



**Cincinnati Recreation Commission**

Presents

The 44<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Senior Citizen  
Hall of Fame

Recognition Banquet



September 2, 2011



# 2011 Hall of Fame Inductees

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Carthage Seniors

**George Brinkman**

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**Ray Brueggemeyer**

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**Esther Williams**

# 2011 Senior Citizen Hall of Fame

Friday, September 2, 2011 • Hyatt Regency, Downtown

**11:30 am**

## **Welcome and Opening Remarks**

*Michael A. Thomas, Interim Director, Cincinnati Recreation Commission*

## **Procession of the Colors**

*Cincinnati Police Division Honor Guard*

## **Pledge of Allegiance & Star Spangled Banner**

*Led by Lindsey Mullen*

*Showboat Majestic and Covedale Center for Performing Arts*

## **Greetings from the City of Cincinnati**

*Mayor Mark Mallory*

## **Introductions**

*Courtis Fuller, WLWT-Channel 5*

*Master of Ceremonies*

## **Celebrity Greetings**

*James E. Craig, Chief of Police*

## **Invocation**

*Rev. Kazawa Smith, President, Cincinnati Recreation Commission*

## **Lunch Begins**

## **Presentation of Honorees**

## **Concluding Remarks**

## **Honoree Group Photo**

## **2011 Senior Citizen Hall of Fame**

### ***Bond Hill Seniors***

#### ***Greta Gibson***

##### ***Escort: Jeffery Gibson, Son***

Greta has been a member of the Bond Hill Senior Club for five years. She currently serves as Financial Secretary of the Club. She has served on the By-Laws Committee, helped with fundraisers, and attends and enjoys all programs held by the Club.

Greta is also an active member of the Bond Hill Community Council and Co-Founder of the Rossmore Avenue Block Club. She is a member of Allen Temple, AME Church, where she sings with the Sanctuary Choir and participates in "Opera Goes to Church". She has been with MUSE (Cincinnati's Women's Choir) for 24 years, and they perform throughout the Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky Communities.

Greta retired from the U.S. Postal Service and also served in the military. She has one son, one daughter, two granddaughters, and one grandson. Her hobbies include singing, baking, and doing puzzles.

### ***Carthage Seniors***

#### ***George (Dodie) Brinkman***

George, also known as Dodie, has been a wonderful volunteer for the Carthage Senior Club. He is our Bingo caller and brings the Mill Creek Valley newspapers to the seniors. He also belongs to and volunteers for the St. Bernard Eagles.

Dodie is a retired milkman. He delivered Meyers Dairy milk for 35 years. Dodie and his wife, Arnell, have been married for 60 years. Together they have four children, eight grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

### ***Christ Emmanuel Christian Fellowship Church Seasoned Saints Ministry***

#### ***Joe B. Turner***

##### ***Escort: Ernestine Turner, Wife***

Joe B. Turner, (AKA) Papa Joe, has been an active member of Christ Emmanuel Christian Fellowship Church for 19 years, where he serves as Associate Minister under Bishop Dantley. He has been in the Men's Ministry for 17 years, and has been active with the Marriage Enrichment Ministry for 11 years. Joe is a part of the Communion Ministry, Christian Education Ministry, and the Comfort Care Ministry. He also gives of his time at the Alaska Care Nursing home.

Joe worked as a Union Electrician for 30 years. He has been married to his life-long soul mate, Ernestine, for 36 years, and has been a caregiver for his wife for the last seven years. They have six children, twenty grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and two Godchildren. Joe's hobbies include golfing, reading, exercise, and sci-fi movies. His prayer is that a person's life is better after our paths cross. His desire is to minister to broken men and see them walk in wholeness.

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### ***College Hill Center***

***Maude Robertson***

***Escort: Thomas Robertson, Husband***

For the past eight years, Maude has been a member of the College Hill Recreation Center. She teaches dancing with the Senior Steppers. As a member of the New Jerusalem Baptist Church, she sings in the Choir and dances with the Praise Dance Team. Maude is always willing to help friends and neighbors when in need by taking them to the doctor, grocery store, helping them with computers, and making dinner.

