

McGregor

McGregor Time Capsule
Memory Book
July 1, 2026

Preserving McGregor's Legacy for the Future



McGregor in 2026: A Time Capsule for Future Generations

A Living Record of McGregor's History ~ Preserving the Spirit and Legacy of McGregor

The McGregor Time Capsule celebration was held on July 1, 2026, in observance of the 250th anniversary of the United States and of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, founding ideals that have shaped the American story since 1776. This commemorative book, together with the contents entrusted to the time capsule, have been prepared to serve as a historical record of McGregor as it stood in the year 2026.

Within these pages and preserved artifacts are the memories, reflections, photographs, and contributions of McGregor residents, staff, and families. Together, they document the people, experiences, values, and daily life of this moment in McGregor's history. It is our hope that, when this capsule is opened 100 years from now, future generations will receive these materials as a meaningful record of our time and as a window into the life, spirit, and legacy of McGregor in 2026. Celebrating the semi quincentennial of our country!

A Letter to the Future

To those who will one day inherit this community,

From our home in Cleveland, Ohio, we send forward this message of hope and purpose. At McGregor we have dedicated ourselves to honoring older adults with the dignity, compassion, and independence they deserve. In these years, our work has been more than services and support; it has been a promise to our neighbors, our families, and our shared future.

We write to you from a time when the aging journey is changing, shaped by longer lives, evolving needs, and the power of community connection. Here in Cleveland, we embraced that change by building a place where care is coordinated, relationships are cherished, and each person is known for their story—not their limitations.

If this letter finds you decades from now, may it remind you that caring for older adults has always been a reflection of who we are and what we value. Our commitment was rooted in respect, equity, and the belief that elders strengthen the fabric of our community.

May you continue this legacy with creativity, empathy, and unwavering dedication.

With hope for the future,

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“Your journey is personal. We help you get there.”



Gratitude & Legacy



**Tootie McGregor Terry October 22, 1843 -
August 17, 1912, laid to rest at Lake View Cemetery**

This capsule is being buried in July 2026, as McGregor proudly prepares to celebrate its 150th anniversary in 2027. For nearly a century and a half, McGregor has remained deeply committed to its mission—supporting individual choice by providing options, guidance, and compassionate support throughout life’s journey.

Across generations, McGregor has grown and evolved in remarkable ways, honoring the original vision of its founders, Ambrose and Tootie McGregor, while expanding its reach and impact. Today, McGregor serves more people, across a wider region, and through a broader range of services—welcoming older adults of varying income levels and helping them live their best lives in retirement, “wherever you call home.”

In 2026, McGregor celebrates a strong and growing continuum of care for older adults across Northeast Ohio, including assisted and independent living, nursing care, rehabilitation, respite care, senior housing, and McGregor PACE—the Program of All-inclusive Care for the Elderly. McGregor PACE has grown to serve Cuyahoga, Lorain, and Summit Counties, supporting nearly 900 participants and representing the fastest-growing part of our organization, with anticipated expansion of other PACE programs throughout the State of Ohio.

As McGregor looks ahead, we celebrate a future filled with continued growth, expanded services, innovation, and excellence in care—carrying our mission forward with pride, purpose, and gratitude for generations to come. With heartfelt gratitude, we honor the residents, participants, families, team members, volunteers, donors, partners, and community members who have shaped McGregor’s legacy and continue to inspire its future.

Our Community Story

A Legacy Rooted in Community



McGregor's legacy began in 1877, when renowned Cleveland industrialist and philanthropist Amasa Stone and his wife, Julia, established and endowed one of the city's first private organizations devoted to caring for older adults. Originally known as the Home for Aged Women, the residence was located at what is now East 46th Street and Cedar Avenue and later became known as the Amasa Stone House.

Over time, the Amasa Stone House and McGregor came together through a shared mission to serve older adults with dignity, compassion, and excellence. Building on this common legacy, the organizations consolidated services into one community known as The Gardens of McGregor. Completed in 2004, The Gardens created new efficiencies while strengthening the quality of care, services, and daily life available to residents.

In 2019, McGregor further expanded its continuum of care with the opening of a new three-story, 90-unit Assisted Living residence on its 45-acre campus. Surrounded by beautifully landscaped grounds, the residence offers a mix of affordable and market-rate apartments, reflecting McGregor's longstanding commitment to exceptional care, meaningful connection, and a vibrant lifestyle for older adults.

McGregor Campus Expansion Strengthens Commitment to Older Adults and Families

Independent Living II



McGregor continued to grow in 2020, receiving a grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to construct 54 new subsidized senior housing units and renovate 26 existing apartments in Independent Living I.

Independent Living I



Assisted Living



The Program of All-inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) builds on the ability to Live At Home

McGregor PACE Forest Hill



That same year, McGregor opened PACE at Forest Hill, a new location for the Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE).

Through comprehensive healthcare, therapy, social engagement, and supportive services, McGregor PACE helps older adults remain safely and independently in their homes while offering reassurance and support to families and caregivers across three Ohio counties: Cuyahoga, Summit and Lorain.

Working with our State Legislators, McGregor generated support for expansion of the PACE program into Summit County.



