

# SOLUTIONS



Solutions come in various forms. It is no secret The Ohio Masonic Home and its range of programs is known for answering questions and finding unique solutions to creating better lives for seniors. Whether it is a resident in our skilled nursing facility, providing aid for daily living chores to an assisted living resident, removing the worries of home ownership by living in a garden home, or providing services through one of our in-home programs, The Ohio Masonic Home is here to provide answers and solve problems.

✦ When “Bob” decided to move to the Springfield Masonic Community to live closer to his sister, solving problems for him became a priority of our staff. “Bob” had a need to be close to family, friendship with fellow Masons, the need for physical assistance, medical supervision and the support of the Masonic Financial Assistance Corporation. When these elements came together “Bob’s” attitude and life changed. He enjoyed his new home and the atmosphere may have contributed to his living four more years while in the close proximity to his family and brother Masons.

✦ Sometimes merely sharing a dream can lead to a solution as happened when Paula, the activities director at the Springfield campus, learned of “Larry’s” dream to attend his grandson’s wedding in another city. As a skilled nursing resident, two things hindered “Larry”: transportation and an aide to accompany him. Through research, Paula found an organization that fulfilled seniors’ dreams. Not only was “Larry” able to attend the wedding but he was able to see his great-grandson for the very first time as well.

✦ Hard work resulted in success for “Ted.” As an executive of a large company, “Ted” and his wife,



“Kathy” could afford to retire anywhere they wanted. They wanted a housing option that provided maintenance-free living and freedom to pursue their active senior lifestyle. They found the solution in their own back yard at Western Reserve Masonic Community.

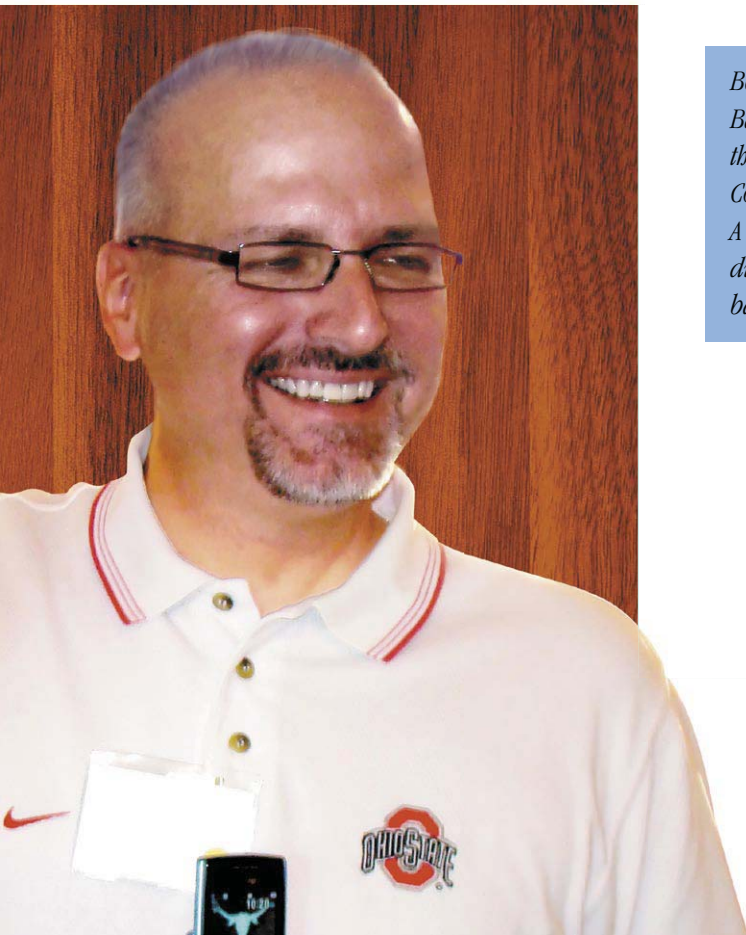
✦ But what happens when a spouse needs more help than the other spouse can physically provide, as was the case of “Paul” and “Babe”. Living in an independent garden villa home at the Browning Masonic Community in Waterville, “Babe” experienced health complications that “Paul” could not handle. The option of having assisted living care available right across the street in the campus’ main building, meant “Babe” had the help of the Browning staff and the services at hand. The availability of the Masonic



*Masonic Helping Hands Dayton/Springfield office manager Donna Thompson meets with a client over a cup of coffee.*



# ANSWERS



*Below, Ohio Masonic Home CEO Dave Bannerman and wife Anita, center, were the captains during Springfield Masonic Community's annual cruise week event. A different staff member acted as captain during the five-day series of theme meals based on a different country each night.*



Helping Hands program also helped, meaning “Paul” and “Babe” were able to spend time together with help right there when they needed it.

- ✦ Most people envision traditional “brick and mortar” buildings when they think about nursing homes and assisted living. Community-based services are offering an alternative to seniors or disabled adults who want to remain in their homes. In the case of “Ned,” his quality of life and activities were diminishing. He experienced difficulty communicating with his physician and following the directions on his medication. Hearing about the Masonic Senior Services I-CARE program at his lodge, “Ned” found the answer he needed. With “Ned’s” permission, an I-CARE coordinator accompanied him to his next doctor’s appointment, resulting in a change in medication and better understanding between “Ned” and his physician. “Ned” soon returned to his position as a lodge officer and he had the additional support his family needed.

- ✦ As we closed 2008, The Ohio Masonic Home acquired Cornerstone Home Health and Hospice, a new component offering more choices to our community based in-home service options.

These are just a small sampling of real stories that happen every day at our campuses and within our community- and home-based services. Though the names were changed to protect their identity, these were real people being served every day by our caring staff. Our goal is to carry out our mission to provide quality adult healthcare, retirement living and community based services in a dignified, supportive living environment in the name of Ohio Freemasonry.

*Former Cleveland Indians star Max Alvis spends a moment with Western Reserve Masonic Community president Jay Dettorre at the Jim Perry Legends Golf Classic event in Medina.*



*John White, Masonic Financial Assistance Programs director, gets set to present scholarships to several students at Ohio Masonic Home Day.*