

BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2019

ELIZA BRYANT VILLAGE HONORS FOUNDER, LEGACY

Creating Equal Opportunity

Born in 1827 to Polly Simmons in North Carolina, Eliza and her family arrived in Cleveland in 1858. Soon thereafter, the family began opening their home as a shelter and refuge for poor black folks migrating from the south in need of basic supports. She dreamed of providing a secure, friendly place that would provide for the needs of seniors. With the assistance of funds obtained through a network of friends, black churches and the community, Eliza Bryant opened the first private home for Cleveland's African American elderly at 284 Giddings Avenue. The home was the first charitable organization in the Cleveland area, and is the oldest African American-founded long term care facility in the nation.



Eliza Bryant Village

*A Community of Care. Rooted in Tradition.
Embracing the Future.*

Elder Justice Now & For All

Later this year, Eliza Bryant Village will launch a new Elder Justice Center to provide temporary respite care for the growing population of older adults who are experiencing some form of trauma, violence, abuse, or criminal victimization, and to help to connect them to the various legal, financial and social service supports they may need to get them back into a safe situation. This new program is a natural extension of our mission of helping those in need.

Serving the Needs of African American Seniors

Eliza Bryant Village is located on Wade Park Avenue, just a half mile away from its original site. For more than a century, the Village has been a pioneer in the field of senior care and enrichment in the inner city, and has earned a national reputation for its specialized care for the elderly in an urban setting. Each year, we serve over 1,200 seniors, families, and caregivers through our The David & Inez Myers Adult Day Care & Senior Outreach Program, Independent Senior Housing, Skilled Nursing services, Post-Acute Rehabilitation, in addition to an on-campus dialysis center operated by the Center for Dialysis Care.

Power in Numbers

More than 122 years ago, Eliza Bryant inspired a group of smart and compassionate women to support her vision to create a safe place for vulnerable, aged blacks to receive quality care. Today these dedicated volunteers are known as Auxiliary I, II and III. Our Auxiliary groups today are comprised of about 100 wonderfully talented and compassionate women.