

THE GIFT OF A HELPING HAND

From Jesus, we learn to love God and to take care of each other. Through Christian Care Communities, we offer residents like Margaret the gift of a helping hand.

Margaret knows this well. That's why she makes such an effort to extend her own hand to each new member of her Christian Care family. She wants to pass your gift on.

"It's all about love," she explains. "The number one thing is to help others. I'm only here because people have done the same for me!"

Margaret, now 74, has never known life without a wheelchair. She was a baby when polio struck and left her paralyzed from the hips down. Her surviving relatives cared for her until the last of them passed away.

She feared she had no place to turn. But thanks to compassionate Christian Churches like yours, Christian Care Communities was here to offer Margaret a new home, a new sense of loving family – and a new beginning.

When Margaret first arrived at Chapel House on our Louisville Campus, she had her own apartment, though she often chose to share meals with others in the common dining room. She delighted in the many activities – from bingo to art classes to discussion groups to quilting bees. And when there were community-led excursions, she was always first in line.

As years passed, Margaret's physical and medical needs changed. Again, thanks to gifts from Christian Churches like yours, our assisted living staff could step in to help with bathing, dressing, housekeeping, medication reminders and other services.

Today, Margaret lives in one of our full-service nursing facilities. And while I know the words "nursing home" can conjure bleak images, she would assure you that thanks to your loving support, her surroundings and her life aren't bleak at all!

And as she has been through every season with Christian Care Communities, Margaret is still a one-woman welcoming committee – wheeling herself over to greet new residents, answer questions, and invite them to join her at a meal.

Through Christian Care Communities, we provide Margaret, and others like her, the "gift of a helping hand".