

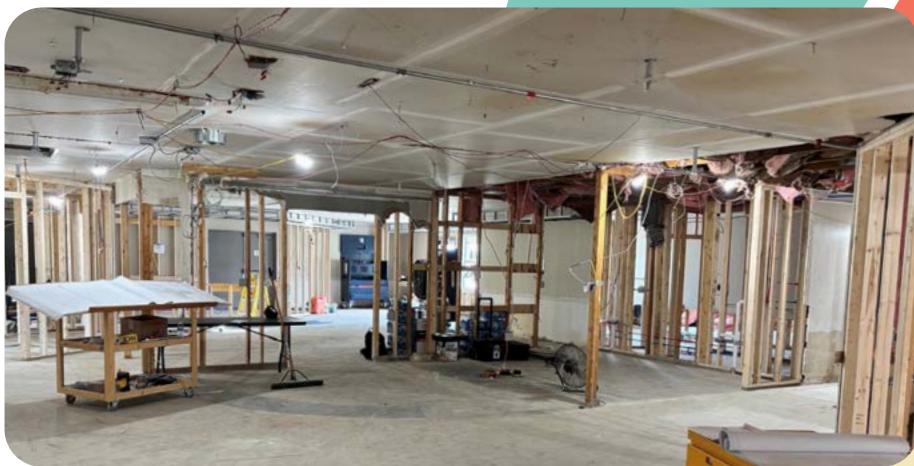


MEMORY CARE COMMUNITY CONSTRUCTION BEGINS AT NAPOLEON CAMPUS

The excitement is building at Genacross Lutheran Services and its Napoleon Campus, where construction of the organization's first memory care residences began in early May 2026. This addition to the Napoleon Campus' service line will provide a secure, supportive assisted living environment designed specifically for individuals living with Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia.

"This project represents a thoughtful investment in both our campus and the broader Napoleon community," explained Rick Marshall, Genacross President/CEO. "By remodeling an existing wing of our Health Center, we can expand services in a way that is both efficient and responsive, bringing new life to existing space while addressing a critical gap in care within the broader community."

The new memory care community on the Napoleon Campus will include 20 residences radiating a warm, homelike atmosphere. Each resident room will feature a large picture window, a generous full bathroom and its own inside front porch area. A memory box will be displayed outside of each room that serves the dual purpose of resident identification as well as reminding residents of loved ones and significant interests in their life.



Top: Construction framing for the new assisted living memory care community is ongoing at the Napoleon Campus. The area shown here will become gathering space in the foreground with the dining room and country kitchen in the background.

Bottom (left to right): These conceptualized photos show the welcoming look of the separate front entrance and the country kitchen that will make mealtimes an inviting part of the day for memory care residents.

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OUR MISSION

Inspired by the Christian faith, we embrace individuals and families with compassionate care and services throughout life's journey.

OUR VISION

Through our faith and work, we strive to be a forward-thinking, compassionate organization that improves the lives of current and future generations.

OUR VALUES

Faithfulness to Christ
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A note from Rick Marshall

President and CEO



Advocating for the Vulnerable

At Genacross Lutheran Services, our mission extends beyond the walls of our communities and programs. Every day, we are called to serve older adults, youth, and families with compassion, dignity, and excellence. That calling also compels us to be a voice for those whose needs are too often overlooked.

Scripture reminds us in Proverbs 31:8-9 to “speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves”

and to defend the rights of those in need. Those verses capture the heart of why advocacy is an important part of our ministry.

Through our partnerships with Lutheran Services in America and LeadingAge Ohio, we work alongside others who share our commitment to ensuring that vulnerable individuals continue to receive the care and support they deserve. Many of the older adults, youth, and families we serve rely on Medicaid-funded services, making these programs an essential lifeline for some of our most vulnerable neighbors. Proposed changes or reductions to these programs can have a profound impact on their lives.

For that reason, Genacross actively engages in thoughtful advocacy. We meet with elected officials, participate in discussions about public policy, and work with media outlets to help raise awareness of the challenges of those we serve. We believe it is our responsibility to share what we see every day — the real stories of real people whose quality of life depends on strong community support and responsible public policy.

