

## **Benevolence Stories**

Mrs. “Y” is a life-long United Methodist lay woman who has been a resident in two of the retirement communities for about 7 years. She was a nurse and homemaker by profession and spent her life caring for other people. Late in life she became partially disabled due to illness and required assistance from others. Her husband was not able to care for her in the home. She entered our retirement community as an independent living resident, but her illness has progressed to the point that she requires assisted living. Her minimal assets have long since been exhausted, and her care is covered by the benevolent funds of The United Methodist Retirement Homes. She is well cared for and very happy in her home in the retirement community. She is greatly loved by staff and other residents, and expresses her caring sensitivity in many ways to those with whom she lives. Your gifts to The United Methodist Retirement Homes enable us to care for Mrs. “Y”.

Rev. “J” is a retired United Methodist Pastor who served for nearly forty years in the North Carolina Annual Conference. While serving his churches he courageously battled multiple sclerosis. He is now unable to walk and requires assistance with many of the basic activities of daily living. He has been a resident at one of our United Methodist Retirement communities for more than five years. He benefits from the loving care and the Christian companionship he enjoys in his new home. His wife and family can visit him regularly. He would rather be at home with his wife, but she is unable to care for him. All of his accumulated assets have been expended in providing care for him. On your behalf we provide loving care for Rev. “J” every day. His presence adds to the quality of life of the retirement community. Your contributions to the Benevolent Care Fund enable us to care for him.

Rev. "A" is a retired United Methodist Pastor who served for more than forty years in the North Carolina Annual Conference. He was beloved by all of the congregations he served. He has been retired for more than a decade. Most of his service years were prior to the new pension plan. He has limited assets. He and his wife were able to purchase a modest home upon his retirement, but the home is not paid for. Now he has been stricken with a disease that requires that he receive care for some activities of daily living in an Assisted Living environment. There are no federal funds such as Medicaid to assist with this level of care in our state. His modest retirement income and social security benefits do not cover the cost of his care. We cover the additional cost of his care through funds contributed for benevolent care. Rev. "A" is cared for because of the generosity of your gifts.

Mrs. "H" served her local church and the North Carolina Annual Conference as a lay employee for most of her adult life. She has been retired for more than fifteen years and her very modest assets and pension income are not enough to qualify her for admission into one of our retirement communities. Her Pastor has contacted The United Methodist Retirement Homes concerning admission for this dedicated and beloved lay woman. Through the Mother's Day offering, we can extend the hope of an abundant life to Mrs. "H" and others like her. Please support the Benevolent Care Fund of The United Methodist Retirement Homes through this offering.

Mrs. "M" is the widow of a devoted Pastor of the North Carolina Annual Conference. She has been a resident of one of our retirement communities for nearly ten years. Her modest pension and social security benefits are not sufficient to cover all of the costs of her care. The benevolence funds supplement her funds so that she can be a full participating member of her retirement community. She loves her home. She loves the staff and other residents. She sings in the choir at her retirement community. She expresses much love and kindness to all the people she encounters just as she did as a Pastor's wife. Your support of The United Methodist Retirement Homes Benevolent Care Fund enables Mrs. "M" to have an abundant life.