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A Decade of Change



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Our Mission: The campus of The Ohio Eastern Star Home is dedicated to leading the way into the future while providing the highest quality of services and enriching the lives of all we serve. Our innovation and adaptability support our environment for growth and promotes our commitment to being an industry leader.

Our Vision: To create an atmosphere of companionship, empowerment and growth.

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Find Joy in the Journey

That is what is written and displayed on the wall outside of my office here at The Ohio Eastern Star Home. What a journey we have been on for the last decade! We journeyed together toward creating choice for our Elders as often as possible. We continue the journey of creating a workplace culture where staff can be proud of and enjoy coming to work because of the elders that touch our hearts. And most of all, with your help, we embarked on a journey to move out of institutions and into Home. Joy? It is ever-abounding at The Ohio Eastern Star Home. And for the next decade, we will continue to **Find Joy in the Journey** – *because our journey never ends!*

With gratitude in service,

Michele Engelbach, CEO – The Ohio Eastern Star Home



Pride in our Home

We have a lot to be proud of as members of the Order of the Eastern Star of Ohio. We supported our Eastern Star Home in the first Capital Campaign to build the Healthcare Neighborhoods and they look amazing! More recently we raised enough money to build a Campus Dog Park which should be ready this Spring for our four-legged friends to visit.

Over the holidays I had the opportunity to visit some of our Eastern Star members in other nursing care facilities. These visits gave me an eye opening experience that left me with the feeling of all the good we are doing here at our home. I saw a mattress used as a floor mat for falling; I helped a member with poor eye sight find her call light and waited with her a long time until someone came to help her. It was heartbreaking to see those who depend on others for daily care is SO different outside our OES Home. You can be proud, and rest assured, we have a caring and supportive staff at OES Home. We're not perfect but we're always working on ways to keep up with the ever-changing world of healthcare for our Elders.

Joell Buchanan, Chairman, OESH Board of Trustees



Meet our New Board Member

Robert "Bob" Vanderhorst has been appointed by our Board of Trustees to complete the term of previous board member Scott Riddle. Scott accepted an opportunity to be part of the Grand Family and now he is serving as the Grand Sentinel. We congratulate Scott and welcome Bob as our new OESH Board member!

Bob joined OES District #18, Aero Chapter #536 in 2017 and has over 30 years assisting with OES functions. This includes serving on the Rainbow Advisory Board for eight years and chairing two of those years. Bob has a vast knowledge of financial and governmental experience which he gained through various positions at the Clark County Auditors office. Bob's wife Denise and daughter Amanda are members of Aero Chapter #536 and they all reside in the Dayton area. We're excited Bob has joined our Board of Trustees and look forward to his continued commitment to the OES Home and our Elders.

GREETINGS Eastern Star Sisters and Brothers



Margi Wheeler, WGM
Chuck Merckle, WGP

The Worthy Grand Patron and I have just returned from the cruise to the Caribbean and the Panama Canal. We enjoyed sunshine, warm temperatures, and much fellowship with 74 Sisters and Brothers, which also included a few non-Eastern Star members. A great trip and a great affirmation to the work of Wake Forest Institute for Regenerative Medicine (WFIRM). If you have not had an opportunity to support WFIRM + OES = IMAGINE, get on board and High \$5!

WGP Chuck and I cannot believe how fast this year is going! We have loved attending the various Installation of Officers and have been honored to be Installing Officers at several installations. We wish the 2019-2020 Officers much success in making their own "Symphony."

In October and November, there were five scheduled Educational Opportunities presented throughout the state. The EOPs seem to have been well received and attended by many. The 2020 Grand Officers enjoyed presenting the educational opportunities. If you missed the EOPs, talk to someone who attended who can fill you in on the "antics" of the Grand Officers.

The Master Calendar for Spring has been posted on the website. It will be a busy time with visitations/receptions, Chapter Anniversary Celebrations, Charity events, and of course, Chapter Inspections. Hope to see many of you at the events as attendance does merit a "star punch" on the Symphony Participation card.

