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# A YEAR IN REVIEW

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## **MESSAGE FROM OUR DIRECTOR**

**“ I EXTEND MY HEARTFELT GRATITUDE TO EACH OF YOU FOR  
THE CONTINUED SUPPORT THAT MAKES THIS MISSION POSSIBLE.  
THANK YOU ONCE AGAIN FOR YOUR GENEROSITY AND  
DEDICATION TO THE MISSION. YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT  
WILL TRANSFORM LIVES AND BRING JOY, COMFORT, AND  
DIGNITY TO ALL THE RESIDENTS LIVING IN A WESLEY LIVING  
COMMUNITY. “**

*Laurie Garrison*



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## Our Pillars

Welcome to the place where the heart and soul of the communities come to life. Within the embrace of Wesley Living affordable housing retirement communities, approximately 2,200 vibrant seniors have found their haven of comfort and companionship.

Our cherished residents, with an average age of 74, have brought a wealth of life experiences, wisdom, and stories to share. We understand that this phase of life can sometimes be challenging, especially for those who have outlived their families and find themselves without a natural support system.

Yet, within these community residential walls, a warm and caring environment is being fostered, where the spirit of unity and kindness prevails. The residents don't seek handouts, but rather the uplifting touch of a helping hand, making each day a little smoother and brighter. Simple acts of kindness can have profound impacts. Donations of everyday essentials like paper goods, cleaning supplies, and personal care items might seem small, but they alleviate the strains of tight budgets, allowing our residents to redirect their focus towards enjoying life's simple pleasures.

Your financial contributions also play a pivotal role in facilitating social activities that infuse hope, invigorate the mind, and rekindle the soul. These gatherings provide not just entertainment, but a lifeline of connection for the residents. The heartwarming stories of transformation are countless and awe-inspiring.

With the generosity poured into Golden Cross Senior Ministries, lives are touched in ways that are immeasurable. As the stewards of your benevolence, we feel blessed to be the conduits of your compassion, serving as the eyes, ears, and hands that carry forward your goodwill. On behalf of the remarkable individuals who call one of the 31 Wesley Living communities home, we extend a heartfelt "thank you".

Your support goes beyond mere charity; it is a beacon of solidarity that illuminates their journey. At Golden Cross Senior Ministries, we firmly believe that no senior resident should navigate life's path alone. Together, we create a tapestry of support, companionship, and kindness, ensuring that the golden years are truly a time of shared joys of life. Your presence here is a testament to the belief that a collective effort can shape a brighter future.

## Board of Trustees

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## HONORING YOUR GENEROSITY

### IMPACTING LIVES TOGETHER

You have my deepest gratitude for your incredible support of Golden Cross Senior Ministries throughout 2023. Your generosity has made a profound impact on the lives of over 2,200 senior residents living in 31 Wesley Living communities, and I am truly grateful for your dedication to the mission. Thanks to your contributions, we were able to add a special Thanksgiving meal to our program this year. This meal brought joy and nourishment to our senior residents, allowing them to celebrate the holiday with dignity and love. Your support made this possible, and we are deeply thankful for your kindness. As we look ahead in 2024, I invite you to consider how you can continue to support our mission. As a non-profit organization, we are committed to improving the lives of seniors on fixed incomes, living in Wesley Living HUD housing communities.

Your ongoing support enables us to provide essential services, social enrichment, and basic necessities needed to support the residents, living at or below the national poverty line. Please consider spreading the word about Golden Cross Senior Ministries and encouraging others to join us in our mission. Every contribution, big or small, makes a difference in the lives of our senior residents. By raising awareness and garnering support for our cause, you can help us to continue to support the senior residents and make a lasting impact on their lives.



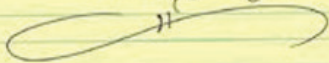
To: Golden Cross Ministries  
From: Wesley Highland Meadows Residents

We are writing this letter to express to you how much we appreciated the loving kindness you have shown us. Your unselfish love showed us that there are still good people in the world, that recognizes us seniors. Thank you for contributing to our Bingo Bucks, you made that possible for us.

We just wanted to express our thanks through this letter. It assured us that we are not forgotten, and that means a lot. It touched our hearts to know how much you care.