Maude likes to stay busy. She just returned from a trip to Brazil and Argentina in June, and then Washington DC in August. Maude and her husband have been on 14 cruises, including Alaska and Hawaii. She loves line dancing, sewing, gardening, decorating, and entertaining—and has recently joined a Zumba class!

Maude is a retired psych nurse from the Deaconess Hospital Older Adult Mental Health Unit. She has been married for 53 years and has three biological children, one adopted daughter, ten grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren. Her motto is to keep moving so age won't catch up with you. She loves her life!

### ***Delhi Senior Center***

***June Lobono***

***Escort: Sue Drew, Daughter***

Since 1989, June has been an active member of the Delhi Seniors. She was the Secretary for four years, a Trustee, and the Sunshine Gal—sending cards to shut-ins. Now, June is the Director of the choral groups, every week she looks forward to the luncheon, playing cards on Wednesdays and singing on Fridays.

June drove a school bus for 16 years so that she would be home whenever her four children were home from school. Later, she became the Manager of a Savings and Loan.

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### ***Dunham Senior Club***

#### ***Jack Busam***

##### ***Escort: Jennifer Busam, Wife***

Jack, a 20-year member of the Club, presently holds the title of President of the Dunham Senior Club. He also acts as the publicity contact for the Club, and has held the offices of Treasurer and Vice President in years past.

Jack Busam is a former member of the Dunham Senior Golf League, is currently a member of the Book Club, and plays cards at the center. He is always willing to lend a hand when needed, whether it is moving chairs and tables, handling the soft drinks at luncheons, cleaning up, or calling Bingo with the day camp children. If Jack is there, he always pitches in where needed.

In his younger days, Jack coached baseball and basketball at St. Catharine of Sienna in Westwood where he has been a parishioner for 43 years. He retired from the City of Cincinnati as Payroll Manager after 32 years of service.

Jack is accompanied by his wife of 53 years (54 on September 14), Mrs. Jennifer Busam, also a member of the Senior Citizen Hall of Fame. Jack has two daughters, two son-in-laws, one grandson, three granddaughters, and two great-granddaughters.

Jack, it is our pleasure to have you inducted into the Senior Citizen Hall of Fame as the Dunham Senior Club Representative. Thank you, Jack, for all you do for the club!

### ***Evanston Eastside Seniors***

#### ***Collinda Tye***

##### ***Escort: Don Folden***

As a member of the Evanston Eastside Seniors for 20 years, Collinda is active in dance classes, computer classes and Bingo. An active member of old St. Mark Catholic Church for more than 30 years, she served as a lector, usher, and as a member of Parish Council. She volunteers at the Soup Kitchen and Food Pantry two days a week. She believes there should not be any hunger in this country.

Collinda was a nurse for 40 years and retired in 1992 from Deaconess Hospital after working there for 21 years. She is the mother of one son and aunt to several nieces and nephews.

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## **Forest Park Seniors**

### **Peggy Harris**

#### **Escort: Diane Harris, Daughter**

Peggy Harris started volunteering while raising her children because she saw a need. She was a room-mother at Garfield Elementary School in Northside for 14 years. She was always there to give a hand when the Principal or teachers needed someone extra to help the students with anything from costume making to baking cookies. She was also a Girl Scout Leader for ten years.

With three children left at home, and a day filled with volunteering, Peggy found the time to attend the University of Cincinnati at night and receive her degree in Early Childhood Education. She used this degree to further help the community school by becoming a support for parents and presenting workshops on Child Growth and Development.

Peggy is a member of New Prospect Baptist Church, where in 2010, she was honored for her humanitarian efforts in the community (Over the Rhine) and for her work with the young people. She organized the New Prospect Food Pantry which feeds anyone in need on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Recently, she spearheaded the drive for her church to send help to the storm victims in Alabama.

Mrs. Harris exemplifies the qualities that are found in those who others look up to and respect. She has instilled great family values in her 11 children, 23 grandchildren, and 16 great-grandchildren. She celebrates life, and recently, her 80th birthday. She truly belongs in the Senior Hall of Fame.

## **Hartwell Seniors**

### **Marjorie Jackson**

#### **Escort: Patricia Manuel, Daughter**

Margie volunteers at the Hartwell Center, working in the kitchen, helping with special events, and always being friendly and fun to be around. She is an avid chair volleyball player.

