

History of Wesley Village



Wesley Village is the result of a desire on the part of concerned persons in the Wesley United Methodist Church to serve the needs of older persons in a high quality facility and with dedicated, caring staff. In 1975, the Central Illinois Conference of the United Methodist Church accepted the proposal, approved the organization of Wesley Village, and elected the board of Directors. Throughout the years, support has been received from Wesley United Methodist Church, the Conference, other churches, and interested and generous individuals.

After years of hard work and planning, on February 4, 1980, Wesley Village opened its doors. At that time, our campus offered independent living apartments, licensed shelter care, and intermediate nursing to seniors.

In 1991, the Wesley United Methodist Church provided support to initiate a home aide service called Wesley at Home, a program offering companion care, homemaker, and other services to seniors living on the Wesley Campus or in their homes in the surrounding community. In 2010, we added an addition to the Wesley At Home program and became licensed for Home Nursing. This program allows seniors the ability to get much of the care they need without having to compromise their independence and lifestyle. Just this year, we became a certified Community Care Program, which provides funding for those individuals who may need our at home services, but cannot afford them on their own.

Our growth continued in 1997-1998 when we constructed a 26-bed Alzheimer addition. This unit features a low stimulus unit for the cognitively impaired. As time went on, the need for sheltered care steadily diminished and was discontinued in 2000. In 2003 licensing for the 26-bed Alzheimer Unit was upgraded to Skilled Care with Medicare certification. The unit was repositioned in 2006 as a Rehabilitation Center. The Rehabilitation Center features a 15-bed

Skilled wing with rehabilitation services, and an 11 bed Skilled wing with Memory Care services, both of which are Medicare/Medicaid certified.

The need to offer an additional lifestyle choice for a growing senior population came to fruition in 2005 with the addition of the Wesley Estate Duplex Homes. Now, active adults have the option of having a beautiful home without the hassles of home maintenance, lawn care, snow removal, or housekeeping, just to name a few. Our growth continued in May 2012 when all 47 of our healthcare center beds become certified in skilled care. In these 33 years, we have and continue to pride ourselves on our mission to cater to the spiritual, emotional, social, and physical needs of active adults. Because of our services and the commitment we have to our community members, Wesley Village is able to provide a continuum of care that allows each person the ability to remain on campus even when their service needs change. Throughout the years our commitment to Wesley Village residents and the surrounding community has not wavered.