The WGM & WGP projects are in full swing – collection of "D" dollars for Diabetes, donations for WFIRM, OES Home Project-Security for Elders (Security System at the OES Home), and Talent Shows for District Charities culminating with the Charities Extravaganza on June 27. We are asking for a designated sunshine collection to go to the Service Dog Project under the direction of PGP Trevor Sproul.

The WGP and I are humbled to be serving the Grand Chapter of Ohio. You the members make everything possible. Each of you is a note in the "Symphony of the Stars." Together we can make beautiful music and be in harmony!

Margi Wheeler, Worthy Grand Matron
Chuck Merckle, Worthy Grand Patron

Mark these upcoming dates on your calendar:

April 18, 2020 (Saturday) – Celebration of the Stars Joint Reception at the Crown Plaza, Columbus, to honor distinguished Eastern Star leaders and members. More information visit: <https://www.ohiooes.org/event/celebration-of-the-stars-joint-reception>.

May 17, 2020 (Sunday) – Dessert Cook off at Springfield Masonic Home. Proceeds will go to Regenerative Medicine. Guest judges will be deciding the best dessert. Open to anyone who wants to make a dessert.

May 31, 2020 (Sunday) at Villa Milano – Fund raiser for RWAGP Brother F. Lon Lowry. Join us for a fun afternoon of fellowship and entertainment. Cost is \$35 to cover the cost of the meal at \$25 with the remaining \$10 as a donation to Lon's Drum Corp.

July 14-17, 2020 – Grand Bus trip to the Biltmore in Ashville, NC with a mystery excursion on July 16.

Through the Years

Our Joyful 10 Year Journey





Wishes DO Come True!

Wishes
Granted!



We invite you to participate in *Making Wishes Come True!*

1. Visit www.oeshome.org / select **Donate**.
2. Under **Wish List**, click **Donate**.
3. Select your **Wish List** items **Quantity**. Scroll down / click **Add to Cart**.
4. Click **View Cart**, then **Donate**. Enter payment information at checkout.

Left: Yardtze, is a game that can be played indoors or out. The competition is fierce and camaraderie great!

Center: When connecting your phone with one of our two new Compact Photo Printers, Elders and families instantly have a cherished printed photo.

Right: Ahhh, the relaxing delight of our two new Reclining Massage Chairs! Early birds and night owls alike are able to enjoy these choice seats.

We are extremely grateful to OES Members and families who have made these Wishes Come True.

Additionally we appreciate those who have donated to the General Wish list Fund. The kindness and considerate attentiveness to your Elders and Care Partners at The OES Home is greatly appreciated.



Tails are Waggin'

A big Thank You to our Donors who made generous contributions to our Campus Dog Park (CDP)

It's under way! Enclosed within a centrally located outdoor space, the CDP location offers views and easy access from all areas of the Campus. The covered patio seating, benches and novice dog agility equipment will be available for use by pets of Elders' families and staff members and enjoyed by all. We're anticipating a Spring opening. On your next visit, please plan to stop by and enjoy the newest addition to The Ohio Eastern Star Home Campus.

Spotlight on Our Donors

Gifts to various funds included and were not limited to, Memorials, WGM/WGP Project, Campus Dog Park, and Elders Christmas Funds, October 1 – December 31, 2019.

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Your thoughtfulness is always appreciated.

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Join us for
OESH
2020
Open
House
Saturday
June 27
1–3 p.m.

Through the Years... ***Join us for a look back at*** ***our OES Home***

**Enjoy light refreshments, appetizers
and our traditional Ice Cream Social!**

Meet us in the Community Room for a day of fellowship and relaxation. Be sure to see our recently added exhibit of ***Through the Years*** and our Campus Dog Park. We will entertain you with some of our favorite dogs showing off their agility skills using the equipment in the park.

The OES Home Board of Trustees looks forward to this fun-filled day with you!

Please plan to attend the
Charities Extravaganza later that evening
in the Gallagher Centre.