



Faith Connections May 2023

It's here! Get those walking and running shoes ready for the Dick Parks Memorial Race at the Rock fun and fundraiser for Flat Rock!

Register here: <https://www.flatrockhomes.org/events/race-at-the-rock/>

We're so excited to have this event for the 18th year in a row! The event is virtual again for 2023, but you may hold your own race any time during June. You pick the time and place!

- Register for the **"Race in a Box"** option to get your **registration, a shirt, a Flat Rock water bottle, a medal, and a whistle** to kickstart your fun (while supplies last)!
- Run your race any time in June. This gives you more time to get friends and family to sponsor your race.
- Prices have changed due to new items.
- All shirts are pre-orders only. The **last day to order your shirt or Race in a Box is May 5**. Shirts and Race in a Box items will ship in early June.
- Race with us anywhere! On June 25, we'll share pictures from races everywhere! Who will be the racer the furthest away?
- Friends and family can sponsor you, helping you win The Dick Parks Fundraising Award. Donations in your name are counted. The top fundraising individual, church team, and non-church team will be victorious*.



**At least one person from a team must be registered for the event to be eligible for fundraising awards. Shirt-only purchases are not event registration.*

Geranium Gifts to Honor or Remember



Flat Rock plants seeds that restore hope, transform lives, and bloom faith, so our individuals blossom into the person God intended them to be. We are planting geraniums to add beauty to the landscape where our residents live.

Join us in spreading seeds of hope by making a gift to our Annual Geranium Fund in honor/memory of a loved one. Each gift includes your name and the name of your loved one recognized on a marker next to your planted flower. Your generosity and support are essential to achieving our **\$11,000**

goal! All donations made beyond the cost of geraniums go directly to providing life-enhancing care, services, and programs that sprout hope, transformation, and faith in our individuals. Make a gift today <https://flatrockhomes.org/geranium-appeal-donation-page>. May God's love be planted in your heart, giving you hope this Spring!

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Volunteer Manager Announcement



Jill Kinser, Director of Development & Sustainability, announces the appointment of United Women in Faith Deaconess Sherri Buehl, Church and Community Engagement Coordinator, as Volunteer Manager. Sherri accepts this additional role following her passion for using our God-given gifts to help others and further God's kingdom. Sherri came to us with 14 years of experience managing volunteers for several non-profits: OhioGuidestone (formerly Berea Children's Home), the Boys & Girls Clubs of Cleveland, and the Epworth Center, a United Methodist mission center of the East Ohio Conference. She will work side-by-side with groups, individuals, and Flat Rock staff to assess the best project for each group, from stuffing envelopes, pulling weeds, painting, washing windows, construction, and more. Contact Sherri to schedule your volunteer experience today! Sherri can be reached at sbuehl@flatrockhomes.org or 567-228-9105.

Career Positions Now Available

Work in a field where you make a difference in the lives of adults with developmental disabilities using a person-centered approach!

Administrator – Flat Rock Care Center

RN Nurse Trainer

Part-time Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN)

Direct Support Professionals in our Supportive Living Homes (Elyria, Sheffield Lake, Oberlin, Flat Rock, Huron, Vermilion, Lorain)

Habilitation Specialists and Non-Medical Transportation Drivers

Maintenance Worker

On-the-Job Supports Specialist (Job Coach)

A variety of locations and schedules are available. Follow this link for a video, more information, and to apply:

<https://www.flatrockhomes.org/careers/join-our-team/>

Sights & Sounds: Travel with Flat Rock

Seats are going quickly for the September 25-26 chartered bus tour to Sights & Sounds Theatre in Lancaster, Pennsylvania to see the epic production of MOSES and tour places of interest in the Amish/Mennonite region of Pennsylvania. Register soon at

<https://www.flatrockhomes.org/bus-trip/> so you don't miss the August deadline!



Legacy Plans

Do you love a good plan? Maybe you enjoy planning your next vacation, making a grocery list, or checking off that last to-do item. If so, a Legacy Gift (also called a PLANNED gift) is a way to PLAN to make a gift to Flat Rock through your will or estate. It costs nothing now and gives you peace of mind knowing a plan is in place to provide for the people and causes that you care about most. Contact us today for information and check that item off your list! Contact Jill at jkinser@flatrockhomes.org for more information.

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Pulpit Supply

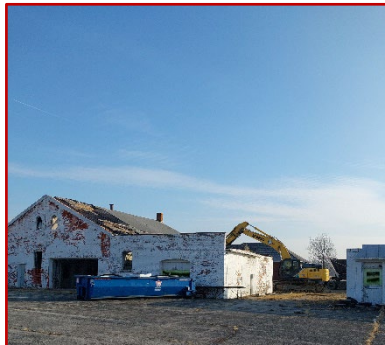
Pastors! Do you have a vacation coming up this year? Our experienced Church and Community Engagement Coordinators, Rose Darling and (UWF) Deaconess Sherri Buehl are available to share an inspiring message with your congregation or lead the entire service! Rose and Sherri recently shared with or will speak at many churches including Church at the Lake UMC; Barnesville Main UMC; Belmont UMC; Zion UMC; Capitol Area South District UWF Grove City; Trinity UMC; Grandview UMC; Nellie Chapel; New Guilford & Warsaw UMCs; Canal District UWF spring gathering at Cuyahoga Falls UMC; East Fairfield and Rogers UMCs. Contact engagement@flatrockhomes.org to get on the calendar.