Margie was born in Kentucky in 1928, and is the oldest of three children. The family moved to Reading, Ohio where she grew up. Margie was married for 55 years. She has a daughter and two sons, ten grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. She attends Hartwell Methodist Church, where she received an award for volunteer work at church.

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## **Hyde Park Seniors**

**Pat Landen**

**Escort: Sarah Ostrow, Project Coordinator**

Miss Pat Landen has been a volunteer since 1987. Pat will do anything to help; she delivers mail to residents, helps in the administrative offices with filing, answers the phones, and stuffs envelopes. Whatever job needs to be done, Pat states, "I don't know what I'd do if I stayed home, I think I'd be bored."

Pat loves "Pet Therapy". In this role, Pat is able to visit one-on-one with the residents with one of the dogs that visits the facility. These visits provide an opportunity for Pat and the residents to chat about animals, reminisce about special pets, and establish those special relationships with "man's best friend". She can be found wearing her famous dog shirt with many dog treats in her pocket!

Pat has even invested some of her own money by buying three new wheelchairs for the residents. When she would take the women to the beauty shop, she noticed that some of the footholds were missing, and that the chairs were getting worn out. It is that kind of dedication and giving that make her appreciated and keeps her coming back every day. As long as she brings a smile to the face of just one resident, Pat feels that her job is done. She wants to make sure that those who live here have what they need and have a very high quality of life.

Pat volunteers Monday through Friday and is more dependable than some of the paid staff! She puts in at least 20 hours a week. We value Pat and all the time that she gives so selflessly!

## **Kennedy Height Seniors**

**Marcella G. Trice**

**Escort: Ms. Janice A. Glaspie, Daughter**

Marcella's volunteer efforts are numerous. She has helped create events for Black History Month, and has co-chaired and served as Mistress of Ceremonies for the Senior Club fund-raisers. She and her sister, Christine, facilitated spiritual retreats for the seniors and numerous women's groups throughout the region. She has enjoyed presenting Arbor Day activities at the elementary school in her community. Marcella is an active member of Carmel Presbyterian Church. She has served as a 40-year member of the Chancel Choir, and has served as a Sunday School and Vacation Bible School Teacher.

Born and raised in Cincinnati, Ohio, she is a product of Cincinnati Public Schools. A graduate of the old Woodward High School, she holds a Bachelor of Science and Masters Degree in Education from the University of Cincinnati, and a two-year Graduate Degree in Religion and Family Systems from the College of Mt. St. Joseph. Marcella retired after 41 years as an educator. Marcella has been described as an extraordinary leader, organizer, committed volunteer, outstanding member of the community, as well as a loving, caring mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother.

Marcella is an active member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. She continues to participate on the boards of Families Forward, Breakthrough Cincinnati, Hamilton County Retired Teachers Association, Advisory Committee of the Cincinnati Opera, and the Charter and Urban Forestry Boards of the Village of Silverton.

Marcella has been recognized by the late Vice President, Herbert H. Humphrey, Charles P. Taft, United Way, The Council of Christian Communions, 4C's, Applause Magazine, YMCA Black Achiever, Regional Red Cross, and Enquirer Women of the Year, just to name a few.

Marcella has influenced the lives of students, parents, faculty, hospital patients, mentors and mentees. She is thankful to God for a blessed 81-year journey.

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### ***Lincoln Heights Missionary Baptist Church Forever Young Ministry***

***Sonia M. Mack***

***Escort: Mr. William G. Mack, Husband***

Mrs. Sonia M. Mack joined Lincoln Heights Missionary Baptist Church in 1952, and has attended her entire life. She reflects a strong Christian character in her personal life and community. Sonia is an active member of the Forever Young Ministry, working in the background to support the efforts of the ministry. However, her primary ministry is the Nurses Guild Ministry, where she is a strong leader having held offices as Secretary and Vice-President. Sonia also set up our first Health Fair that included securing numerous doctors and health center participants as speakers, and organizing a three-mile Walk-a-Thon.

