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# FAIRLAWN RETIREMENT COMMUNITY

A CHRISTIAN CONTINUOUS CARE COMMUNITY  
SERVING RESIDENTS 55 AND OVER



Ground Breaking, October, 1962

## THE DREAM BEGAN IN 1960 IT BECAME A REALITY IN 1964 FAIRLAWN CONTINUES TO SERVE TODAY

A need was seen in 1960 for a home to support the needs of the elderly. Local church leaders discussed this need and began exploring how they could better serve the elderly of the community. Eleven area churches eventually banded together with each offering two designated members of their congregation to serve as the "founding fathers" of what is today Fairlawn Retirement Community. Some of these original churches are no longer in existence and some have changed names, but one thing has remained constant, care and support for seniors in our region. Over the years as Fairlawn grew, other churches joined in this important mission of care. Fairlawn has expanded from its humble beginnings of a care center to a full service continuous care community. Fairlawn provides quality retirement and long-term care options and services rooted in Christian principles for residents in Archbold and our surrounding communities.

The original Fairlawn Haven Building held 52 beds and welcomed its first residents in 1964. Today, Fairlawn Haven Care Center houses 105 skilled nursing beds and employs over 175 people. In addition to the Care Center, the Fairlawn campus includes 24 rooms in West Haven Assisted Living, 153 duplexes and apartments for independent living, and 49 USDA subsidized apartments.



## Message from the CEO Cristal Vincent.

Thank you for the support and prayers you have offered to our residents, staff and leadership team at Fairlawn. This has definitely been a challenging year for everyone and my prayers have been with each of you as well.

When I accepted my role as CEO of Fairlawn in February 2020, I had planned to jump into the community with both feet, visiting area churches and meeting as many of you as possible. Unfortunately, by the time I arrived in Archbold in March the COVID pandemic changed that plan. My top priority became managing the care and safety of our residents and staff in the face of a global pandemic. For the past year I have had to rely on letters, phone calls and providing a regular video update posted on the Fairlawn Facebook page as a way to stay connected and communicate with families and the community. As more of us get vaccinated I am hopeful to be able to begin in person visits in the coming months. However, right now I continue to be focused on resident and staff safety and wellness.

Until we can meet in person, I would like to share a little of my background. I was born in West Virginia, however, I have spent most of my adult years here in Ohio. I have worked in the healthcare industry for more than 20 years and have been a licensed nursing home administrator for over 8 years. I joined Fairlawn after serving as CEO of a community in the Youngstown area. I have worked in many facets of healthcare and have a passion for serving the elderly. When I moved to Archbold, my husband Mark and I lived temporarily on the Fairlawn campus as we looked for a home. What a wonderful opportunity to experience the campus first hand, meet residents and see how truly special the Fairlawn community is. We were excited to find a home in Archbold that we share with my father-in-law and little dog, Sadie. Mark is an ordained minister and currently serves 2 churches in the area. I recently joined the Archbold Rotary Club and look forward to getting more actively involved in the community. In our free time, Mark and I love to fish (you might spot us wading in the Maumee trying to catch some Walleye someday).

I look forward to meeting many of you in the coming year. Fairlawn is such an important part of this community and I want to hear your Fairlawn stories. I am excited to be part of the present and future of this amazing organization. It is important that we all work together to ensure that there is a source of care and services for our area seniors and their families, today and for years to come.

*Cristal Vincent, LNAHA, CEO*

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*Thank you to outgoing board member Debbie Andre who has faithfully served 9 years on the Fairlawn Board of Trustees.*

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# Fairlawn Haven Care Center and Assisted Living



Opening Day 1964 (left to right) Martha Davies, Mervin Farber, Daniel Sauder, Arvada Graff, Harold Meister

The original Fairlawn building has endured multiple additions to support the growth and needed services for residents today. The Care Center with a total 105 beds also houses two specialized units within the Care Center. Rupp Rehab has 12 private rooms for short-stay visits due to a recent illness, injury or surgery and the Special Care Neighborhood is a secure, homelike setting that provides specialized care for up to 14 residents with dementia and Alzheimer's.