TRL Outdoor Therapeutic Center Updates

The TRL project is well underway! Generous donations are providing supplies like gravel for the outdoor fitness equipment area. Benches, pavers, music installations, and other exciting aspects of this wonderful area are coming together. Several buildings were razed to make space for the prayer labyrinth and walking trail. Volunteer groups are invited to help to paint the barn, pavilion, and picnic tables this Summer! Contact Sherri at sbuehl@flatrockhomes.org to sign up for volunteer projects!

You, your family, or your congregation can honor a loved one by donating benches, planters, musical installations, or landscaping. Signage recognizing the gift and donor is included. Reach out to development@flatrockhomes.org for details and to plan your special gift. Visit <https://www.flatrockhomes.org/trl-outdoor-therapeutic-center/> for more information.



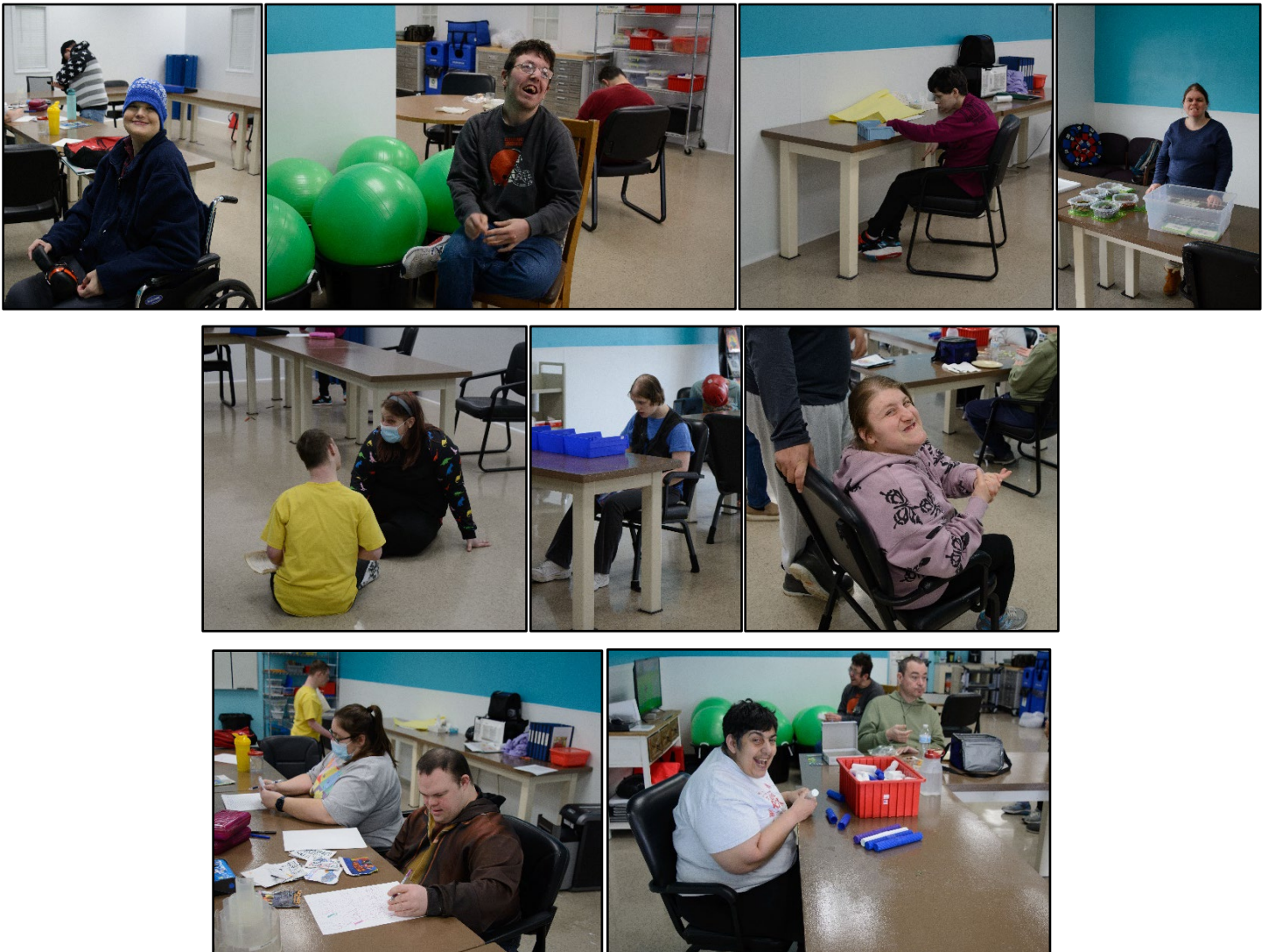
More photos on the next page!

Enjoy Photos from Flat Rock!



Flat Rock Care Center individuals enjoyed Bunny Therapy before Easter. Folks loved this experience with the bunny and are still raving about the fun they had.

Folks from Flat Rock Care Center and Community Services, as well as individuals from the community, spend time at day program during the week learning new skills and working on projects.



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