



THE
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One Family, One Cause



L to R: Marty Craft Walsh, Adele McGraw Craft and Mike McGraw

Family is the most important social unit in our society and can be some of the most enjoyable friendships that you could ever have. One such family unit is the Craft, Walsh and McGraw families. Specifically, Adele Craft, Marty Walsh and Mike McGraw. Adele and Mike are siblings and Marty is Adele's daughter.

All three of these individuals have been involved in The Beechwood Home. Adele is a current Home board member and Foundation board member. She served two years as The Beechwood Home's board president and served on multiple ad-hoc committees. She has been generous with her endless commitment of time, talent and treasure. Marty is currently the first chairperson of the newly formed Beechwood Home Young Leaders group and has brought enthusiasm, new ideas and leadership to the group. Marty has taken her role with such passion and has been very instrumental in spear-heading multiple initiatives that benefit our residents. Mike is a generous benefactor and has attended numerous events and outings in

order to promote and support Beechwood. Mike is subtle but so effective in his philanthropic presence and he knows no stranger.

On October 21, 2017 it is with great pleasure that we will honor all three for their constant care and support for the residents of The Beechwood Home. One Family, One Cause, will take place at the Cincinnati Country Club and the festivities will begin at 6:00 p.m. Soul Pocket will perform after dinner. Please Save the Date and don't miss the opportunity to spend time with our honorees and support The Beechwood Home!

A New Treasure

It's mesmerizing – watching beautiful fish drift through the 600 gallon tank that has made its home in the main living room at Beechwood. The large body of saltwater is flanked with lovely purple rocks from Fiji and the tank is wrapped in wood that matches the rest of the large living area.

A day does not pass without many of our residents sitting by the fish tank letting the calming effect of the fish take over. The beautiful creatures gracefully floating in and out of the rocks work their magic. The residents, their families and guests enjoy the soothing influence of such a wonderful gift.

Bringing this peaceful happiness to our residents would not have been possible if it had not been for Chip Heidt, Beechwood board member, and The Heidt Family Foundation. Their generosity will bring many smiles to all who live and visit The Beechwood Home for years to come.



Leon, a man for others



Resident Leon with Megan Randolph, Director of Activities

A gentle smile greets you as you are walking down the hall and you run into Leon. He is quiet, loves to be with people and sitting outside. He speaks Greek, loves to eat Greek food, and enjoys reading and baseball. Leon has been at The Beechwood Home since 2006. Since that time, his brother, Pete, who performs with the band, Soul Pocket, has been a regular along with his band

mates, at Beechwood events. One such event, our Annual Block Party, Pete and the band gives the residents and their guests a night to remember. The place is rockin' to the sounds of songs from oldies such as Aretha Franklin to modern day Bruno Mars.

Sitting at the party with some of the residents and guests, with a grin on his face, is Leon, so proud of his brother and the



Residents and guests at the 2017 Annual Block Party

performance that the band provides. He has a dry sense of humor that people have come to expect and he can be as entertaining as his brother! Some folks and family members are dancing with the residents, twirling them around, laughing together as they enjoy the music and the fun. Leon loves to sing and dance in his wheelchair, surrounded by his family as they watch their brother's performance.

Leon not only appreciates the music but has a love for going to the casino and always wants to know when the next outing to play the games will be. He and his friend Gary will speak Greek to each other while playing black jack. We're never really sure what they have up their sleeve.

He very rarely asks for anything but loves to help others. He is always willing to help carry items on his wheelchair to and from groups. He has a smile that will melt your heart. Leon is one of those kind people that is happiest when around others. He will be glad to welcome you for a visit – he truly is a man for others.



Pete Kurlas and the Soul Pocket Band

Beechwood Bourbon, Beer and Basketball

March Madness always brings a flurry of activity for basketball fans. What better way to have spent it than here among many people who have a love for the game. Three TV's were set up for viewing, a bourbon tasting took place and there was lots of food and drink for all. The Beechwood Home Young Leaders hosted the event and brought there unbound energy to the group. It was such a fun event! Join for the "madness" next year on March 23, 2018.



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Annual Clay Shoot



The Seventh Annual Clay Shoot was held at the Sycamore Gun club on June 2, 2017 with over 90 participants. We appreciate the hospitality from Dave Todd and the efficiency of his staff. We are most grateful to our major sponsors for helping with the event this year: Kirk's Castille, Heidt Family Foundation, Messer, North American Properties, Western & Southern Financial Group, Bahl & Gaynor Investment Counsel, Cornerstone Insurance & Financial Group- Dennis Shiels, MEP Holding company, and two anonymous donors. We appreciate all who donated to make this a great event!

This year's High Overall Team was: Mike Haehnle, John Isch, Mike Mauch and Jim Bailey. The High Overall Male: Mike Haehnle; High Overall Female: Gina McCord; High Overall under 30: Robbie Henggeler. Congratulations to all of our winners!

As always a great meal was prepared by our own Beechwood Home chef, Mayer Rosen and his staff and it was donated by U.S. Food service, Commonwealth Foods and Premier ProduceOne.

The committee members, Sam Bortz (chair), Dan Shiels, Chip Heidt and the Beechwood staff did a fantastic job again this year, providing the participants a great experience. We are also grateful to The Beechwood Young Leaders for volunteering again this year: Marty Walsh and Lauren Stenger.



Richard D. Oliver

A word from the President

Dear friends of Beechwood,

Who wouldn't enjoy a screened-in porch where you're able to breathe the fresh air but are protected from sun, rain, and bugs and caressed by the gentle breeze of a fan? Currently Beechwood residents do not

have access to such a place, but thanks to generous donors they will soon have exactly that: The Porch!

These past months have been exciting for The Beechwood Home. As you read in the last newsletter, we are breaking ground on The Porch for the Beechwood residents to enjoy. It will provide that much needed outdoor environment.

We have come far, jumping over many hurdles in the process to get where we are, with still a way to go. Please consider joining us as we see this project through.

In October we look forward to honoring such a special family at the Gala. They are remarkable people who have spent countless hours to help make Beechwood the exceptional place it is. I hope that you can join us for this special event.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all those who have been so generous to The Beechwood Home. If you have never walked the halls of Beechwood, I invite you to do so. It is an incredible place with incredible people.

Gratefully,

Richard Oliver, President
The Beechwood Home Board of Trustees

For more information about the Porch Project or to schedule a tour of Beechwood call Judy Sandquist at 513-321-2674.



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Save the Dates

2017 Gala, One Family, One Cause



*Honoring: Adele McGraw Craft,
Marty Craft Walsh & Michael McGraw*



Saturday, October 21st, 2017
At the Cincinnati Country Club

Kendra Scott Jewelry Event

*Presented by:
The Beechwood Young Leaders*

Wednesday, November 8, 2017
6:00 pm – 8:00 pm



KENDRA
SCOTT

Legacy Courtyard

The courtyard at The Beechwood Home will become the Tomorrow's Promise Legacy Courtyard. Bricks will be placed along the walkway with the names of all those who have left or are leaving a legacy gift to The Beechwood Home.

The courtyard has a lovely fountain with a few benches around the perimeter. It is a very sunny spot and used in the cooler weather. It is also where Zeno and Winston, our service dogs, enjoy the sun.

Please think about leaving a legacy to The Beechwood Home and adding your name to the others who have left Beechwood in their estate plans. For more information, please call Judy Sandquist at 513-252-8870.



Beechwood, Bourbon, Beer & Basketball • March Madness
Friday, March 23rd, 2018 • 6:30 pm at The Beechwood Home