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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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Greetings Everyone!

It was such a privilege to be with so many of you at Grand Chapter this year! For those of you unable to attend, the theme for our booth this year was *Be a fairy godmother* and make wishes come true for the Elders at The Ohio Eastern Star Home. We are so proud of everything we do every day to encourage LIFE AT HOME! And we so appreciate all that YOU do to help us—including the generosity given through the WGM/WGP projects last year and this year to help us create a SAFE HOME for our Elders as we continue to update and install security systems. And the good news is you CAN be a fairy godmother without having to wear a tall hat or wave a magic wand! Visit our website and see for yourself the impact the “wishes” you grant have on our Elders that LIVE, LOVE and experience LIFE at The Ohio Eastern Star HOME.

With gratitude in service,

Michele Engelbach, CEO
The Ohio Eastern Star Home

Wishes can come true!

Yes, YOU can be a fairy godmother to the Elders at The Ohio Eastern Star Home. **Check out their WISH LIST at www.oeshome.org.** The list is always changing as needs are met and new ones are realized. Prices vary and you can donate as an individual, a Chapter or a District.

The staff at OESH is doing amazing things with our Elders. Follow them on Facebook and check out the pictures of the slip and slide, the pie throwing and other activities. You never know what the staff will cook up to entertain the Elders.

The Ohio Eastern Star Home will soon have a campus dog park. When completed family members may bring their dogs for a visit and let the



Elders love on them. George, Lu and Daisy are some of the favorite dogs but it's not the same as your own pet coming for a visit. Pets can help improve mental well-being and enhance our lives.

Stay tuned—things are ever-changing at your Ohio Eastern Star Home.

Joell Buchanan, Chairman
OESH Board of trustees

Make a joyful noise to the Lord

We welcome our new Worthy Grand Matron, Margi Wheeler, and Worthy Grand Patron, Chuck Merkle, into their busy and important roles for The Order of the Eastern Star.

Their theme for 2020 is, *This is the day we begin to compose our Symphony and make a joyful noise to the Lord!*

They both agree, "It takes all musicians to play his or her harmony and each of you are a note in our 2020 Symphony of the Stars."

It's about **Connecting** with each other, **Building** relationships with members and **Growing** in numbers.

Exciting programs are already underway to increase membership and, as challenging as that may sound, it takes each of us as members to play our part to be in harmony and achieve the goals that are put before us!



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



Symphony of the Stars

Please join us for Grand Visitation on Sunday, February 23rd at The Ohio Eastern Star Home.

Planning Ahead

At times we are faced with making plans and having to make difficult decisions during one of life's most trying times – the loss of a loved one. Along with the many decisions that must be made, choosing a final resting place often becomes one of the hardest. Many families recognize the importance of making arrangements for these matters in advance thereby relieving some of the emotional and potentially financial stress during a difficult time. The Ohio Eastern Star Home has a lovely Memorial Garden located in the Moundview Cemetery in Mount Vernon. Several lots are available to Ohio Eastern Star Members and can be purchased at any time, meaning you can choose your specific resting place.

If you have any questions or would like further information, please contact **Michele Engelbach**, **CEO at menelbach@oeshome.org**. Residency at The Ohio Eastern Star Home is not required.

Many Thanks, to all!



The 2019 Nature's Life and Beauty year has come to a close. The Jr. Past Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Denny, and I had a wonderful time visiting our Sisters and Brothers

throughout the state, rekindling our friendships, and making new friends along our journeys. We thank you all for your support. We wish to congratulate our Worthy Matron, Margi Wheeler and Worthy Grand Patron and Brother, Chuck Merkle. We look forward toward their *Symphony of the Stars* Year. We hope that they, along with their Officers, create a beautiful concerto, while they build relationships with our members, communities and Masonic affiliates, along with our youth!

And remember, never pass up an opportunity to enjoy Nature's beauty — it's the handwriting of God.

Kelly Cholodewitsch, Past Worthy Grand Matron
Dennis Lawson, Past Worthy Grand Patron

Star Happenings!

Camp Day

The sounds of fun and laughter filled the campus during our Intergenerational Camp. We spent time cooking, playing games, reading books and tie-dyeing shirts. Best of all, we spent time together!



