## Why I Love Woodcrest Villa

## (Especially in a Pandemic)

Woodcrest Villa became my home about eight years ago. From the outset of my life here, I was telling everyone that choosing Woodcrest for my retirement years was one of the best decisions I had ever made about where to live. I loved my new neighbors, the convenient location, the food, the kind and friendly staff, the opportunities for volunteering, the safety, the entertainment offerings, and the ability to put lawn care, snow removal, trash pickup, and many other daily home management responsibilities behind me. I also knew that when the time came for me to require personal or skilled nursing care, it would be immediately available to me at the Mennonite Home.

**In March of 2020 we were all hit with the news of a terrible Pandemic.** A virus about which few, if any, knew what caused it, how it spread, how to avoid it, or how to treat its resulting illness COVID-19. The only thing that nearly everyone agreed on was that it was particularly ravaging to the elderly and people with certain pre-existing health conditions. Clearly that meant that the staff at Woodcrest had their work cut out for them. The Woodcrest reputation to care deeply for its residents was at stake. With an amazing amount of hard work, creativity, flexibility and good humor the staff has taken care of the residents here in a way that is unmatched anywhere.

- Direct delivery of delicious meals daily (often including surprise gifts!)
- Face masks delivered to you, just for the asking
- Packages and mail delivered directly to your door
- Twice weekly trash pick-up at your door
- Closed circuit exercise and yoga classes
- Closed circuit Sunday worship services and twice weekly Bible study
- Closed circuit information and entertainment programs
- Medications delivered directly to you from the pharmacy as needed
- Help with ordering groceries and getting necessary supplies without leaving home

My deepest gratitude to the staff and the administration for all they have done to care for us during this time of uncertainty, fear, and sadness.

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