

A JOURNEY TO *Springfield*

The purpose of the Ohio Masonic Home Resource Center (OMHRC) is to help people age how they want and where they want. Many seniors are staying in their homes due to advances in technology and the vast availability of home health care and other aging services. However, this is not always the case, and when an individual decides to move to one of the Ohio Masonic Home campuses, the Resource Center can be a tremendous asset.

Dottie Scarbro started her journey to Springfield Masonic Community in late 2015 when her husband, David's, health took a turn. The original intention of the couple was to move to Western Reserve Masonic Community in

Medina and a dear friend and member of the Valley of Cleveland Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite helped them get the ball rolling. Eventually, however, timing led them to decide on Springfield and the new Scottish Rite Apartments. With the help of friends and Samantha Loy, Ohio Masonic Home Resource Center Aging Services Director, Dottie and David (Elyria Lodge No. 787, PGM) prepared to sell their house.

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When David passed away in October, Dottie found herself in a financial bind. Elyria Lodge and the Grand Lodge of Ohio quickly stepped to her aide and she was able to continue with plans to sell the house. Then, in February 2016, Dottie had a heart attack. While Dottie recovered, Samantha worked with Springfield Masonic Community to select an apartment suited to Dottie, and hire a team to move her belongings over 150 miles to her new home. Only a week before she was scheduled to move, her house sold.

Dottie now lives in an apartment in the new Scottish Rite Building. She is still taking it easy, but has quickly begun to settle in and make new friends. The Ohio Masonic Home Resource Center is proud to have played a part in helping Dottie.

"God has blessed me dearly for surrounding me with these wonderful people who more than fulfilled the Masonic Obligation and the ball stopped here at this wonderful Masonic Community. My David is now buried in the cemetery here and I know he is pleased also. To say thank you is not enough to express my gratitude at being so blessed to be here surrounded by people who care about me."

~Dottie Scarbro