Grand Chapter Highlights



Dressed as fairy godmothers (Cyndi Wyatt, Michelle Garcia, Michele Engelbach and Diane Henwood with the OES Home) brought a Cinderella Carriage and helped grant wishes to Elders and the OES Home.



It was a full house during Lon's Homecoming Luncheon.



CEO, Michele Engelbach shares the OES Home Wish List information with an Eastern Star member during sessions at Grand Chapter of Ohio.

Slip Sliding Away!



Sharon had no fear and took several rides with her hands in the air!

Pat was terrified at first but then relaxed and "went with the flow." The smile on her face shows how much fun she had!



Marie also enjoyed her ride!

Pie Contest

Susan M. is the Event Coordinator at the Gallagher Centre and also bakes an excellent apple pie. She won our contest for the best apple pie and we loved her special touch "HOME" on the crust.



WOOF WOOF HOORAY!

Funding for the Campus Dog Park (CDP) has been raised thanks to the immense generosity of Ohio Eastern Star members and the greater Mount Vernon Community.

Dogs and Elders alike are celebrating! Included are two sheltered patio areas with wheelchair accessible picnic tables, benches, and novice dog agility equipment. Cement sidewalks provide accessibility throughout. The CDP is centrally located and within close proximity of all living areas on Campus. We are grateful to Kim Weitkamp for hosting a benefit for the Campus Dog Park at The Woodward Opera House in Mount Vernon. **Thanks for helping make our Campus Dog Park a wish come true.**



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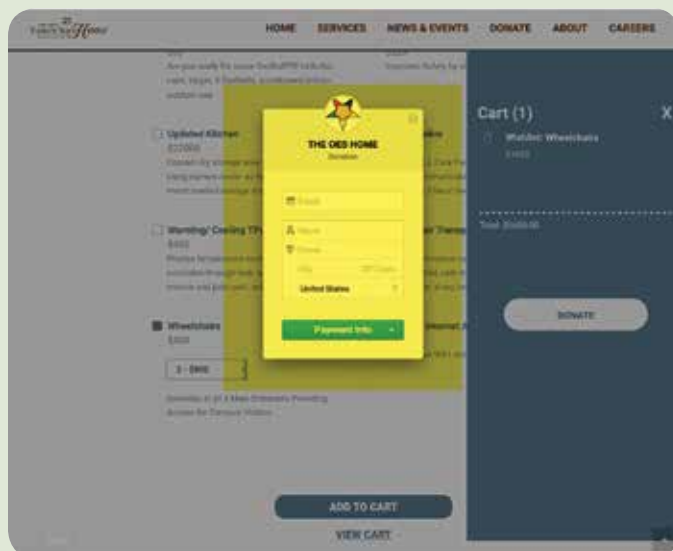
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Wish
List

We invite you to participate in
Making Wishes Come True...

by going to our website, and selecting an item(s) from our Wish List. Elders and staff have compiled items which will make everyday living easier and more enjoyable here at OESHome.

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Thank you for blessing us with your generosity!

Thank You for your generosity

You, the OES Members have been so generous to the Elders, impacting their day to day living here at Home. And we thank you. Let me tell you about Thomas Gardner. In part, his letter reads:

"Your staff did just about everything possible to make my stay in the Moreland-Hughes Rehabilitation Center a positive experience. Your STNA staff stood especially tall. I'm an early riser and appreciated that by 5:30 ice water was waiting for me. Their engaging personalities and willingness to do anything to make me comfortable was greatly appreciated. They were conscientious of each other and thorough

in their care of me." Thomas goes on to mention Housekeepers, Nurses, Physical and Occupational Staff by name, citing attributes especially meaningful to him. He concludes with "Dr. Wilson (OESH Medical Director) took the time to explain even the mundane things to me, and I felt a great sense of confidence in his care."

At this time of year, we are especially mindful of gift giving, of sharing the bounty with which we have been blessed. Who is on your Special List?

Would you kindly consider a donation to the operational fund at The Ohio Eastern Star Home? Elders throughout the Campus would benefit whether here as a guest for short term rehabilitation or making this their home.

Again, we thank you!

Diane L. Henwood, Director of Development

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*From our Home
to Yours...*

***The residents, staff and trustees
of The Ohio Eastern Star Home
wish you a very Merry Christmas and
Many Blessings in the New Year!***