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## Whitfield Commons gets beautification grant

**DALTON, Ga. (March 25, 2025)** – Whitfield Commons, a facility that houses low-income seniors, just received a grant for beautifying the grounds.

Blake Nelson, executive director of post-acute services for Vitruvian Health, said Whitfield Commons (Dalton Senior Housing) will use the \$1,500 grant from the Bank of OZK to help with beautification efforts throughout the year, plus building a space for residents' dogs to run.

Whitfield Commons, which occupies 40 units for low-income seniors or those 55 and older with disabilities, has been a vital resource for decades, providing safe, affordable housing and a supportive community for those who need it most.

"Over the decades, it has made a significant impact by ensuring that older adults — regardless of financial circumstances — have a dignified place to call home," Nelson said. "The need in this community is ever evident as our property is perpetually fully occupied and has a waiting list."

Many Commons residents also benefit from on-site and partner programs that provide health screenings, meal assistance and social engagement opportunities. The overall effect is a framework that improves quality of life for many seniors.

Initiatives for 2025 are centered around helping tenants "find their purpose," Nelson said, including opportunities for tenants to serve one another in being floor captains, responsible for beautification projects or overseeing resident-led activities. Nelson said the funds will further accentuate these initiatives plus provide a place for residents to allow their dogs to run daily.

"This area will provide another opportunity for tenants to engage one another and build further community," he said.

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