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INDEPENDENT SENIOR LIVING
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Pine Hill Continues to Grow!

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***Greetings!** from the Board of Trustees of the Ohio Eastern Star Home*



I hope that spring and summer have been good for everyone. I'm sure that all have been blessed with an abundance of rainfall. (I guess our prayers from last summer have finally been answered!) The construction of the patio homes at Pine Hill on the "back 40" of the OES Home campus is in full swing after a delay due to weather and logistics. Some patio homes are under roof and others are in various stages of construction.

During the annual **Charities Extravaganza** at the end of June, members of the staff and the trustees had the pleasure of guiding tours for many of our members through the Pine Hill living area. The previous evening, the trustees had the opportunity to meet with residents of the new community, visit their residences, and talk with them about their new homes. A very positive experience for all of us!

A big thank you to our staff for the time and effort they put forth in making the Ohio Eastern Star Home a very special home for our many residents!

See you all in September at the Ohio Grand Chapter Session!

Scott Riddle, PGP 2022 - Chairman OESH Board of Trustees

With Gratitude



We appreciate your support and participation in our year of *Bloom Where God Plants You!* We hope you join us at the 136th Annual Session of the Grand Chapter of Ohio, September 26-28 in Sharonville.

We have been busy traveling to various Districts for the EOPs in the fall and to many Chapters for installations, inspections, Anniversary Celebrations, and Visitation/Receptions for the Grand Officers, Deputy Grand Matrons, and other special distinguished members.

We thank you for reaching out to your communities as you supported your Charities Director by collecting pull tabs for the Ronald McDonald Houses, assisting the Salvation Army by Ringing the Bell, and supporting local charities in your area.

It was another successful year for our **Charities Extravaganza**. We had 280 in attendance who donned their favorite hats and attire as we went *Off to the Races at Charities Downs*. All 28 Districts donated wonderful baskets for our first quarter auction. The final number raised that day will be announced at the Grand Session.

Brother Ray and I have been honored to serve as your Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. It has truly been a humbling experience. We have made many new friends and lots of memories. Thank you for your trust and confidence in us. We hope you have enjoyed this year as much as we have.

We hope you continue to support your local communities and each other as you *Bloom Where God Plants You!*

Marla Barber, Worthy Gand Matron
Ray Dennis, Worthy Grand Patron

Woo Hoo!



Pine Hill Continues to Grow!



The apartments are open with new residents settling in and building an amazing community of friends and neighbors! And now we are happy to announce that the first set of patio homes will be completed and ready for occupancy by the end of September – things are progressing quickly, and the project is expected to be completed by May of 2026.

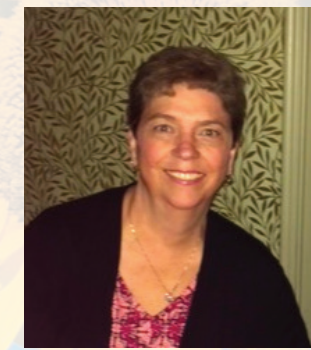


We are so proud of Pine Hill and invite each and every one of you to come and see the transformation happening on our campus! It's incredible, and you will be amazed! Or, visit the Pine Hill tab on our website for the latest pictures!

I'm looking forward to seeing all of you at Grand Chapter! Also – watch for information about our One-Year Birthday Party for Pine Hill in December!

Michele Engelbach, CEO
The Ohio Eastern Star Home

What you do makes a difference!



It's been a little over two years since I started working at The Ohio Eastern Star Home, and I have found the OES members to be a group of people who genuinely care about others. I'd like to take this opportunity to share a story with you that reflects that passion you have. I recently attended an advocacy day at the Ohio State House in Columbus. While introducing myself in a small group setting with a state representative, a lady at the other end of the table asked if she could speak to me following our session.

When she discovered where I work, she was excited to tell me a story and express her gratitude. As a young lady, she was in Cincinnati Children's Hospital with severe burns over much of her body. Her parents were told to plan her funeral. During her lengthy stay in the hospital, each day she received a 'trinket' on one of her meal trays. These varying items were created by OES members and given to the hospital to share with their patients. She was told the people who made these items care deeply about children who are sick and in need of encouragement. She felt your passion for others every day she was healing, and she asked me to extend a huge THANK YOU to all of you for the work you do. Now, a woman who has lived a full life after overcoming difficult odds, she is forever grateful for your gift of love and compassion.

