

Cordell Christian Home's Resident's Digest

The founders of Cordell Christian Home knew their purpose for building the home long before construction plans began. Providing and maintaining the highest level of care and service to its residents was the goal of CCH and eventually it also became its interminable mission. The home was established to make a difference in the life of every individual it served, regardless of religious preference, race, or background. The *Cordell Church of Christ* saw the Cordell Christian Home not as a business proposition, but God's calling to help those who couldn't help themselves.

When the home opened in 1962, board members committed to remain unbiased toward residents and maintain an environment within CCH that was centered on Christian beliefs. To accomplish this they offered daily chapel services as well as televised services for those who were ill or unable to move about. The board was compiled of *Cordell Church of Christ* members who could help the home make logical and faith-based decisions. Today we still offer great Christian-based activities such as weekly devotionals, Sunday worship services, Bible trivia, and weekly newsletters with encouraging prayers and bible verses. Our faith-based activities are some of the most attended and enjoyed by our residents here at the Cordell Christian Home. Fellowship between residents and staff is still going strong!

The elderly in Cordell and surrounding communities appreciated and were drawn to the Christian values and caring hearts that CCH was established around. When the public heard of the opening of the Cordell Christian Home, requests for rooms started coming in quickly. The first residents to make a home at CCH were Mr. and Mrs. G. W. (Nettie) Bryan from Sentinel, OK. Other residents who entered the home in February of 1962 were Maude Garrett, Mary Mitchell, Sally Price, Louise Odell, Ida Loftis, Ann L. Toliver, Juanita Fails, Emma Thatcher, Mattie Ribble, Elba Booke, Annie E. Bryan, Dora Lowber, W. M. Moore, Eva Moore, Aurthur Price, Marie Adams, Alda Hale, Beulah Young, W. T. Fails, S.A. Ribble, S.W. Parman, and Mable Little. Together with staff, these pioneering residents became the first generation of the Cordell Christian Home family. They lived together, praised together, and took care of each other just like any other devoted family.

In 1962 the Cordell Christian Home offered plenty of great personal amenities including tasty homemade meals, regular housekeeping with fresh linens and bedding as well as maintaining each resident's personal laundry. Additionally, there were daily chapel services, meaningful activities, a beauty and barber shop, a temporary infirmary for the ill, and a

qualified nurse and attendant on duty at all times. CCH was way ahead of its time, but it did have its limits when compared to today. In those days, a person had to be 65 or older for residency and was completely responsible for their own medical care and medicines!

The Cordell Christian Home no longer has the same drastic age restriction and now offers a world of new services in addition to those offered in 1962. Today's resident, age 18 and up, have care options that include: Skilled stay services; Respite care; Restorative programs; Physical, occupational, and speech therapy services; Transportation services; A registered nurse on duty 7 days-a-week; A Licensed Practical Nurse 24 hours-a-day; And, a luxurious whirlpool spa room.

A lot has changed at the Cordell Christian Home over the years and many things will change in the future. But, we will always live by our founder's beliefs and values. At CCH we always strive to help our residents whenever needed, give them the love of God, and show them the lasting goodness in a human's heart. Faith in God and life is what people need when they come to us at CCH and we strive to give them that and much more. We will never see ourselves as an ending to a person's story; Rather, the beginning of a new and life-honoring chapter.