



# Partners For Community Living

enhancing the quality of life for people served by  
Choices In Community Living and Resident Home Association

## Win UD autographed basketball

You can win this autographed basketball celebrating the 2019-2020 UD Flyers Mens basketball season. It includes autographs of all players and coaches and comes in a mirrored-back case. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased by sending a check to Partners at 1651 Needmore Road, Dayton, 45414 or online at <https://partnersohio.com/2020-ud-basketball>. The winning ticket will be drawn April 30. Contact Vel Hux at [vhux@cicloh.com](mailto:vhux@cicloh.com) for more information.



## About the Flyers and the basketball

... by Larry Hansgen

The 2019-2020 University of Dayton basketball season was an historic one. The team finished the year with a school record 29 wins and just two losses. Both of those losses, to Kansas and Colorado, came in overtime. For the first time in school history, the Flyers finished a perfect 18-0 in the Atlantic 10 and were outright league champions. Dayton also ended its season on a 20- game winning streak, tying a school record. They finished 3rd in the final Associated Press poll.

Coach Anthony Grant was the A-10 Coach of the Year and swept all of the national coach of the year awards. Obi Toppin was the A-10 Player of the Year and was joined on the first team all-conference squad by teammate Jalen Crutcher. Senior Trey Landers was named third team all-conference and, for the second year in a row, Ryan Mikesell was All-Academic Atlantic 10.

Obi won five of the six national player of the year awards, including the prestigious Naismith and Wooden Awards. He was a unanimous first team AP All-American, the first Flyer to ever be so honored.

The key to the team's records setting success was their cohesive brotherhood. The bond between the players and coaches was remarkable, and the sum of the whole was far greater than the individual parts.

*Editor's Note: No one speaks with more passion about the Flyers than Larry, the Voice of the Flyers. He brings that same passion to his service on Choices' Board and Partners Joint Development Committee. Thank you, Larry, for the gift of the Flyers autographed basketball.*

## Generators remain funding priority

As we face a second year of unexpected crisis, we remain dedicated to the safety and health of those we serve. The installation of whole home generators for Choices and Resident Home homes continues to be our top funding priority. Due to our Giving Tuesday effort, grants, major gifts and your donations, generators are now installed at three Resident Home homes. Two are now in process of being installed in Choices homes.

Thank you to those who have been a part of this effort. Please know that in the midst of the current crisis we are continuing our commitment to install generators in more homes. When you find yourself open to sharing once your family is taken care of, we would welcome your support in helping us be prepared when the next tornado or other emergency threatens the safety of those we serve. Stay well and thank you for your ongoing support!

## Creativity in time of crisis

A pandemic isn't stopping our dedicated staff from providing quality services, as illustrated in this story shared by Casey Marchal, who is a Program Services Administrator at Resident Home.

...We do a little talent show with residents and staff through our private group, the RHA Break Room. We've used it in the past for a way for staff to connect with different homes and share what they are doing, but with the shutdowns and stay at home orders, we've expanded it a bit.

I've helped many of our homes create their own Facebook pages so that the residents can share with their families and friends and stay in touch even though they can't physically visit. They're using it to catch some of their live streaming events that some of their favorite entertainers have been doing. We set up Zoom for a few of our homes so they can connect with APSI guardians. Our Venturing Crew (BSA) have been using it for their Monday meetings.

One of our residents, Susan Pratt, has really taken a shine to using this technology. She has a hearing loss and struggles to hear when talking on the phone. Using Facebook Messenger video calls, she's now able to talk to her sisters, family and friends. Seeing them on video, she can read their lips and facial expressions and they can sign to her. It's been a wonderful experience and something we'll likely keep doing when the world returns to its 'new normal.'

The Greenhill guys have started their own 'band' with the help of staff member Julius Williams and they've been sharing their talent through the Break Room. We're looking at doing some virtual Bingo soon. It's exciting to be thinking of other good times and ongoing benefits we'll come up with to make sure our residents continue to be safe and happy while they, like all of us who can, follow the rules to stay at home.

## Support our Art & Soul artists



Partners For Community Living and Toward Independence were saddened to cancel our **Art & Soul** opening reception and awards ceremonies. We were fortunate that our entries had been received and our judging completed prior to cancelling. The award-winning artists, each receiving a cash award supported by our sponsors, include:

**Hutcheson Homecare Pharmacy Best in Show** – The Dance by Scott Brooks

**Second Place** – Icy Drape by Melissa Talley

**Third Place** – Full of Hearts by Brett Garrett

**Fourth Place** – The Home is Full of Color by Cerdon Smith

**Fifth Place** – Party People Planter by Steve Gall

**Sixth Place** – Sound of the Cross by Carlton Canada

**Seventh Place** – Love by Tim Hughes (*Choices In Community Living*)

**Eighth Place** – Beauty and the Beast by Nancy Eggert

**Ninth Place** – Mammoth Cave Worm by David Werner

**Tenth Place** – Nightfall by Roy Collinsworth

**Directors Choice** –

Prayers for Australia by Amanda Brodess

**Coordinators Choice** –

Sneaky Fox by Kayla Secoy

**Receiving Judges Awards were:**

Show Me by Roy Collinsworth (*Shawna Hatton, judge*)

Winter by Brenda Martin (*Julie Riley, judge*)

Nesting by Erica McDaniel (*Kevin Krznar, judge*)

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*Editor's Note: All 45 pieces in our 2020 Exhibit are available for sale, with artists receiving 80% of the sale price. Art can be previewed and purchased by going to [www.artandsoulbio.com](http://www.artandsoulbio.com) and going to the Shopify page. Art will be available for pickup in June. For more information, contact Annie Shaver at [ashaver@rbadayton.com](mailto:ashaver@rbadayton.com).*



We thank our professional artists for judging our 13th annual Exhibit. Pictured are: (l-r) Kevin Krznar; Shawna Hatton; and Julie Riley.

## Thank you, Sponsors

We gave it our very best. We were all set to go. Just like so many around our community and around our world, along came COVID-19 and we had to cancel our plans for our 2020



Partners Fish 'N Chips fish fry. We were excited that Christy's Catering would have provided our great fish dinner and that we would have all our usual activities, like our raffle baskets, casino-style games, and new this year would have been a photo booth.

Keeping everyone safe and healthy became our number one priority. Although our event was cancelled this year, we are all looking forward to a healthier and happier 2021 where we can once again come together in community at the Huber Heights Athletic Foundation. We thank everyone who worked so hard on planning and who were ready to serve as volunteers. We especially thank those who joined us as sponsors this year: **Gallagher, Gold Sponsor; NRK-Hogan Insurance, Bronze Sponsor; and USI, Bronze Sponsor.**

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