Nancy Jo Todd, Director of Marketing
The Ohio Eastern Star Home



Spotlight

on Life Enrichment

Summer Highlights at The OESHOME!



Stars, Stripes & Sizzling BBQ Fun!

Residents and staff enjoyed a festive Fourth of July Celebration BBQ, thanks to our Life Enrichment team. Grilled hamburgers, classic summer sides, and plenty of ice cream made for the perfect way to honor Independence Day together.

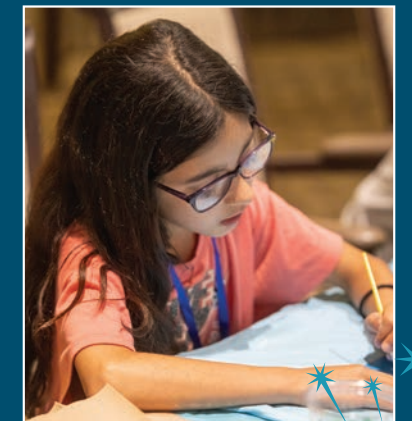
Earlier this season, was filled with smiles and surprises — from welcoming springtime chicks hatching, to rocking out with an Elvis tribute concert, sampling sweet treats during a Girl Scout cookie tasting, and relaxing on the patio with outdoor concerts. There's never a dull moment at the OES Home — plenty of good food, good company, and good fun!



Intergenerational Summer Camp Dives 'Under the Sea'

June made a splash with our Intergenerational Summer Camp! This year's 'Under the Sea' theme brought together children of staff members, local community kids, and our Elders for a week of creativity, connection, and laughter.

Campers and Elders crafted glow-in-the-dark sea creatures that came alive under black lights, played underwater trivia, experimented with fired alcohol painting, and played games of Sharks and Minnows. The magic was in the smiles, giggles, and new friendships that surfaced while making memories!



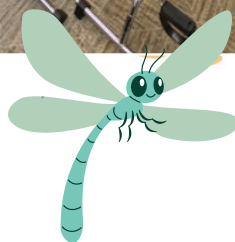
Spotlight on Community Benefits

Moreland-Hughes Rehabilitation Center.

Occupational therapy (OT), Physical therapy (PT), and Speech Therapy (ST) are all crucial rehabilitative services aimed at improving a patient's quality of life and function, but they focus on different aspects: Physical therapy targets restoring and enhancing physical mobility, strength, and balance, while occupational therapy focuses on helping individuals engage in daily activities and "occupations" that are meaningful to their lives. Speech therapy is an integral part of the rehabilitation process, particularly for seniors recovering from neurological conditions. The effectiveness of speech therapy significantly increases when it is integrated with PT and OT. Speech therapy can target issues with both speech and hearing, as well as swallowing in patients recovering from a stroke or injury.

At Moreland-Hughes Rehabilitation Services on the Campus of The Ohio Eastern Star Home, PT, OT and ST often work in conjunction, collaborating to provide a holistic approach to patient recovery. For instance, a physical therapist might improve a patient's ability to stand, while an occupational therapist then helps that patient use assistive devices for tasks like getting dressed or navigating their home. These professions require advanced degrees, are board-certified, and aim to empower individuals to achieve their goals and improve their overall well-being.

Rehabilitation at The Ohio Eastern Star Home can provide both in-patient or out-patient therapy, making it easily available to our guests and residents, as well as offering a great resource to the greater Knox County community. At the OES Home, we partner with Functional Pathways OT, PT and ST therapists, who work in tandem with our nurses and caregivers to assure a successful team approach with positive outcomes, allowing our guests to return home to their daily lives.



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on Our Donors

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December 11, 2025



**Happy 1st Birthday
to Pine Hill!**

Looking forward to seeing you at
Grand Chapter!

September 26-28, 2025

Be sure to stop by our booth for some
great fun and OESHome updates!
It's going to be **AMAZING!**

WOO HOO!



Thank You...

*so much for all you do to support the work we do here at the
Ohio Eastern Star Home!*