



**“If it weren’t for the Gift of Care Circle, I COULDN’T BE HERE.”**

Louise moved to United Methodist Communities at The Shores in 2009 knowing exactly what she was looking for: friendly neighbors, attentive staff, a thriving religious life, plenty of activities and volunteer opportunities, and a **sense of security**.

Louise loves volunteering, and United Methodist Communities makes it easy for her to channel her interests into similar pursuits. Louise volunteered in the library for ten years and at the Tapestries memory care neighborhood for seven years. Today, she remains an avid chapel volunteer. “I help get ready for services, read the scriptures, and greet other residents,” she shares. Louise’s natural volunteerism led her to act as a UMC ambassador, writing warm, welcoming notes to new residents and going out of her way to meet as many as she can.

Louise is not shy to talk to her fellow residents about the Gift of Care Circle. On the contrary, she is happy to share what a tremendous positive impact it has on her life and proud to explain how the program sets United Methodist Communities apart. Reflecting on how it helps residents who have exhausted their financial resources and are unable to afford the total cost of their care, Louise says, **“If it weren’t for the Gift of Care Circle, I couldn’t be here. I would’ve had to stay in my house with a yard to take care of, windows to wash, repairs to be done...how I would’ve done it at 93, I don’t know.”**

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Other residents go to Louise and ask how the Gift of Care Circle works. "I tell them not to worry," she explains. "The one point I really stress is the privacy. No one else has to know when you're helped by the Circle because nothing changes. You're still entitled to participate in all the community activities, receive the same medical care, eat the same meals in the same dining room." Louise knows from family and friends' personal experiences that this isn't the case in every senior community. "At other homes that I'd visited, they told me, 'Oh, we make them move to another building' or some residents even have to leave altogether. Can you imagine?"

Louise knows that United Methodist Communities relies on donations to keep the ministry available to current and future residents, and she wants all donors to know how grateful she is. **"Anyone who donates, along with the volunteers and board members who give their time, it's deeply appreciated. You are relieving an older person of a burden that can sometimes be too hard to bear."**

Contributions from the friends, family members, fellow residents, churches, businesses, and local community groups that serve our UMC family create a very real safety net.

**Your donations allow our treasured residents to "relax, focus on joyful and meaningful activities, and make the most of their opportunities to learn new things and form new friendships" ...all the things that, in Louise's opinion, create an abundant life.**

With your support, United Methodist Communities can continue helping seniors like Louise live abundant lives full of friendship, faith, purpose, and peace of mind. Will you join us and make a difference today?

With best wishes,



*Linda M Hill*

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