Inside the Care Center there is a beautiful and well equipped Therapy Gym with skilled occupational, speech and physical therapists onsite. Fairlawn is able to provide both inpatient and outpatient therapy services to residents on our campus and throughout the community.



West Haven Assisted Living offers 24 rooms for residents that need just "a little bit" of extra assistance. Residents are provided 3 meals a day, laundry and cleaning services, special activities and a list of personal care and health care services that are available as needed.

## FAIRLAWN VILLAGE DUPLEXES, HAVEN APARTMENTS & WYSE COMMONS

Independent Seniors have made Fairlawn home for over 30 years. Fairlawn offers safety and security in private homes without the worries of maintenance, yard work or snow removal. Wyse Commons Health & Wellness Center provides a wonderful area to socialize, swim, exercise or enjoy group gatherings. Staff are available to provide additional services such as housekeeping, laundry and transportation upon request. Most units have 2 bedrooms and all homes include an emergency call system. Originally opened in 1985 utilizing life lease options, today residents can choose between a life lease or rental option. If you know someone that might be interested have them call 567.444.5102.



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## 2021 Annual Meeting To Be Held Virtually

In 2020 the Fairlawn Corp. Annual Meeting was held via mail after several delays due to concerns with the pandemic. Your church representatives received all information to review our performance in 2019, voted on members to serve as Board of Trustees and approved recommended changes to our current Code of Regulations.

The representatives approved a proposal to add St. John's Christian Church as a new supporting member of Fairlawn. We are thankful to have so many churches that want to take an active role in what we do.

This year Fairlawn Corp. will hold our annual meeting virtually as we continue to act with caution due to the COVID pandemic. Current church representatives will be invited to participate along with the Board of Trustees and Fairlawn Senior Management Team. The meeting will review the financial position of Fairlawn Haven, Fairlawn Inc. and Fairlawn Apartments (USDA) for 2020 along with updates pertaining to the management of the COVID pandemic and efforts to continue the important work of caring for residents both today and in the future.

Your church representatives will be invited to share all information presented with their congregation.

Fairlawn was founded on Christian principles and as a faith based non-profit organization we strive to provide to serve our residents with care and compassion that is based in faith, love and hope. The leadership of our churches is an important part of who we are.

### 2020-2021 CHURCH REPRESENTATIVES

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Good Shepherd Menn.	TBD
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North Clinton	Wes & Kathy Rupp
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**You are invited to explore  
Independent Living at Fairlawn**

**JOIN US FOR AN OPEN HOUSE  
SATURDAY, APRIL 24TH  
10AM-1PM  
SUNDAY, JUNE 13  
1PM-4PM**

- **2 homes will be available for tours**
- **Explore Wyse Commons and the Fairlawn Campus.**

**If you have questions or would  
like a private tour call  
567.444.5102**

# TEAM UP TO CLEAN UP



## **Volunteers Needed to Help with Spring Clean Up and Summer Gardening Efforts**

We need you! Calling all youth groups, Sunday School classes and individuals who would like to help us keep the Fairlawn grounds beautiful for our residents and families to enjoy. The landscape beds that surround our campus are in need of attention. We could also use assistance with washing the outside of the windows of the Care Center. This is a great opportunity to enjoy the beautiful spring weather and to help Fairlawn as we work to contain our costs due to the unprecedented expenses we have incurred due to the pandemic.

Our landscape crew takes care of the heavy work of mowing, trimming bushes and pruning trees but it is the little things that matter. We could use help cleaning out the beds, weeding, planting some new plants and flowers and help spreading mulch in the beds.

Families, youth groups, Sunday School Classes or individuals are invited to help. You can adopt an area for a one time clean up or you can make it a project throughout the summer by stopping by a couple times a month to help maintain the area you or your group adopt.

We would also welcome donations to help defray the cost of new flowers, bushes and other care needs for our outdoor areas. The residents love to sit outside and over the past year many of our family visits have only been available outdoors. Help us keep the campus beautiful for our residents and for our community.

**To learn more or to volunteer contact Mari Yoder**

**567.444.5086**

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*"And I will still be carrying you when you are old.  
Your hair will turn grey and I will still carry you.  
I made you, and I will carry you to safety."  
(Psalm 91:16)*