

# What Our Residents Say



“Move as soon as possible while you are still able. It is easier to get acquainted and be active. We wanted to make the decision as to where we would be living so our children would not have to make it for us.”

– *Deane and Ruth (moved from Akron)*

“Consider having your final major move done before you have to leave the decision up to others. Give yourself the chances to have the pleasures of new friends, new activities and new experiences. The location is semi-rural, but a ‘hub of a wheel’ of towns/cities providing a great variety of professional events and opportunities within easy travel time. The cost is moderate in relation to other such facilities.”

– *Fred and Doris (moved from New York)*

“Don’t wait too long. Come while you’re in good health so you can enjoy all that Copeland has to offer. You can be as active as you’d like. Copeland is a beautiful place to live — close enough to larger towns.”

– *William and Lois (moved from Brunswick)*

“There is such a multitude of activities available to keep one feeling active and independent.”

– *Elroy and Beulah  
– (moved from Youngstown)*

“Move in now while young and healthy enough to enjoy all the activities available such as music groups, golf, swimming, concerts, plays, etc. Move while one can control your own life and live it the way you wish, rather than ‘having to do it.’ Copeland has a ‘feel’ of the country with the benefits of city living. It’s in close proximity to several large cities plus three major airports and AmTrak.”

– *Robert and Helen (moved from Lakeside)*

“At Copeland Oaks, people can feel independent and active as they want to be. The homes are lovely, there are many activities, and there is life-time care.”

– *Lois and Jim (moved from Massillon)*

“I was 63 years old when I moved to Copeland Oaks and can honestly say, it was the best decision I ever made.”

– *Mary (moved from Massillon)*



“We’re extremely thankful that we moved when we did, because there are many things we could do then that we can’t do now. A few years can make a big difference. As a friend used to say, ‘Don’t wait too long.’ We also loved the spacious beauty of the campus. We enjoy the semi-rural setting of the campus — away from the rush and crush of the big city, yet close enough to Alliance, Salem or Canton for hospital care if needed.”

– *Theodore and Bernarda*  
(moved from Lakeside)

“The best advice we can give is to move as early as possible. Before beginning our search, we decided we wanted a retirement community that was a non-profit organization, church-related, had ‘stand-alone’ villas, and life-care. We visited every retirement center in Ohio that we could find that met these requirements. It was priced right.”

– *Will and Ruth*  
(moved from Wadsworth)

“Do not wait until you are ill. Come when you can meet other residents and join in the activities. This is a total life-care community. Make your own decision about your future care and relieve your children of that responsibility.”

– *John and Jean*  
(moved from New Brighton)

“The more independent and active one is, the more he or she is going to enjoy because there is so much going on. The main things are the beautiful surroundings, good food, good people, a heated swimming pool with a hot tub, all on the shore of a beautiful lake. The campus is gorgeous and not too far from Canton or Youngstown.”

– *George and Mary Lou*  
(moved from Smithfield)

“Come while you’re able to become an active member of the community and to participate in the many activities and programs available here. You are free to enjoy as active a life-style as you choose. It’s competitive financially and is basically a Christian environment. With plenty of land, facilities are not crowded and are attractively kept up. It’s close to needed services.”

– *James and Lois* (moved from Akron)



“Move to Copeland Oaks to not be a burden to the family — consider this a gift to them. There are stimulating opportunities to grow in body and mind. There are many activities. One would never have to leave the campus. There is excellent health care. The area’s convenient to shopping, close to Mount Union College, quiet and peaceful, and has a Christian atmosphere.”

– *Margaret (moved from Florida)*

“Come while you are able to enjoy all the great things at Copeland. Come while you can make new friends and enjoy a loving family community. I like a more rural setting — no local traffic. Cultural events, concerts, plays, etc. are in nearby communities.”

– *Minnie Rhea (moved from Cincinnati)*

“You should come to Copeland Oaks while you are still able to enjoy the activities and relationships and while you can still handle the demands of moving. There are ‘great’ activities and opportunities to continue mental and spiritual growth. Everything is available in either Sebring or Alliance, which are within easy driving distance. It’s not congested.”

– *Kenneth and Marie  
(moved from Mississippi)*

“Making the move while you have all your mental and physical faculties enables you to have made more satisfactory choices. Also, the longer you are here, the more friends you will have made. We enjoy the small community environment of Sebring with close proximity to other larger shopping areas.”

– *Alice (moved from Canton)*

“Don’t think of coming to Copeland Oaks as a retirement into idleness (unless that’s what you want). Think of it as a setting for new opportunities. So many times after our move to Copeland, one of us would comment to the other, ‘we certainly came at the right time in our lives, didn’t we?’ We decided to move into a retirement setting while the decision would still be ours to make. We didn’t want to move because we had to. It is within proximity to larger community resources. This is the best of both worlds.”