McGregor PACE at
Ohio Living Rockynol



June 2024, the PACE Association of Ohio (PAO) was launched, which included members of McGregor PACE in Cuyahoga, Summit, and Lorain Counties as well as other providers throughout the State of Ohio.

McGregor PACE in Elyria



“Volunteers do not just give their time—they share their heart, their kindness, and their belief in something greater.”



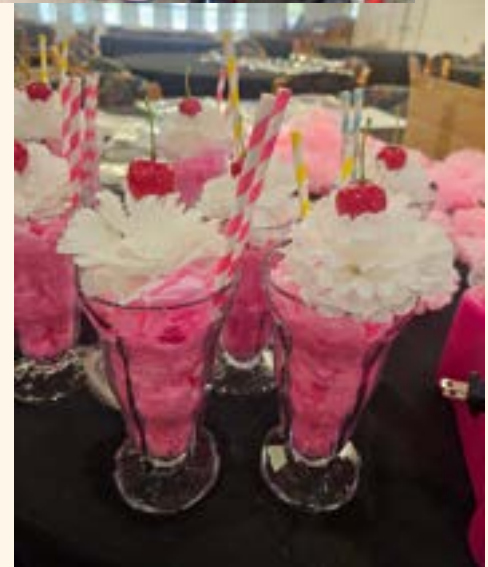
Volunteers are an essential part of McGregor's caregiving team and life enrichment programs. We welcome both individuals and groups to serve across our campus, helping to create meaningful experiences for residents and participants.

More than 200 volunteers representing over 50 organizations contribute to McGregor's volunteer program. These partners include nonprofit organizations, fraternities and sororities, community groups, schools, churches, banks, construction companies and other corporate organizations.



Throughout the year, volunteers support a variety of cherished traditions and special events, including Planting Partners, Carnival, Musician Mondays, the annual Christmas Party, Mother's and Father's Day celebrations and Juneteenth festivities. Their dedication, compassion and service enrich the lives of those we serve and strengthen our community.

Behind every meaningful mission are generous hearts willing to serve.



2026 McGregor Leadership



2026 ELEVATE Cohort



2025 Leadership Academy Cohort

**The 2026 Leadership Academy photo was unavailable at the time of printing.*



2025 ELEVATE Cohort

2026 McGregor Executive Leadership

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McGregor Veterans: Stories of Service, Strength and Survival

At McGregor, the stories of veterans continue to inspire. Among them are Al Cliette, Joseph Smith, and Frank Leech—three men whose lives reflect service, resilience, and determination.



Together, Al, Joseph, and Frank remind us that every veteran carries a lifetime of stories beyond their years of service. At McGregor, those stories are honored and shared—one conversation at a time.

Al Cliette, 89, served six years in the Air Force as a radio operator and Morse code translator, earning top-secret clearance. Later, he and his wife traveled the Midwest for roller skating competitions. Even after a serious illness led him to McGregor, Al's adventurous spirit remained strong.

Joseph Smith, 82, enlisted in the Army at 17 and says basic training helped him grow up. After serving, he worked 25 years for the U.S. Postal Service and shared 53 years of marriage with his wife. Though he has faced deep personal loss, Joseph continues to move forward with quiet strength.



McGregor Veterans: Stories of Service, Strength and Survival - part 2

Frank Leech served in the Navy as an electrician before spending 40 years with AT&T. Despite losing several loved ones, he keeps his pride and humor. One favorite story is about a vehicle he won in a contest—Frank calls it a car, while local police say it is technically a bike.



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Longevity and Centenarians at McGregor



At 103 years old, **Gurnese Smedley** is McGregor's oldest resident and a beautiful example of a life rooted in faith, love, and quiet wisdom.

Born and raised in Birmingham, Alabama, Gurnese later moved to Cleveland, where she built a life centered on family, church, and devotion.

A former Sunday School secretary, she still enjoys reading her Bible and says her advice to younger generations is simple: "Stay in the Bible!"

Today, as a grandmother and great-grandmother, Gurnese represents the resilience, strength, and extraordinary stories that make the McGregor community so special.

Vaddie Todd, the longest residing resident of McGregor, thrived to the age of 109, passing away in May 2026.

Vaddie was born during World War I in Birmingham, Alabama and experienced life's journey spanning more than a century through her personal strength and deep faith.



A Moment in Time

Dedicated and buried in July 2026, during America's 250th anniversary year, the McGregor Time Capsule is entrusted to the future with gratitude for our past, pride in our present, and hope for those who will open it in July 2126. May it help future generations learn from who we were and carry forward the values of care, service, dignity, and community.

As we close this book and place it within this time capsule, we do so with gratitude for the communities we have built, lives we have lived, and the residents and participants who have been an integral part of our memories.

Each page represents a story—moments of joy, perseverance and community. Together, these stories remind us that every generation leaves its mark on the world, not only through great achievements but through kindness, compassion, and the connections we make with one another.

To those who open this capsule in the future: we hope you will see in these pages the spirit of a community that valued friendship, dignity, service, hope, family, purpose and caring for one another.



Building on Our Foundation: Planning for McGregor's Future

Through advocacy, responsible stewardship, and sustainable growth, McGregor forges partnerships that help people age well and communities thrive.

