

RESPITE

care



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UNITING VISIONS: A SPECIAL MOMENT IN RESPITE'S HISTORY



In 2001, Peggy Soulen and Darla Krupski embarked on a remarkable journey, laying the foundation for Respite at WUMC. Little did they know their vision would blossom into a flagship activity program for seniors, bringing

joy and companionship to countless lives. Over the years, Respite has evolved, refining its approach and developing acuity guidelines to ensure a fulfilling experience for each participant. Every afternoon is now filled with stimulating activities and meaningful social engagement.

Just last month, Respite held their 2nd Annual Garden Party where current Director, Conny Jude, had the honor of meeting founding member, Peggy Soulen. It was an emotionally charged moment, one that brought together the history and future of the program in a single embrace. Witnessing these two visionary leaders together was not just inspiring; it was a testament to the unwavering commitment and shared dream that continues to fuel Respite's success. Their meeting served as a touching tribute to the past and an optimistic nod to the future, encapsulating the very essence of what Respite stands for—community, care, and unending compassion.



SPOTLIGHT ON SERVICE & SUPPORT



FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

We have wonderful news to share with our Respite Care Center community! We are thrilled to announce that we have been awarded a generous grant from the Williamsburg Presbyterian Church. This much-needed financial support will help us continue to provide stimulating activities, meaningful social engagement, and compassionate care to our seniors and their caregivers. It's a testament to the incredible work being done here, and it couldn't have been possible without the community of support around us.

Our heartfelt gratitude goes to Williamsburg Presbyterian Church for recognizing the value of our mission and for choosing to invest in the well-being of our community members. May their kindness be returned to them tenfold, and may their congregation be filled with peace.

6 YEARS OF SERVICE

As we sadly bid farewell to your six-year tenure as the board chair, we want to take a moment to express our sincere gratitude for your service. Your leadership and dedication have been invaluable to our program, and we are so grateful for all that you have done.



Under your guidance, we have accomplished so much, from the renovation of the Respite Care Center to reopening a safe environment for our members after a global pandemic. Your vision and commitment have truly made a difference, and we are all better for it.

As you step down from your role as board chair, please know that your contributions will not be forgotten. You have left an indelible mark on our Respite Program, and we will continue to build on the foundation that you helped create.

Thank you again for everything that you have done. We wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

Sincerely, Your Respite Care Team!

A LOOK BACK...



2ND ANNUAL GARDEN PARTY!

Last month, we hosted our 2nd Annual Garden Party, a special event designed to enrich the lives of dependent seniors and their caregivers in our community. The event was a resounding success, thanks in large part to the incredible vendors and

community members who made it all possible.

The event featured local vendors specializing in senior care services. Families and caregivers had the unique opportunity to learn about a wide array of resources and services available in the Williamsburg area, all under one roof.



But the Garden Party was about more than just information; it was also a celebration! Attendees were treated to a delicious meal and had the chance to participate in an exciting raffle, where a number of fantastic prizes were up for grabs. Here's to another successful year of bringing joy, support, and invaluable resources to our community!

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS!!

It truly takes a village! On behalf of the Respite Care Ministry, I would like to express our sincere gratitude for your generous contribution of food, beverages, and your time to our recent garden party. Your support helped make the event a great success, and we are so grateful for your partnership.

We appreciate your commitment to our mission and your willingness to help us make a difference in the community. Your donation of food and beverages helped create a warm and welcoming atmosphere, and we received many compliments from our guests.

Thank you again for your support. We look forward to continuing our partnership with you in the future!



FESTIVAL OF CAROLS



A BENEFIT CONCERT FOR WUMC RESPITE CARE
DECEMBER 10, 2:00 PM
WUMC SANCTUARY

FEATURING:

TOM MARSHALL, ORGAN
THE COVENANT RINGERS
KOINONIA BELLES
BELL DUET

WUMC SANCTUARY CHOIR,
ORCHESTRA, AND BRASS
CONGREGATIONAL CAROLS

The mission of Respite Care is to offer A gift of time to care partners of dependent seniors and the gift of companionship and refreshment for their loved ones. Please see back for ways you can support this meaningful ministry!

FOLLOWING THE CONCERT, ENJOY REFRESHMENTS AND TREATS AT RESPITE'S OPEN HOUSE FROM 3PM - 4PM.



INVEST IN A LEGACY OF COMPASSION

Dear Friends and Supporters,

In every community, there exists a unique space where compassion meets action. For many in our community, that space is found within the Respite Care Center at Williamsburg United Methodist Church.

Our center serves as a lifeline for dependent seniors and their caregivers, offering stimulating activities, essential social engagement, and a comforting environment. Every dollar contributed to our cause directly impacts the well-being of our members, fostering a culture of compassion and dignity.

But we can't do it alone.

Why Your Support Matters

- Continuity: Consistent quality care for our senior members
- Expansion: Broaden our range of activities and outreach programs
- Resourcefulness: Acquire updated materials and equipment to better serve our community
- Accessibility: Financially assist families who may not afford the full cost of care

When you invest in the Respite Care Center, you're not merely donating; you're becoming a part of a legacy of compassion that enriches the lives of both the elderly and their loving caregivers.

Ways to Give

- One-Time Donation
- Monthly Contributions
- Sponsor an Event or Activity

Make your tax-deductible donation today and take the first step in becoming a part of our vibrant and loving community!

With heartfelt gratitude,

The Respite Care Center Team

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[HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/RESPITECAREMINISTRY](https://tinyurl.com/respitocareministry)

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