

Community Spotlight

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Photos special to The Gazette

Wexford House resident Glenda McFalls and Southlake Christian Academy first-grader Aleissia Clark pose for a photo. Southlake Christian Academy first-graders have been visiting the senior living community once a month to play games, hand out prizes and sing songs with seniors for the past 13 years.

BRIDGING THE GENERATION GAP

First-graders and Wexford House seniors connect once a month

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Several area school groups have formed intergenerational partnerships with seniors at Wexford House in Denver.

Southlake Christian Academy first-graders have been visiting Wexford House once a month to play games, hand out prizes and sing songs with seniors for the past 13 years.

"Each visit is a blessing to our students and the teachers," Southlake Christian Academy first-grade teacher Elizabeth Bach said. "Our goal is to foster a servant's heart in our students and to share the love of Jesus with the residents at the Wexford House."

Seeds of Promise, a parent cooperative homeschool and family support group that includes 80 youth from birth through 12th grade, has recently begun visiting Wexford House. On a recent visit, the youth spent time with the residents playing bingo and decorating the activity room for fall.

"Despite the wide age difference between our students and Wexford House residents, both have a need for companionship," said Rebecca Clint with Seeds of Promise.

"We were touched by how welcoming, kind, friendly and happy the residents at Wexford House are. Our children learned about the importance of serving others and how simply spending time with someone and playing games with them is a way to show you care."

"A child's smile brings happiness to our seniors and reminds them of their youth and of raising children themselves," Wexford House Activities Director Leslie Spinner said.

For more information about Wexford House, please contact Administrator Pam Morrell at 704-489-2633, or find Wexford House on Facebook.



Student Matthew Francis with Wexford House resident Sammie Atwell.



Pictured are Wexford House residents Betty Bryant, Wanda Wells and Williene Killian with Seeds of Promise youths Carline Ervin, Erika Wishnefsky, Allison Green, Avery Wishnefsky and Hannah Marsh.