We have great respect for our democratic process and for those who have been elected to serve. While reasonable people may differ on the best solutions to complex issues, we believe meaningful conversations are strengthened when they include the voices of those who are closest to the needs of the community.

At its heart, advocacy is simply another expression of compassion. Just as we provide excellent care, safe housing, and supportive services, we also seek to ensure that those who depend on these services are heard. We advocate because we know the individuals behind the statistics. We see their resilience, their hopes, and their dignity every day.

Thank you for your continued support of Genacross Lutheran Services. Together, we are not only providing exceptional care, we are helping build communities where every person is valued, supported, and given the opportunity to flourish.

Blessings,

Genacross Appoints New Human Resources Leader

Genacross Lutheran Services announces the appointment of Colleen Sullivan as its Human Resources Operations Manager. Ms. Sullivan oversees the human resources (HR) function of the organization, including benefit enrollment and support and maintenance of HR systems, reports, and processes.

“My goal is to help create an employee experience where people feel supported, valued, and set up for success,” Ms. Sullivan stated. “By building strong partnerships, creating efficient processes, and providing the tools our employees need, we can help them focus on providing the best possible care.”

Ms. Sullivan brings an extensive HR background to Genacross. Her 30 years of experience includes the majority of it spent working in nonprofit health care and social service organizations.

“We are very excited to add Colleen to our team,” stated Lorinda Schalk, Genacross Senior Vice President of Finance & Operations. “She has a wealth of relevant



Human Resources experience, and her professionalism and excellent communication will prove invaluable to the organization.”

Ms. Sullivan, who resides in Sylvania with her son, earned a bachelor’s degree in English with a minor in business from the University of Toledo. She is a member of the Northwest

Ohio Human Resource Association (NOHRA) and the Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM), where she holds the Senior Certified Professional (SHRM-SCP) credential signifying the ability to create policy, direct strategy, and drive organizational culture.

Napoleon Campus Construction

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Residents will enter the memory care community through a separate entrance that looks like a traditional home’s front door. In addition, the memory care area will have several large open areas for activities and gatherings. There will be a dining area and an inviting country kitchen for food preparation and serving. The community will also include a large fenced-in courtyard for the residents to enjoy being outside in fair weather.

The new memory care community will provide specialized programming tailored to the residents’ unique needs. Individuals living with memory loss require more than traditional care; they benefit from structured routines, purposeful activities, and a setting that is both secure and comforting.

“I am excited for Napoleon, which does not have memory care services like this locally,” said Katie Miller, Senior

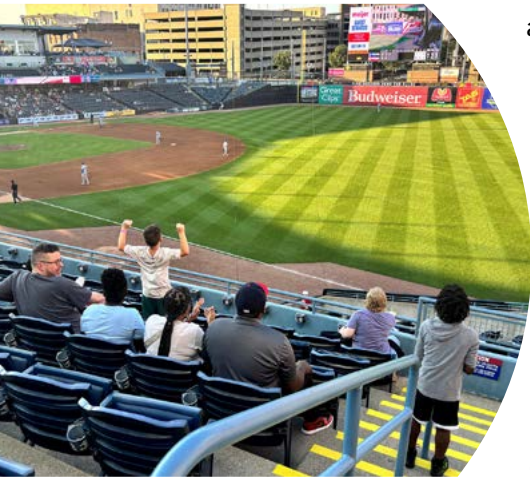


This sketch of the proposed courtyard shows the outdoor area that memory care residents will have access to when the weather is favorable.

Executive Director of the Napoleon Campus. “Having memory care available here will allow loved ones to stay closer to home and more connected to their families.”

The general contractor for the project is Ridge Stone Builders & Developers Ltd. in Perrysburg, Ohio. The architectural design firm is SFCS Architects based in Roanoke, Virginia, which specializes in senior living design. Construction is on schedule and the assisted living memory care community is expected to open in early 2027.

Youth in Care Benefit from Outings



Youth and their Genacross caregivers cheer as a player hit a home run at a Toledo Mud Hens baseball game.