– *Edward (moved from Hiram)*



“Move while you are physically able and can enjoy the active life offered here. It’s away from heavy city traffic, but close enough to cultural events.”

– *Edith (moved from Columbiana)*

“We had never heard of Alliance, let alone Sebring. We came and loved it. This place is great. Everything we need is right close by. Happy well-adjusted people come when they are *still* active.”

– *James and Marjorie (moved from Lakeside)*

“We approached our move to Copeland, not as a matter of ‘giving up’ a previous life pattern and style, but instead as looking forward to a new, exciting, and interesting way of living — and we have found it exactly that. By all means, come when you can enjoy all that is offered here. The location here in Northeast Ohio offers opportunity for participation in events and activities off campus.”

– *Donald and Doris (moved from Delaware)*

“We wanted to make our own decisions and not put the burden on our children to make decisions for us. We like Copeland’s proximity to college and cultural events.”

– *Mary Jane and Robert  
(moved from Canfield)*

“The only regret that anyone here has is ‘they waited too long to move here.’ You have the advantages of a rural setting with the convenience of an urban college town.”

– *Lee and Marjorie (moved from Ravenna)*

“Don’t wait. You’ll never regret moving here. It’s close to grocery stores and doctors’ offices.”

– *Ralph (moved from Kent)*

“My advice to anyone who says they are not ready to move to Copeland Oaks yet is ‘don’t wait.’ My children agree this was one of the best decisions I have made in recent years. Now, as their friends are getting emergency calls for parents who are ill or have fallen, they realize just how lucky they are. I am content knowing I am saving them the worry and trouble I had with my aging parents. We live in a lovely rural atmosphere and yet we have access to all the amenities the city offers, since we have several larger cities within easy driving distance.”

– *Shirley (moved from Canton)*



“Don’t wait! There are many activities and volunteer jobs to get involved in. The move should be made while you are independent enough to do it on your own. It is better to make the decision yourself than to have someone make it for you. My husband and I liked the idea of independent living in a villa, with the knowledge that if our health deteriorated, we could move to an apartment, assisted living, or Crandall. It also helped to know if our finances ran out, we would not be evicted, but could remain in our living quarters. The location is quiet and country-like, but the convenience of grocery stores and shopping areas is only 10 minutes away.”

– *Paulette (moved from Lisbon)*

“Make the decision and move now when you can still enjoy all the activities at Copeland. Moving will not get any easier as years go by. At Copeland, you can be independent/active, with the added factor of feeling ‘safe’ in regard to what the future holds — health, etc. We’ve relieved our family of worry. While we like the rural setting, it’s close to cities.”

– *Margaret and Seward  
(moved from Alliance)*

“It’s a caring Christian community. We like the Villa concept with full basement and attached garage.”

– *Ricky and Marian (moved from Uniontown)*

“Unfortunately, we have had friends who waited so long to make a move to a retirement community that they were no longer able to make the decision and move on their own. Instead, their children or other relatives had to make the decision *for* them and then make the move *for* them. We chose Copeland Oaks because of its beautiful campus in a rural setting. Yet it is still near enough to larger cities to take advantage of shopping, cultural and educational activities, and sporting events. *We* made the decision as to where we will spend our remaining years. We especially like being near Mount Union College in nearby Alliance. We did not want our children to be worrying about us.”

– *Frederick and Mary (moved from Virginia)*

“We feel it is one of the best gifts we could have given our children — and they agree. They know we are secure and happy and will always be cared for. There are so many rewarding and fun things to do at Copeland Oaks, especially for those who are still independent and active. The surrounding countryside is beautiful year round, and so is our campus.”

– *David and Marjorie  
(moved from Brecksville)*



“Move to Copeland Oaks while you are still able to take advantage of the many activities. This is a good time to meet people and make friends. All my doctors and a good hospital are close by.”

– *Betty (moved from Kent)*

“Never wait until you are ready. Move when able to participate as a resident. The future comes before we are ready. Being at Copeland Oaks lends to freedom and independence without the worry of making many vital decisions. You are already established. The principals and integrity of this community. The life-care security. The less stress for us and decisions for our children at critical times. The small town atmosphere and beautiful campus.”

– *Glen and Polly (moved from Alliance)*

“Our doctor questioned why we wanted to move to a retirement community when we were in good health. Our feeling was that it was good to adjust while we were healthy and able to enjoy. Come while you’re independent and active. Gives you time to adjust, become acquainted, and make new friends. It’s a quiet, friendly, pleasant setting.”

– *Everette and Louise (moved from Lakeside)*

“We would encourage people to move while they are still healthy enough to be an active part of the community. We like the small town/rural atmosphere of the area. Also, there are many cultural activities available in the general area.”

– *Roy and Dorothy (moved from Mansfield)*



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