

DeKalb County residents Barbara and Don Howell had heard a good bit about Park Springs over the years. But the idea of leaving their home of more than three decades just wasn't of interest.

"That changed when my wife developed some health problems," recalls Don. "Our family was concerned." The Howells' children proposed a move to Park Springs. "We resisted a little but we visited and found out it's one of the nicest communities around."

The decision to move wasn't the only obstacle the Howells faced. Selling their Smoke Rise home in a soft real estate market proved to be quite a challenge.

Park Springs stepped in with the Vintage Home Program (VHP) that lets Members move even before their homes have sold.

The Howells moved to Park Springs in late 2010 and the timing couldn't have been better. Barbara took a fall and needed several weeks of rehab and recovery, which she was able to do at Cobblestone, Park Springs' onsite health center.

Meanwhile, the VHP team worked with the Howells to price their home, choose a real estate agent and recommend changes – like painting and replacing old carpet – that would lead to a sale.

"The entire experience has been super pleasant. Brian Thomas and Maricita Hughes did an excellent job for us. We couldn't have done it without their help," Don adds. The Howells' home sold in early 2012. Barbara is back on her feet and the couple is enjoying the activities, dining and peace of mind that are all part of life at Park Springs.