Part of the treatment and care provided to youth by Genacross Family & Youth Services team members is to create a sense of normalcy in young lives that have too often been marked by chaos and uncertainty. One way this is done is by offering a wide variety of activities and outings that bring joy and create positive memories.

This summer, youth living in the seven Genacross residential settings have had the opportunity to go to Cedar Point amusement park, the Toledo Zoo, the Toledo Mud Hens, Fossil Park in Sylvania, Rolling Hills Water Park in Ypsilanti, the movie theater, and multiple parades and festivals.

They also hiked at Maumee Bay State Park and along the interactive trail at Glass City Metropark, participated in a rodeo day demonstration at Copper Mare Ranch in Tiffin, had a fishing day courtesy of Toys for Tots, and went on a donor-sponsored Adventus Climbing adventure. These are just a sample of the many outings scheduled to interest the youth in care.



“Not every child gets to go on every outing, but there have been many choices this summer because of the hard work and initiative of staff members and therapists,” said Katie Zawisza, Genacross Family & Youth Services Executive Director. Children may not get to go if there are individual safety concerns or flight risk, but those who do not participate in outings stay back with staff and do on-site activities planned for them.

“Most of these youth have never done community activities and events like this in their lives,” Mrs. Zawisza said. “These are positive childhood experiences that help to support normalcy and develop a sense of community for them. The kids were fully engaged, intrigued, and excited to learn about and immerse themselves in each opportunity.”

Wolf Creek Campus to Host Second Annual Car Show

Engines will shine, memories will roll, and the community will gather for an evening packed with classic cars, family fun, and timeless music at the second annual Community Car Show held at the Genacross Lutheran Services-Wolf Creek Campus from 5-7 p.m. on Tuesday, September 15, 2026.

The family-friendly car show features free spectator admission, food trucks, a bounce house, games, and great oldies classics being spun by Cruisin' Zeake. A 50/50 raffle will be held to benefit the resident activity fund. Car drivers will receive a dash plaque and be eligible for prize drawings. Two “Best in Show” awards will be given, one picked by the Wolf Creek Campus residents and the other by community members.

“The car show gives us an opportunity to share memories and create bonds with our residents and the community at large,” said Vicki Ropp, Activity Director for the Wolf Creek Campus. “We all have stories and experiences with



At the 2025 car show, there were more than 75 cars from different eras on display, and the Wolf Creek Campus expects a larger crowd at this year's show.

cars and music in our pasts, and we want to give people an opportunity to come together and enjoy themselves.”

Parking for the event is free and will be located on the campus. If it rains on Tuesday, the car show will be held the following day on Wednesday, September 16, 2026.



Numerous Genacross STARS award winners attended the LeadingAge Ohio Northwest Region luncheon with other Genacross leadership and team members.

LeadingAge Ohio Recognizes Genacross STARS

Each year, LeadingAge Ohio sponsors the STARS Awards to recognize deserving frontline employees whose positive actions and attitudes shine brightly in their daily interactions with residents, patients, and clients. In 2026, 17 employees from across Genacross ministries were recognized by LeadingAge Ohio.

Genacross employees honored were: **Symphonee Cannon**, Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) at the Wolf Creek Campus; **Robin Crosser**, Housekeeper at the Wolf Creek Campus; **Nina Dabrunz**, Senior Level Manager with Home & Community Based Services; **Tira Fleming**, Team Leader with Family & Youth Services; **Rushie Grice**, Child Care Worker with Family & Youth Services; **Cindy Hill**, Activities Assistant at the Wolf Creek Campus; **Jennifer Lee**, Assisted Living Activities Assistant at the Napoleon Campus; and **Isaac Mendez-Gibson**, State-Tested Nursing Assistant (STNA) at the Wolf Creek Campus.

