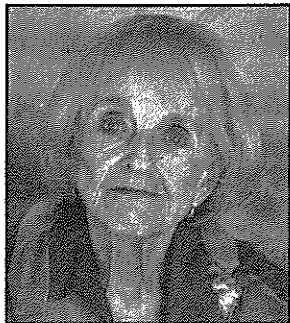


## Senior Lifestyles

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60. This year's nominees range in age from 67 to 92. For more information, go to [www.aging.ohio.gov/news/halloffame](http://www.aging.ohio.gov/news/halloffame).

• **WEST AKRON** — **Wyant Woods Care Center**, 200 Wyant Road, is teaming with the Ohio Department of

Aging (ODA) and the Office of the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman to implement the Music & Memory program. According to the ODA website, Music & Memory trains nursing home staff, other elder care professionals and family caregivers how to create and provide personalized playlists on digital music players, such as iPods, that enable those struggling with dementia to reconnect to the world through memories triggered by the music they love. The program relies on volunteer support, and the center is in need of volunteers, new or gently used iPods and iTunes gift cards. For more information or to make a donation, call Eric

Hutchins at 330-836-7953.

• **WEST AKRON** — **Mature Services Inc.** has received a \$1,000 grant from Meals on Wheels America through participating in Subaru of America's 2014 "Share the Love" event. "The funds will be used to purchase a Cambro food carrier for Mature Services' Nutrition program that will enable food to maintain proper, hot holding temperatures and ensure our clients receive safe, quality meals," said Linda Valentine, president and CEO of Mature Services. In addition, the food carrier will prevent drivers from having to return to Mature Services' nutrition locations twice per day for more meal deliver-

ies. Over 10 years, this grant will help Mature Services fight senior hunger and isolation by enabling the agency to provide an additional 10,381 meals that will impact 1,730 seniors in need, agency officials said. Mature Services' programs include home care; alcohol, substance abuse and gambling treatment and prevention; mental health counseling; job training; home delivered and congregate meals; volunteer opportunities; and an emergency food pantry. The "Share the Love" event was designed as a way for Subaru retailers to give back to communities throughout the U.S., according to Mature Services' officials.