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Our Mission
St. Mary Development Corporation is a faith-based non-profit organization, called by God to create sustainable affordable housing for those in need. We work toward the day when all residents—especially the economically disadvantaged—have a decent, affordable place to live with access to services and become part of a community. We accomplish this through real estate development and management; supporting housing services; and community revitalization initiatives.

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We depend on donors like you to help our low-income seniors continue to live independently. Your donation supports our St. Mary Connect program of service coordination. St. Mary Development Corporation is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization; your charitable donation is tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.

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While doing tasks most of us take for granted, like driving, making it unsafe for him to work. That’s when Patrick bought his mobile home and spent that frigid Ohio winter trying to keep warm while sleeping on a mattress on the floor.

Later that winter, while on the VA grounds for a medical appointment, he saw Lyons Place II. Patrick will tell you his decision to apply for residency was life changing. He quickly fell in love with the building, and just as quickly began developing a bond with his St. Mary Connect Service Coordinator, Jean Diamond. Jean helps Patrick navigate his veterans benefits, find safe and reliable transportation to take care of daily life—buying groceries, paying bills, attending doctor’s appointments—and perhaps most importantly, Jean is a listening ear when Patrick needs someone to talk to.

“She’s helped me out quite a bit. Pretty much any time I need someone to talk to, where I know it isn’t going to go any further than that, she helps me.”

Four years later Patrick is thriving at Lyons Place II. He has a vibrant social life with his buddies in the building; they share jokes, war stories, and rides to the grocery store. He lives independently in his warm apartment that he’s outfitted with personal memorabilia, like a tapestry featuring wolves, an animal known for their tenacity and strength. And, he might say most importantly, he can watch his favorite action movies on surround sound.

SERVICES AVAILABLE TO VETERANS
Our senior independent-living apartments are designed for residents to live on their own, yet many need significant outside services to remain independent.

• Transportation services - veterans with verified medical appointments at the Dayton OH VAMC and who do not have access to transportation by other means may be eligible. To learn more, go to: http://bit.ly/VATransportation.

• Pre-Need (meaning before the time of need) burial information - veterans may be considered for burial in a VA national cemetery (including Dayton’s). A pre-need determination is required and must be arranged before the time of your death. To learn more, go to: http://bit.ly/VABurial.

OVERVIEW OF SERVICES
To help area veterans achieve our mission, St. Mary Development Corporation established the Community Services Program.

Veterans can access free services for which they qualify. Veterans receive additional benefits through the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs and our Service Coordinators help eligible veteran residents get connected. Here are just a couple of services they recommend to area veterans:

- St. Mary Connect Program for veterans
- SMA Home Matching Program for veterans
- Food Programs
- Special Transportation
- Case Management for veterans
- Senior Activities for veterans

Please contact our office to receive other information and to set up a meeting with our staff!

As we continue to celebrate our 30th Anniversary, Sr. Rose Wildenhaus, one of our co-founders, will tell you that she isn’t a big fan of strawberry cream cheese! It goes back to the very beginning when St. Mary opened the St. Leonard senior living community in Centerville. Sr. Rose would appeal for help with food, household donations and volunteers whenever she possibly could. As a result one local grocery offered her a truck full of “food” and when it arrived all it contained was strawberry cream cheese—nothing else. Needless to say, Sr. Rose found every way possible to include strawberry cream cheese in the meal planning for the residents!
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