Once again, many, many thanks to you. We'll always remember your thoughtfulness. May God bless and keep you.

Sincerely to you



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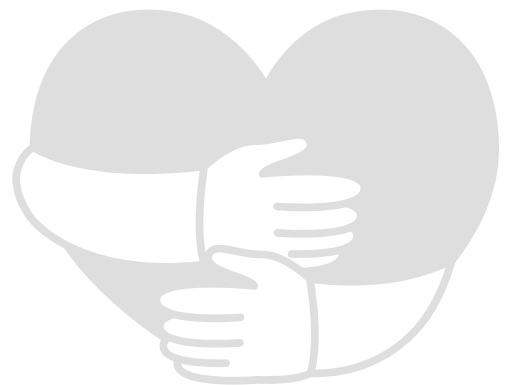
**\$72,953.00**

OUR IMPACT EXTENDS BEYOND MEETING DAY-TO-DAY NEEDS

**By assisting new residents who qualify as unsheltered, GCSM provides complete move-in kits that include;**

A PACKAGE OF FURNITURE ALL HOUSEHOLD ITEMS HYGIENE PRODUCTS CLEANING SUPPLIES

**everything needed to restart their lives with dignity and hope.**



# THANK YOU FOR BEING A PART OF OUR STORY!



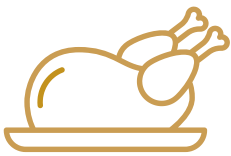
**\$61,637.00**

on social events and  
interactions



**\$52,471.00**

on catered Christmas meals  
and community gifts



**\$11,143.00**

Thanksgiving Meal  
Celebration (New for 2023)

## CONVENIENT WAYS TO GIVE:

**Website, [goldencross.org](https://goldencross.org):**

Click the donate button on the  
homepage

**Venmo:**

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**Mail a Check:**

Golden Cross Senior Ministries 1615  
Appling Road, Cordova, TN, 38016

**Use the  
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Ministries, Inc.





## **SPOTLIGHT THE COMMUNITY:**

### **MANAGERS & SERVICE COORDINATORS**

**In the heart of the 31 Wesley Living communities, there are unsung heroes diligently working to foster connections, combat isolation, and create vibrant living spaces where residents thrive.**

**LET'S SHINE THE SPOTLIGHT ON OUR DEDICATED COMMUNITY  
MANAGERS AND SERVICE COORDINATORS!**

**The remarkable managers and service coordinators, in collaboration with Golden Cross Senior Ministries, orchestrate a tapestry of social enrichment events and interactions at all 31 communities. Their mission? To combat isolation, cultivate the essential social connections that underpin the well-being of the residents.**

**At the core of their efforts lies a profound commitment to ensuring that seniors feel valued, engaged, and connected to their community. Through a diverse array of social enrichment activities, from group outings to educational workshops, they provide opportunities for residents to forge new friendships, share experiences, and embrace a sense of belonging. But their impact goes beyond social gatherings.**

**Behind every successful event and every smiling face, there lies the dedication and passion of these remarkable individuals. Their unwavering commitment enables the residents a place of safety, comfort, and a sense of community by enriching lives and spreading happiness one social engagement at a time. They empower individuals to foster a sense of purpose and fulfillment in their daily lives.**

**So, please let's take a moment to pray and express our heartfelt gratitude to our community managers and service coordinators. Their tireless efforts truly make a difference, creating a tapestry of warmth, connection, and belonging that enriches the lives of all who call a Wesley Living community home.**



## **GOLDEN CROSS SENIOR MINISTRIES, INC.**



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## **SAVE THE DATES - 2024:**

**UMC Celebrate Giving Sunday  
May 5th, 2024**

**2024 Golf Tournament  
September 5th, 2024**

**Thanksgiving Community Meal  
November 21, 2024**

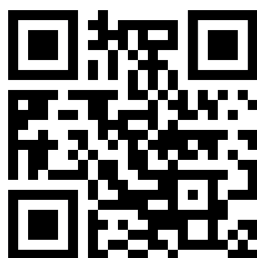
**Christmas Community Meal & Gift  
Month of December**

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