of your choice.

Health care, should you need it...

As a Willow Brook resident, you will have available all sorts of healthcare support and services.

Your home or apartment is equipped with an emergency call system that's monitored 24/7.

The nurse from our Health and Wellness center at each campus is available for health monitoring and screening. And, if you should ever need it, you would have priority access to any healthcare center located on your campus or our other two facilities just minutes away in Delaware and Worthington. Services include assisted living, skilled nursing care (certified for both Medicare and Medicaid), dementia care, and adult day care.

You will live at Willow Brook with peace of mind, knowing that even if life throws you a curve ball, we are there to provide care and support.

Life-long commitments...

Many, many Willow Brook staff members are making life-long commitments of service to our organization. For many of our leaders and line staff, service is measured in decades, not years. It is clear that most are planning to retire from Willow Brook.

This level of staff loyalty and satisfaction translates into exceptional service for you and our other residents. People work at Willow Brook because they want to. They love what they do, and it shows in the service they deliver.

No commissions...

The staff members you talk with about moving to one of the Willow Brooks – Carol Calkins at Delaware Run and Kathi Paullin at The Village – don't work on commission. Commission selling is a common practice at some other communities. Not at Willow Brook.

At the Willow Brooks, Carol and Kathi will help you make the decision that is best for you, even if that means suggesting a smaller home or apartment. Your interests are top on their minds. They will graciously present the Willow Brook story and lead you on a tour, but they will never try to push you into a decision that isn't good for you. Remember, their pay is not contingent on "selling" you anything. You decide in your own time at your own pace, and you'll be pleasantly surprised at the difference this makes for you.

The Spring Rally...

You and your family are cordially invited to our Spring Rally on March 20th, 2:00 p.m., at Willow Brook Christian Village. This is our original community on Delaware's south side, just off U.S. 23. It is located behind the Highway Patrol post across from Bob Evans. Don't hesitate to call for directions (740-369-0048).

You will join a banquet room full of people who are there to learn about Willow Brook. We will show the Willow Brook story in photos, share with you the latest construction news of Delaware Run, and offer tours of homes and apartments on both campuses afterwards. There will be lots of time for questions and answers.

At this Rally, you will hear from one of our founding trustees, Frank Chappell. He joined the board in 1972, at the time of Willow Brook's inception, when it was nothing but a small, intimate nursing home in Worthington. Frank has served on our board *without pay* for more than 36 years. He will share with you his long perspective on Willow Brook's mission and philosophy. You will be moved to hear first-hand testimony from this servant who has committed his life to seeing that Willow Brook is the best that it can be. Come and meet him.

Willow Brook is ready when you are. We have a wonderful thing going here, and I personally invite you to come join us.

I hope you are making plans to come to our Spring Rally on March 20th.

Frank recruited me to lead the great Willow Brook organization in 1975, only three years after its founding. He has been an elder in my church all these years, and I respect and admire him as much as any person on the planet. Come and let him tell you about Willow Brook.

With love to all,

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