More volunteering duties include: Hands Helping Hands, American Red Cross, American Cancer Society, P.E.R.T. Foundation, Inc., Interfaith Hospitality Network, Mt. Zion Women's Network, African American Forum, Winton Woods Waycross Elementary/Intermediate School, and Lincoln Heights Christian Academy.

Sonia worked as an Administrative Associate at GE and Cincinnati Electronics for a combined career of 35 years. She has been married to Mr. William G. Mack for 36 years. Between the two of them, they are the proud parents of four children, six grandchildren, fifteen great-grandchildren and three great, great-grandchildren. Forever Young Ministry is proud to have her as their Hall of Fame Representative.

### ***Lincoln Seniors***

***Mary Jane Tolbert***

***Escort: Ronald Tolbert, Son***

Mary has been a proud member of the Lincoln Senior Center for five years. She volunteers with field trips, participates in exercising, card games, Wii bowling and line dancing.

Mary retired from Popeye's Chicken after 20 years where she worked as a cook making those famous biscuits. In November of 2009, Mary lost her husband of 52 years, Lorenzo Tolbert. However, there is no stopping Mary—she keeps busy by participating in family functions.

Mary has 12 children (8 boys and 4 girls), 27 grandchildren, and 9 great-grandchildren. Mary watches her grandkids in the summer when they need her. Mary also spends her time cooking her famous rolls, donating to people in the neighborhood and the senior center for special occasions.

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## ***Madisonville Recreation Center***

### ***Leroy Millender***

#### ***Escort: Cheril Tribble, Friend***

Leroy is a long-standing member of the Madisonville Recreation Center—coaching and playing chair volleyball, as well as bidwist. Leroy also served as President of the Madisonville “Young at Hearts” Seniors for two years.

Leroy has been an avid tennis player for the past 35 years, and has also been an instructor for nine years with the National Junior Tennis League, which is part of the Cincinnati Recreation Commission. He currently teaches tennis to a group of senior ladies at the Madisonville Tennis Courts. Although tennis is challenging to the ladies, Leroy makes the lessons enjoyable because of his outgoing personality and patience.

Leroy is a member and Trustee of the Gaines United Methodist Church where he is excited about his Spiritual Journey and fulfilling his purpose. He is a dedicated member, always willing to contribute and support his church.

Leroy retired from the Ford Motor Company after 45 years of distinguished and fruitful service. He was instrumental in assisting others gain employment with the Ford Company. Leroy continues to stay in contact with some of his fellow retired employees by attending the meetings and luncheons held every month.

Besides tennis, Leroy enjoys car shows and cruising in his award-winning Ford-150 “Red Lightning” truck with his car enthusiast buddy, Earl Reed.

Madisonville thanks you for all that you do!

## ***MariElders***

### ***Shirley Mosteller***

#### ***Escort: Melissa Mosteller, Daughter***

Although Shirley has been a MARIELDER for only a short time, she has proved her worth ten times over. She volunteers her time as a receptionist every Monday and Wednesday, where her friendly smile and efficient manner makes all center members and visitors feel welcome. Her work experience of 22 years at Sun Chemical has made her a Godsend to the Center.

In spite of serious health problems during the last year, Shirley has performed her duties faithfully, missing only a few days. Her work ethic is to be admired and is a lesson for all the staff.

Shirley has been married to Jack Mosteller for 54 years. They have five children, eleven grandchildren with one on the way, and seven great-grandchildren.

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## **McKie Seniors**

### ***Juanita Canfield***

#### ***Escort: Steve Gerth, Service Regional Coordinator***

Juanita has been a volunteer with the McKie Recreation Center since 1997. She teaches Ceramic and Quilting classes. She also finds time to teach Quilting at College Hill Recreation Center.

Juanita is originally from Springfield, Illinois. She moved to Cincinnati in 1961. She graduated from LaSalle University and Xavier University, and is currently studying through correspondence at the University of Illinois.

Juanita worked for Cincinnati Bell for 35 years, and also spent 20 years with the United States Naval Reserve. What she enjoyed most besides the great people was learning to drive an 18-wheeler.

