## Karen Godenschwager INDEPENDENT LIVING



There are so many reasons seniors love living at Hamlet, and we'd like to introduce you to a few of the folks who've found their ideal home here.

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Native Clevelander Karen Godenschwager lived in Chagrin Falls for 23 years before the loss of her lifelong love and husband of 50 years. She realized she no longer wanted to struggle with the inconveniences and costs of keeping up their home and decided she was ready for a new chapter in her life. In moving to Hamlet, Karen understood she

would need to downsize — but there were certain things she didn't want to give up. "I knew I needed a workspace, a kitchen with plenty of room for baking and a special place for my granddaughters — and that's exactly what we were able to create."

The team at Hamlet helped her envision ways to customize her two-bedroom apartment and make it her own. She expanded her kitchen space by extending a specialty table into the dining room, giving her plenty of elbow room for baking. The second bedroom was made into a beautiful work area with views overlooking a scenic ravine. And she transformed the den into a special "Princess Room" for her granddaughters — just as she had in her previous home.

As for the rest of the space, she enjoys regularly entertaining guests in her apartment and on her patio — which her granddaughters have coined "Grandma's Terrace in Paris" — easily fitting eight to 12 people in her living room with plenty of seating. "Everyone's apartment has its own personality, even if we have the same floor plan — and I've enjoyed being able to make it a space I truly love living in."

Outside her door, she has found an active lifestyle full of new friends and opportunities that she wouldn't have found possible at her previous home. "So often as people are aging, the world becomes smaller and more isolated — but at Hamlet, my world just keeps expanding. Six days out of seven, you'll find neighbors gathering at the designated patio area for cocktails, company and plenty of laughter."



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