



Redefining Home

May 20, 2017

Dear Wesley Place on Honeysuckle Family and Friends:

I want to say a special thank you to those of you who were able to come out to our Ribbon-Cutting and Dedication Celebration last month. Our guests and speakers had such great attitudes as we began our celebration outside, but quickly had to move everything inside due to a turn in the weather. Thank you for making that day very special.

I hope you will indulge me just a moment and allow me to retell a story I imparted during my remarks at the ribbon-cutting event that exemplifies why we spend our blood, sweat, and tears to make the transition from 'institution' to 'home'. My cell phone rang recently one evening, and it was Denzil Partin, our campus engineering mentor. He and I talk fairly often – as we have throughout the construction process – so this was nothing unusual. But this was a different Denzil on the other end of the line. It was a Denzil who had just experienced his own watershed moment in our journey of change. He proceeded to tell me a story of two residents who he was able to observe on the very first day of operation in one of the new households. Instead of our old institutional trappings and furniture, the residents were seated at the beautiful new dining tables set as you and I would have them at home. And instead of receiving a tray that had been transported from the central kitchen, they were served from the household kitchen – just as we do at home. And a surprising thing happened. Two of the residents – who for several years had to be fed by associates at each and every meal time – began to eat by themselves. No assistance required. And Denzil said to me, "I get it. I understand why we did this."

One part of our journey in Dothan has ended, but the continual journey of making life better for our residents each and every day has just begun. Thank you for your prayers, your patience, and your unwavering support as we turned this dream into reality.

May Spotlight...An Historic Day





Thank you for your continued support of Wesley Place on Honeysuckle.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "C. Tomlin".

Christopher W. Tomlin
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