## **Mt. Moriah Baptist Church Senior Mission Ministry**

### ***Creasey F. Wimberly***

#### ***Escorts: Annie Rivers, Hazel Wagner, and Georgia Ferguson, Daughters***

Creasey has chosen to bloom for 58 years at Mt. Moriah, where the Lord planted her. She served faithfully for many ministries: Secretary of Senior Missions, Senior Usher Board and Supervisor for the Sunshine Band. Creasey is active in Sunday School, Bible Study, and Kitchen Ministries. She enjoys baking cakes, pies and peach cobblers for family and friends.

Leading and organizing many senior activities at the Friendship Plaza Senior Building in Lincoln Heights, where she lived for many years, was a source of recreation and joy. In addition, she was a faithful volunteer at the MRDD Center in Evendale for several years. An avid gardener for many years, she and her husband grew a variety of organic vegetables and flowers and were eager to share their fresh vegetables with neighbors.

Creasey is the eighth daughter of sixteen siblings, and nine are living today. She was married to Taylor Wimberly (deceased) for 32 years, and she has three daughters, eight grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, and one great, great-grandchild. She was employed at Gold Circle Department Store until it closed.

Creasey has a quiet strength and loving spirit that shows her light everywhere she goes.

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### ***Mt. Zion Baptist Church Glendale Mature Saints***

***Joyce Turner***

***Escort: William Turner, Husband***

Joyce has been a member of Mt. Zion since 1979. She was the Secretary of the Mature Saints when it was organized in 1999. She participates in the Gospel Chorus, Mass Choir, Missionary Ministry, and is the Counselor for the Hattie Jackson Guild Girls. She has held the position as Secretary or Assistant Secretary in these ministries.

In 1989, Joyce retired from Avon after 34 years of service. Retirement has given her plenty of time to help and assist others; including taking family, neighbors, friends and others to appointments, shopping, church and meetings.

Joyce has been married to William for 31 years. They have seven children, twelve grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Her philosophy is "Keep God First", help where needed, and treat others the way you want to be treated. Take a moment to think before you speak, for you are accountable for how you treat people.

### ***Mt. Zion Baptist Church of Woodlawn Seasoned Saints***

***Dorothy Mickle***

***Escort: Roscoe W. Mickle, Husband***

Dorothy is an active member of Mt. Zion Baptist Church of Woodlawn. She is Vice-President and the Activity Coordinator of the Seasoned Saints Ministry. Dorothy is also a member of the Missionary Ministry, and Secretary of the MIRS Ministry and Women of Worship Praise Dance Ministry. She is also a part of the Greeters, Usherettes, Christian Support Group and the Hospitality Committee which provides dinner for the Women's and Men's Bible Study.

Dorothy is a member of the Forest Park Line Dance Steppers, and volunteers at Woodlawn Elementary School. She has also been a Girl Scout Leader.

Dorothy has been married to her husband, Roscoe, for 53 years, and is the mother of two children and grandmother to four granddaughters. Her most memorable moments are receiving her BS Degree from the University of Cincinnati after being out of school for 26 years, and witnessing the birth of her first granddaughter, Jabulile, who went off to college this year.

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## ***Newlife Outreach Church***

### ***Cordel Wilson***

#### ***Escort: Worrel Reid, Son***

New Life Outreach Ministries was blessed when Cordel Wilson came to their church 25 years ago. As a Church Mother, an Alter Worker, and a Prayer Worrier, she helps wherever she is needed. By the help of the Lord, she is still continuing. This woman of God can be characterized by saying that she is respectable, loving, caring, forgiving, dependable, and a giver even to her very last.

Mother Cordel Wilson is also known by New Life Outreach Ministries and her community as a world famous cook of her traditional Jamaican dish—Curry Chicken and Rice.

Born and raised in the West Indies of Jamaica she became a citizen of the United States in 1969. She is the lovely wife of Brother Lloyd Wilson, and the mother of ten children.

## ***North Avondale Classic Seniors***

### ***Helen Zeigler***

#### ***Escort: Ralph Gibson, Friend***

Helen Zeigler is a very active member of the North Avondale Classic Seniors, attending meetings and other functions regularly. One of her important contributions to us is remembering our birthdays. She keeps a birthday list, purchases cards, and mails them to club members.

Helen is a member of New Vision United Methodist Church, and has previously taught Sunday School. She serves on a special committee in charge of floral decorations for Palm Sunday, Easter and Christmas seasons.

