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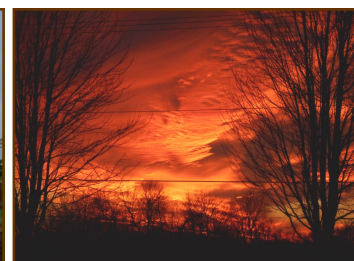
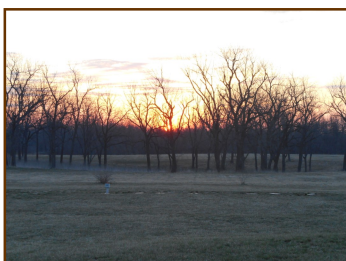
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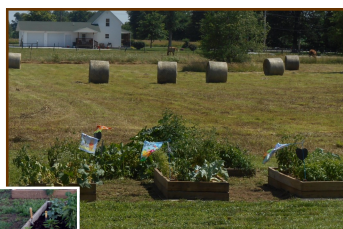
Sunrise, sunset . . . and a whole lot of living in between



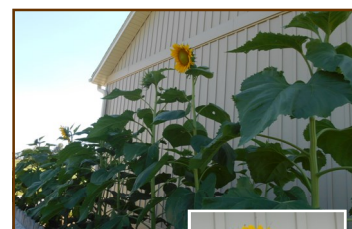
So much to experience, learn, and enjoy. So much of life to live.



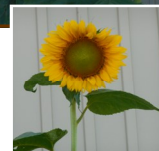
Pumpkin patch --
we grow 'em big!



Each resident chose
vegetables to plant in
their own raised-bed
garden.



Beautiful
flower beds!



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resources, we are producing
fewer newsletters per year for
print and mail.

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lots of great photos, please
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Thanks for allowing us to stay in
touch!

Faculty from MSU's Department of Occupational Therapy teach food preparation skills and share dinner



Traci Garrison and Tara Boehne, faculty members of MSU's Occupational Therapy Department, brought their sons with them to The Branches and worked alongside our clients in preparing a meal. The learning experiences were great and the company was awesome! Thanks for investing in the lives of adults with disabilities.

Doing for others brings great satisfaction



Muffins for Ronald McDonald House



Volunteering at Salvation Army



Marietta shows family the first quilt she made at The Branches. She donated it to our Frame by Frame auction.

Operation Christmas Child, Chick-fil-A, and The Branches -- a great combo!



Our residents love blessing children through Operation Christmas Child. They had a great time shopping for and making items for shoeboxes. Each box was packed with love. They also walked a mile in the 5K & 1 Mile Run/Walk to benefit OCC. Thanks to house parents, Bette and Mike Bonjour, for taking the lead again this year on this project.

We are grateful to local Chick-fil-A owner, Kevin Hutcheson, and OCC Area Coordinator, Winnie Tuckness, for providing a great packing party at The Branches -- complete with Chick-fil-A boxed dinners and balloons. It's such a

The Branches hosts a fall costume party for family and friends



No tricks ... only treats here! Our residents asked to plan a costume party, and what a party they had! Thanks to house parents, Dorothy and Glen High; our neighbor and volunteer, Sandy Datema; and our CAO, Korrie Kirk for making it happen! Residents' families, Ridgecrest Sunday school teachers, dear friends, and some of our wonderful neighbors joined the fun in costume. Chris, Whitney, and Wyatt Justis even dropped by with their miniature horse. What a great evening of fun and fellowship!

Accepting Applications for Residents

Financial assistance may be available for those who qualify

Do you know an adult with a developmental disability who would enjoy living at The Branches? The Branches is a beautiful place to live. But it's much more than that -- we offer a Christian, family-style environment where God is honored and individuals are respected. Applicants must be at least 21-years-old, ambulatory, and able to care for their personal needs with minimal assistance. **For more information, please phone 417-887-7653 or email thebranchesatbrookline@gmail.com.**

Board of Directors welcomes new member, LaDawn Goodwin

The Board of Directors of Southwest Special Care Homes welcomes our newest board member, LaDawn Goodwin, a registered nurse with a heart for serving and loving others. LaDawn and her husband, Dr. Greg Goodwin, have three children. They all are active members of Second Baptist Church. LaDawn also volunteers with Springfield Little Theatre and Linking Home Educators, a home school co-op. We're thankful for her willingness to serve adults with developmental disabilities by being part of this ministry.



Emcee, Lisa Rose, visits with Vincent the Magician (Vincent Small)

Frame by Frame 2014 raises \$38,500 to benefit The Branches



Beautiful dining room and delicious dinner



Huge silent auction with great items

Frame by Frame 2014 was held May 3 at Bass Pro's White River Conference Center with over 260 guests in attendance.

We're grateful to all those who joined us for the evening! Your contributions, whether through sponsorships or other donations, were responsible for making our largest fundraising event of the year a great success.

Special thanks to emcee, Lisa Rose; auctioneer, Larry Ball; Vincent the Magician; MSU's A Cub Bella; and the army of volunteers who worked so tirelessly to make this event happen. We are grateful beyond measure!



Auctioneer, Pastor Larry Ball, auctions Marietta's quilt, bringing \$500!



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Amycakes	Gilardi's Ristorante	Red Wing Shoe Store
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Argentina Steakhouse	Hoover Music Company	Richard and Ginger Dorman
Art Inspired	House of Flowers	Ron's Racing Collectibles
Avanzare Italian Dining	Hy-Vee	Salon Truth
Beth's Bake Shoppe	IMAX Starplex Theatres	Scrapbook Generation
Brimstone Knives, Paul Brown	IPA Educational Supply	Showboat Branson Belle
Campbell 16 Cinema	Jeffrey Sweet Photography	Silpada Silver Jewelry, Leslie Stevenson
Camping World of Strafford	Jimm's Steakhouse	Silver Dollar City
Candy House	John Ricklefs	Smart Buy Tire
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David L. Van Giesen	Love, Nana - Ellen Magers	The Tower Club
Diana Estes	Lowe's Home Improvement	The Tower Club, Chef Vic Pace
Dillon's #107	Maschino's	The Traveling Chef
Dixie Stampede	Marietta Gann	TwentyOne Cakes
Doggie Spa of America	McKinney Bedding Company	Twilight Grille
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Carter, Emma - In memory of Maryann D'Alessandro

Macedonia Baptist Galileans Sunday School Class - In memory of Opal Hendrix

Macedonia Baptist Senior Adult PEP Council - In memory of Marion Bartch; In memory of Maxine Bossing

We love volunteers! Would you like to schedule a work day?

Second Half, the senior adult group from Second Baptist Church, Springfield, spent a morning cleaning the house and barn at The Branches. Windows were washed, woodwork and blinds were cleaned, and furniture was dusted. They also brought a mountain of paper products with them. We were blessed by their working hands and loving hearts!



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Saturday evening, May 2, 2015



Southwest Special Care Homes

Sixth Annual Fundraising Dinner and Auction

To benefit The Branches at Brookline

Saturday evening, May 2, 2015

Bass Pro's White River Conference Center

Planning is underway for Frame by Frame 2015. This is our largest fundraising event of the year and we hope you'll be involved! More information will be in our Spring 2015 newsletter.

Invitations will arrive in your mailbox in March, 2015.