



RETIREMENT COMMUNITY

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WALNUT CREEK - Walnut Hills Retirement Community has moved from a privately-owned family company to a community and church-affiliated, not-for-profit 501 c (3) organization.

The transition was effective June 2008, and the new structure was made possible by the expertise and support of Greencroft Communities, of Goshen, Indiana. They welcomed Walnut Hills as their sixth Affiliate community.

It was important to founders, Levi and Lillis Troyer, to know that Walnut Hills will always be locally controlled and will not be sold to outside entities. The affiliation with Greencroft ensures that the values and priorities of the Troyer Family will be continued indefinitely.

Construction of a Legacy Garden last fall in front of the Nursing Home is a physical reminder of the 47 years founders Levi and Lillis Troyer devoted to long-term care and their decision to enable Walnut Hills to become a non-profit organization.

Walnut Hills will soon have a local Board of Directors who will represent the interests and needs of the local community and churches. This board will be key in strategic planning, fundraising, and major program and facility decisions.

Volunteers, both individuals and groups, have been an important part of enhancing programming and connecting campus residents with community and church. New opportunities and support are being developed for volunteers. Jocelyn Hamsher, Campus Chaplain and Volunteer Coordinator, is actively recruiting and connecting individuals to these volunteer opportunities.

The new Memory Support Household opened at the Retirement Home in July 2008. The Household offers a unique design and program for 12 individuals with early and mid-stage Alzheimer's or related dementia.

The Memory Support program helps manage memory loss and maximize independence by personalizing private rooms and individualizing lifestyles. The Household features a private entrance for family and friends and a homelike setting that is organized around a country kitchen and great room. The Household also offers a secure setting with screened porch, courtyard, patio, and a wonderful view of the valley, as well as specific lighting, colors, cuing features, and furniture.

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At the Nursing Home, expansion and improvements to the Rehabilitation Program continue. A highly-trained therapy team allows Walnut Hills to offer the most up-to-date therapies, including Vital Stimulation, a therapy that uses small electrical currents to stimulate the muscles responsible for swallowing. Traditional services of physical, occupational, and speech therapies are also provided, along with I-V therapy, wound care, and pain management.

The recent rating of all nursing homes in United States ranked Walnut Hills as four out of five stars. Components of this rating included surveys, staffing, and quality indicators. Additionally, the Ohio Department of Aging just released its Family Satisfaction survey results, which indicate a 94-percent satisfaction rate for Walnut Hills. The statewide average Family Satisfaction rating was 88-percent.

The 25 homes in The Meadows community represent the latest independent living option on the Walnut Hills campus. These homes, with up to 1,500 square feet and full basements, offer ample space with designs and services that enable many years of purposeful retirement living. Whether on campus or in the community or church, campus residents have become involved according to their interests.

The COMMONS community consists of 47 homes, located within easy walking distance of downtown Walnut Creek. These two-bedroom homes also include a single car garage and are clustered around the Community Center building where many resident planned activities take place.

Walnut Hills is a Continuing Care Retirement Community located on a scenic, 110-acre campus. As a CCRC, Walnut Hills can provide individuals with a continuum of care combined with freedom and choices. Lifestyle options include Independent Living homes at The Meadows and The COMMONS, Catered Living apartments, Assisted Living suites, Rehabilitation, Alzheimer's care, and Skilled Nursing care.

Walnut Hills is located on Olde Pump Street in nearby Walnut Creek and is home to 250 individuals and employs 175 Associates.