Additional honorees included: **Susan Moore**, STNA at the Napoleon Campus; **Julie Niemeyer**, Medical Records Clerk at the Napoleon Campus; **Monica Ruffin**, CPST Service Provider with Family & Youth Services; **Alyssa Scott**, LPN

at the Wolf Creek Campus; **Chris Stokes**, Maintenance Tech with Home & Community Based Services; **Madison Stout**, STNA at the Wolf Creek Campus; **Haden Sullivan**, Team Leader with Family & Youth Services; **Qualita Taylor**, Team Leader with Family & Youth Services; and **Molly Teague**, Service Coordinator with Home & Community Based Services.

This year, the LeadingAge Ohio Northwest Region STARS Awards Luncheon was held on May 13 at Tiffin University in Tiffin, Ohio. Several Genacross award winners were able to attend the recognition event, joining winners from other nonprofit organizations across northwest Ohio.

“From nurses and nurse aides to child care workers and activities staff, these individuals represent the heart of mission-driven services across Ohio,” said Lorinda Schalk, Genacross Senior Vice President of Finance & Operations. “Our STARS winners are shining examples of employees who are dedicated to making the lives of our residents and patients better each and every day.”

STARS Award winners are nominated by co-workers, residents, or their supervisors. Each winner received an award certificate from LeadingAge Ohio at the luncheon and were paid for their time to attend the luncheon.

Fifth Annual Day of Giving Draws Near

For more than 165 years, Genacross Lutheran Services has created places of hope, healing, and belonging for older adults, youth, and families in need. On Wednesday, September 2, 2026, the Genacross Lutheran Services Foundation invites you to join the Fifth Annual Day of Giving, a special opportunity to support the goal of "Creating Home Across Generations."

Home is more than a building. It is a place where people are valued, supported, and cared for throughout life's journey. Through the generosity of donors, nearly 2,000 individuals and families each year experience the compassion, dignity, and Christian care that define Genacross Lutheran Services.

This year's fundraising goal for Day of Giving is \$35,000. To help the Foundation reach this goal, several matching gifts from Plante Moran, Hylant Insurance, Stapleton Insurance Group, and United Medical Supply Company will match donations dollar-for-dollar up to \$11,000, doubling the donors' impact.

"Your support helps provide compassionate care regardless of a person's ability to pay; strengthens services that allow older adults to remain independent; and ensures youth in our group homes have safe, nurturing places to heal and thrive," said Mike George, Foundation Executive Director. "Together, we can continue a 165-year legacy of faithfulness and service while creating homes filled with hope, dignity, and belonging for generations to come."

To support the Genacross Day of Giving, individuals can scan the QR code to the right or go to genacrossdayofgiving.org on or before September 2. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. George at 419.861.4964 or MiGeorge@Genacross.org.



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KETTLE RUN HOSTS MONTHLY SENIOR FARMERS MARKET



Farmer Heather Smith, owner of Smith Acres Produce, displays some of the fresh produce she brought to Kettle Run in July.

Once a month this summer, a local farmer comes to Kettle Run senior community in Bucyrus to sell fresh produce to the residents. Convenient access to fresh fruit and vegetables came about through the proactive action of Kettle Run Service Coordinator Molly Teague, who saw a need and filled it.

It started back in May, when Kettle Run residents were given the opportunity, like many older Ohioans, to apply for the 2026 Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program operated by the Ohio Department of Aging. The program gives older adults access to locally grown fruits, vegetables, fresh-cut herbs, and raw honey through a pre-loaded benefit card.

Some Kettle Run residents were unable to drive or acquire transportation to use their benefit cards at local farm stands, so Mrs. Teague arranged for Heather Smith, a local farmer who accepts the Senior Farmers Market card, to come once a month to Kettle Run. Ms. Smith, who owns Smith Acres Produce in Galion, Ohio, sets up the produce in the community room and residents can then shop.

This summer, residents have been able to purchase such fresh items as cabbage, leaf lettuce, asparagus, beans, onions, summer squash, tomatoes, peppers, sweet corn, several types of berries, and peaches. The produce variety changes as the growing season progresses.

"The monthly event is also open to the public and brings people to our senior community," Mrs. Teague said. "Most importantly, this is providing our residents with on-site access to fresh produce that helps keep them healthy and stretches their money further."



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