Since retiring from a government job, Helen has had the responsibility of caring for elderly family members. She enjoys traveling with friends on cruises, bus tours, and our North Avondale Senior Club trips.

## ***North College Hill Seniors***

### ***Ivy Budd***

#### ***Escort: Roz Gallaspie, Daughter***

Ivy has been volunteering and participating in center events since she relocated to this area four years ago to be close to her family. Ivy helps pack Meals on Wheels and set up for center events. She also enjoys playing Euchre and Bunco.

Ivy has two daughters, three grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

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## **Oakley Seniors**

### **Bobby Rollins**

#### **Escort: Calista Stone, Daughter**

Bobby has been a member of the Oakley Center for six years, and is the current President of the Oakley Senior Club. Bobby regularly helps with Club Bingo three days a week and is very involved with our special events. She has also helped maintain the senior exercise program by instructing the group when needed. In her role as Club President, Bobby has provided support for center programs and neighborhood issues. Her continued dedication is very appreciated.

Bobby has also volunteered for Ombudsman for Pro Seniors, Inc. for the last six years, and visits both the Lincoln Crawford Center and St. Margaret Hall. For the past eight years, she has worked with the YMCA providing towels and wash cloths for battered women.

Bobby also volunteers for the March of Dimes and has ushered for her church for 20 years. We are very proud to have her represent the Oakley Center.

## **Over The Rhine Senior Center**

### **Marie Morgan**

#### **Escort: Eric Morgan, Son**

Marie Morgan has been with the Over the Rhine Senior Center for four years. She came to the center as a Kitchen Aide Trainee. Marie learned her duties and responsibilities quickly. Once she became confident in her skills, her energy and enthusiasm kicked into overdrive, and she “ran the kitchen”. Marie was always willing to go the extra mile and beyond the call of duty with a smile. Marie would never leave the kitchen unless it passed her “white rag inspection—no spills, no spots left behind”.

Marie is no longer in the kitchen. She is now a full-fledged member and enjoys the center from a different perspective. Now she is able to accompany them on their outings. Marie looks out for those seniors who need a little extra care and attention when they are out, and does so willingly and without prompting.

Marie has won the hearts of all the seniors and staff at OTR. She comes to the center each day with a smile, greets everyone with a big hello, and begins making her daily rounds to each table to acknowledge each and every senior, often before putting her purse down!

Marie has one son, Eric, who is escorting her today. She has two grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, a loving partner, Lamont, and a host of adoring friends and family—especially her family at OTR. Marie resides in Parktown where she has been a resident for 37 years. She has been a member of First Liberty Baptist Church for 30 plus years. Marie worked for Spaulding Lighting Company for 33 years, 28 of them as a Forklift Driver.

We at OTR were blessed to have had Marie as a trainee in our kitchen, and most importantly, now as one of our own.

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### **Price Hill Senior Center**

#### **Gladys King**

#### **Escort: Marge Thompson, Price Hill Seniors President**

Gladys joined the Price Hill Seniors in 1993, and is one of our oldest members at the age of 92. She is a very active member, and enjoys Bingo and puzzles. Gladys has headed the Health and Welfare Committee. She is a very special friend who always has a pleasant word and a smile!!!

Mrs. King was born in Kentucky in May of 1919, and married in 1946. She is the mother of two wonderful children; a son, Albert Jr., and a daughter, Priscilla. She is also the grandmother of five. She has been a member of Western Hills Church of Christ for over 35 years. Gladys has had many jobs over the years. Her last job was on the Coca-Cola assembly line for 16 ½ years.

### **Stanley Rowe Seniors**

#### **Dora Powell**

#### **Escort: Brian Williams**

Dora is a resident of Stanley Rowe Towers and volunteers her time to help with the lunch program every day—often serving more than 50 hungry customers daily. The people there love her and adore her enthusiasm and friendly personality.

Dora has been an active member of Second Community Truth Missionary Baptist Church since 1968. She volunteers her time and efforts to the community, such as working at the Walnut Hills Soup Kitchen Feeding the Hungry on Saturday's, and helping with the fish fry at her church every Friday. Dora was born in Waynesboro, Virginia.

