



Faith Connections July 2021

Roll it Forward Rummage Sale Fundraiser for Flat Rock Homes!



Meet the Flat Rock Team at the Roll It Forward Rummage Sale, Friday and Saturday, August 27 and 28 from 9:00 AM-3:00 PM. Roll It Forward is a nonprofit organization that allows other nonprofits to host fundraising rummage sales at their location. Gently used clothing and household items may be dropped off at Roll It Forward, 11001 US Highway 250 North in Milan, Ohio on Wednesday, August 25 from 9 AM-12 PM, and on Thursday, August 26th from 9 AM-12 PM and 3 PM-5 PM. Items may also be donated during sale hours, 9 AM-3 PM, on August 27 and 28.

The following items cannot be accepted: bed pillows, reference books (encyclopedia-type), box-type TVs, TV/entertainment stands, outdated gym equipment, baby cribs, bumper pads, or mattresses. For additional information contact Cynthia Geiger at 567.228.7383 or cgeiger@flatrockhomes.org. We look forward to meeting you as you support this fundraiser!

Introducing: Wall of Hope

Since our earliest days 155 years ago, the walls of Flat Rock have provided a place of shelter, safety, and support for those we serve. We continue that legacy by offering the Wall of Hope. It is not a structural work of bricks and mortar, but rather a means to support Flat Rock's continuing services to individuals with developmental and intellectual disabilities. Your church or organization may help build this "wall of hope" as it launches in October and November by participating in its unique support-building method! Watch for details in the August and September issues of *Faith Connections*!

Or, if your curiosity seeks information now, contact Church & Community Engagement Coordinators, Sherri Buehl at Sbuehl@flatrockhomes.org or Rose Darling at Rdarling@flatrockhomes.org.



Join Our Team!

Flat Rock is hiring for multiple positions for all shifts in many counties in North-Central Ohio. Share the news with a family member or friend seeking employment! Click here for info or to apply: <https://www.flatrockhomes.org/careers/join-our-team>

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Gentle Worship & Joyful Noise

The old saying, "find a need and fill it" might not have been on Rev. Zachary (Zach) Holler's mind as he noticed a need for special worship settings for persons in his former church, but he did just that – found a need and filled it. The need: a quieter style of worship for those preferring a calmer setting. Zach noticed that louder music and lots of movement in the 'regular' service was distracting and uncomfortable for some, so he gathered a group of like-minded people, found an available classroom, brought in quieter music and a short message, and offered a "Gentle Worship" service. Not long afterward, he found and filled another need: a service of "Joyful Noise," for those who preferred a "no-shush" zone where they may get up freely and walk around, dance, or shout. While some participants of both services had disabilities, others did not. Zach feels many churches can offer this family-friendly style of worship with just a little preparation. Let us know if you would like more information!



Zach currently serves as associate pastor at Grace UMC in Waverly, Ohio (West Ohio Conference) and is co-chair of the recently formed **Ohio Disability and Ministry Collaborative**, in which Flat Rock is highly involved! Information about this collaborative and its ministries may be found here:

<https://www.westohioumc.org/disabilities>.

Flat Rock's Church & Community Engagement Coordinators, Rose Darling and Sherri Buehl serve on the speaker's bureau. Flat Rock Homes, Care Center, and Community Services President/CEO, Karen Kilgo also serves on the committee. We will post updates and newsletter links as the Ohio Disability and Ministries Collaborative develops.

Adopt-a-Home



The new Adopt-A-Home project has ten homes adopted to churches and individuals! Please, prayerfully consider being the next to adopt one of our Care Center or Community Services group homes. Build new relationships with our residents and watch their joyful delight as they receive cards and gifts throughout the year. For details and to adopt your home, visit <https://www.flatrockhomes.org/adopt-a-home/> and email Rose at rdarling@flatrockhomes.org or Sherri at sbuehl@flatrockhomes.org.

Leave a Legacy

Consider the ministry of caring for others by remembering Flat Rock Homes in your will. If you have already included Flat Rock in your will, please let us know! We want to thank you and include you in the legacy society of Flat Rock: **The Society of 1866**. Email Jill at Jkinser@flatrockhomes.org for details.

Due to the weather not being very "Kona Nice," our fundraiser #GiveBackTuesday has been rescheduled for August 10th! Join us from Noon to 6:00 PM at The Jackson Street Pier in Sandusky, Ohio for a delicious treat.

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Meet Rev. Stacy Terrell, Flat Rock Board



When Stacy Terrell was a teen, he visited Flat Rock Homes with his church youth group. This visit, and others like it, exposed him to the greater work of the Church, which is to be the hands and feet of Jesus in the world. In the 1970s, he notes, the focus of Flat Rock's ministries was evolving into what it now is, and even then, had changed since its original founding as an orphanage in 1866. Rev. Terrell, Chief Health Services Officer at Kendal at Oberlin, a life plan community, and ordained deacon in the East Ohio Conference believes any church, organization, and individual must be willing to evolve in ministry as needs change. What worked years before, may not be appropriate as time goes by.

As the current Chair of the Joint Boards of Directors of Flat Rock Homes, Flat Rock Care Center, and Flat Rock Community Services, Stacy reminds us, that Flat Rock and the Church are partners in ministry. "Not everyone can go to work at Flat Rock, but every member of a church may pray for and support Flat Rock, and its mission, as they are able." Some ways to connect, he recommends, are to visit the website for updates, and to pray for Flat Rock, its staff, residents, and consumers.

Thank you, Stacy, and all members of the Flat Rock Homes, Care Center, and Community Services boards for your leadership!

Click here to read Flat Rock Homes' Mission, Vision, and Value Statements:

<https://www.flatrockhomes.org/about/our-mission/>

TRL Outdoor Therapeutic Center

The **TRL Outdoor Therapeutic Center** project continues to develop. Named to remind us of our vision—"Transforming Lives. Restoring Hope. Living Faith."—this outdoor center will include an adult-sized, therapeutic play and fitness center on our existing playground, a revitalized picnic pavilion, outdoor musical and art installations, a therapeutic/prayer labyrinth and mindfulness garden, and a memorial walking path. The estimated cost for the TRL Outdoor Therapeutic Center foundation will be approximately \$300,000. To date, we have raised approximately \$100,000 of the total cost. We are excited about maximizing the beautiful rural setting at Flat Rock Homes and are offering a variety of "Naming Opportunities" as a way for you to partner with us in this project. Pavers of varying sizes, planters, trees, park benches, and more are available in honor or memory of a loved one, employee, pastor, and friend. More details coming soon! Click here for information:



<https://www.flatrockhomes.org/trl-outdoor-therapeutic-center/>

Menu of Support

Adopt a Home: Visit <https://www.flatrockhomes.org/adopt-a-home/> or email Sherri at Sbuehl@flatrockhomes.org or Rose at Rdarling@flatrockhomes.org

Legacy Giving: Contact Jill at jkinser@flatrockhomes.org

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