



Compassionate Care That's Truly

“Something Special”

Irene has always been an active “people person.” She lived independently in her Sea Isle home well into her early 90s and immersed herself in volunteering, exercising, and participating in community groups like the city’s Municipal Alliance, her local AARP chapter, and her Catholic rosary meeting. Little by little, however, her son Steve noticed she was having trouble with her memory. After managing for a while with the help of friends and caregivers, Steve and his wife Barbara knew it was time to investigate senior living communities with memory care options.



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“When we first walked into United Methodist Communities at The Shores, it just seemed to have a different feeling—something special,” Steve explains. With his mother’s love for the beach, the location was a perfect fit, but Steve and Barbara were also impressed by the large, secure Tapestries memory care neighborhood and the welcoming, positive culture. “The overall persona of everyone we met was that they want to help, and nothing is too much trouble. It’s immediately conveyed that you’re a part of the family.”

When they moved Irene into The Shores in December 2019, Steve and Barbara not only found peace of mind and true partnership in caring for Irene, but also invaluable education and camaraderie with families in similar situations. Steve regularly participates in The Shores’ dementia caregiver support group. “I Zoom with them once a month, sharing experiences with other people who have family with dementia. We learn from each other, and the staff members do an outstanding job of facilitating and helping us better understand and interact with our parents.”

Steve and Barbara are grateful for the difference United Methodist Communities has made in their lives. With COVID-19 restrictions eased, they visit frequently but feel secure in the knowledge that Irene is in excellent hands when they leave. “The staff knows Mom as well as we do now,” Steve points out. “It’s reassuring that someone who’s like a family member—and I do consider them family members—cares about her, knows all her idiosyncrasies, and will meet her needs.”

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The associates at United Methodist Communities prove time and time again that their ultimate goal is to empower all seniors to live abundant lives. “At UMC, they help you live your life to the fullest even with dementia,” Barbara says. **When you can’t plan for tomorrow or for next week, abundant life is found in each individual moment.** Steve elaborates, “We see my mom enjoying a cup of tea with a piece of cake we brought her, doing arts and crafts with other residents, exercising at Sit and Fit, and praying with the rosary group on Thursdays. She can still make her own choices and have outlets to enjoy herself and reflect on things she did when she was younger.”

For Steve and Barbara, abundant life also means giving back to a community that they feel has given them so much. Whether it be supporting the UMC Foundation’s 2020 United Against COVID-19 appeal to help healthcare workers, contributing towards the purchase of a Community Wish List item, or simply going out of their way to thank staff and make sure they know they’re appreciated, the family has become proud supporters of UMC’s mission. “We try to take everything God has given us and use it to the best of our ability,” Steve shares. “I like to contribute what I can to see the community flourish. **We’re always going to give to United Methodist Communities, not just to enhance things for the people who are there now, but for the benefit of those who will become part of the community in the future.**”

United Methodist Communities’ mission of compassionately serving seniors is only possible through the prayers, partnership, and generosity of people like you. This spring, will you join me, Steve, Barbara, and our community of friends and supporters in ensuring all seniors in UMC’s care enjoy vibrant, abundant lives?

With best wishes,



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