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### ***Sycamore Seniors***

***Carolyn Koehl and***

***Donald Koehl, Posthumously***

***Escort: Karen Koehl, Susan Bardes, and Joyce Hall, Daughters***

Carolyn and Don Koehl have been a truly a dynamic duo. Both have been active members at St. Paul Lutheran Church and have often contributed their services to Valley Interfaith Ministries, the Ronald McDonald House, and Lutheran World Relief projects. Both have also been integral members of Sycamore Senior Center's Meals on Wheels Management Team. As volunteers who have shown up and worked 5 days a week, it's easy to say the Koehls have been cheerful, considerate, reliable, prompt, courteous and caring—yes, those things are true. In addition, both consistently met and often exceeded their volunteer job requirements. In June of 1987, Carolyn began volunteering for Meals on Wheels with her young daughters over the summer break. Don joined in after retirement and soon became invaluable as our Head Meals on Wheels Volunteer. Their duties have included delivering meals, training all new volunteers and any other meals volunteer trainers, mapping out meals routes for drivers, publicizing the Meals on Wheels Program, handing out meals to drivers, and other tasks associated with getting out meals every day. And like the postman, they arrived in all kinds of weather.

Don has been the Sunday School Treasurer, Council Member, and Church Treasurer. He has also taken care of property maintenance and ushering at Sunday morning service. Carolyn plays French horn or flute in several community bands, which play concerts for nursing/retirement homes, open community concerts, and the Cincinnati Music Theater orchestra musical productions. She sews Lutheran World Relief quilts, is on the music and worship committee, and has been the music director and choir director for 3 years and organist for 13 years.

Don and Carolyn, married 36 years, are the proud parents of three daughters and grandparents of five. Carolyn retired in 2000 after 25 years of teaching music in public school. Don retired in 1995 after being in his family business for over 40 years. Both were already completely vested in volunteer service years before retirement, because that's just who they were.

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### ***Western Hills Retirement Village***

***Ray Brueggemeyer***

***Escort: Colleen Connitt, Activity Assistant***

Ray is a big help at the "Village"; he sets up for Mass in the Chapel on weekdays as well as on Sunday. He helps transport wheelchair residents from their rooms to activities, and then back again. He likes to organize poker games (loves a good poker game) for the men to attend and is a member of the Men's Club. Before coming to the "Village", he was an active member of St. Aloysius Gonzaga Parish in Bridgetown, where he helped with Mass and transportation to church and doctors. He also made visits to other nursing homes (Hillebrand and West Park).

### ***Woodlawn 50 Plus Seniors***

***Esther Williams***

***Escorts: Gary Williams, Son, and Clifton Knox, Friend***

For over ten years, Esther has been a member of the Woodlawn 50 Plus Club where she is a Chaplin and loves praying and blessing the food. She is also a volunteer Chaplin at Christ Hospital. A go-getter, she has worked the election polls for over ten years and went door to door in the last Presidential election. Esther attends the Greater New Hope Baptist Church where she is a Deaconess, sings in the mass choir, and is part of the Nursing Home Ministry and the Prison Ministry.

Esther loves and cares about people and enjoys giving. During the Katrina disaster, she gave blood and also took a family into her home for a few months. She and some friends took cases of water to Matthew 25 for the people in Tahiti.

Esther was a nurse for the State of Ohio for 16 years, worked in sales with Mary Kay Cosmetics (where she won a pink Cadillac), and currently works part-time with people who have special needs. Esther is very friendly, outgoing, and she meets no strangers. With her sense of humor, Esther will keep you laughing, and is a pleasure to be around.

*V* aluable is the work you do.  
*O* utstanding is how you always come through.  
*L*oyal, sincere and full of good cheer,  
*U*ntiring in your efforts throughout the year.  
*N*otable are the contributions you make.  
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*R*eady with a smile like a shining star,  
*S*pecial and wonderful— that's what you are.

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We have the distinct honor of recognizing the men and women whose names appear in this program. They have been selected by their fellow members for their hard work and dedication. Sharing their experiences of a lifetime and often acquiring new skills, they have made a significant contribution to the social and community life of the Greater Cincinnati area.

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