



## Faith Connections May 2020

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### A salute to our dedicated staff!



On Monday, May 4, 2020, the Air Force Reserve family from Youngstown offered a salute to the thousands of healthcare workers, essential employees, and other first responders in the battle against COVID-19 here in Ohio. The 910th Airlift Wing launched 'Hercs Over America' with a fly-over across northern communities of the state, including the Cleveland, Youngstown, Ashtabula, Akron, and Canton areas. Our healthcare workers deserve this mighty roar of engines in salute to their dedication and hard work! Thank You!

### Flat Rock Homes: Restoring Hope

We launched our **Facebook** group in mid-April, and soon had 130 members! We would love to have YOU join us for daily prayer for churches, individuals, and situations. Just search Flat Rock Homes: Restoring Hope on Facebook and join up! There, you will find psalms, poems, prayers, tributes, and more. You may watch staff videos and interviews with various pastors in East Ohio! We look forward to seeing you!

### Greeting Card Program



**Thank you** for sending so many cards in April! They have truly been appreciated, so let's do it again in May! Please send a note of cheer and encouragement to our staff or individuals.

- If they are for staff, mark them "Attn: Staff Cards."
- For Care Center individuals, please mark them "Attn: FRCC Cards."
- For Community Services individuals, mark them "Attn: FRCS Cards."

If you have a specific individual you're sending them to, you can address them to that person. PLEASE SEAL ENVELOPES WITH TAPE, GLUE, OR A SPONGE! Please mail cards to:

Flat Rock Homes  
Attn: (from above)  
PO Box 1  
Flat Rock, Ohio 44828

THANK YOU! You have and will continue to truly brighten someone's day!

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## SPOTLIGHT: HARRY ASKIN, BOARD MEMBER



When asked why Harry Askin and his wife Carol have been involved with Flat Rock for 30 years, his answer comes swiftly. "We are hooked on Flat Rock Homes! We really appreciate the important work they do." Since Harry's initial visit with Flat Rock at a Kiwanis Christmas Party in the mid-'80s, he has been involved in various aspects of the ministries. As a missions-minded couple, Harry answered a call from his pastor at the time, Dr. Ken Ehrman at Westlake UMC to become involved in Missions Teams, which took him to faraway Russia, and nearby Flat Rock.

He first joined the board in 1998/99 and has worked on several significant projects, including fundraising for the new building opened in 2004. "In the past, caregivers had to carry residents up and down many steps to the showers, and I wanted to help put an end to that. The dedication of the staff was amazing back then and continues today."

We appreciate the dedication of Harry and Carol and our other Board Members who work hard to allow Flat Rock Homes to provide quality care to our individuals.

### Legacy Giving

Flat Rock Homes was founded in 1866 with farmland donated to assist children orphaned by the Civil War. Since this initial gift, Flat Rock's mission has benefited from the generosity of legacy supporters. There are many creative ways you can support Flat Rock today; such as giving through IRAs, estate gifts, and donating appreciated stock. Would you like information on impacting the future of Flat Rock without affecting your current income? Contact Jill Kinser at [jkinser@flatrockhomes.org](mailto:jkinser@flatrockhomes.org) and let's talk about leaving a legacy.

### Thinking out of the box! Virgin Pulse: Charity On Top

Flat Rock Homes is grateful for the many ways in which the East Ohio Conference churches support us. There are many ways that you can help us and Virgin Pulse is one of them! As you track your health and collect reward points, you can turn them into Charity On Top gift cards to benefit Flat Rock. [For more info click here.](#)

### Looking Forward

Our CEO & President Karen Kilgo, and Church & Community Engagement Coordinators, Deaconess Sherri Buehl, and Rose M Darling are available for speaking engagements and other programs for your congregation and community. Watch for more details in the June issue. We are here to support your Sunday, and other, programming needs.

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**The Dick Parks Memorial Race at the Rock will be rescheduled. Please watch for more information in a future issue. Your patience is greatly appreciated.**

**WE GIVE THANKS** for all who have partnered with us during these challenging months caused by the Coronavirus pandemic. You have supported us in PRAYER, in GIVING, and in making masks and gowns. You sent greeting cards and helped source vital equipment for our staff and residents. We cannot thank you enough, but we will try! Gracias! Merci beaucoup! Danke! Mahalo! Tika Hoki! THANK YOU!