



Fun Times in Assisted Living

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COVID STATUS

TLC has no COVID positive staff or residents.

We do have an exposure in our Care Center but all have been isolated. Please continue to send positive thoughts that all will be safe and well.

Please check our website for the most up-to-date information:

www.oddfellows.com/covid-19



“Merry everything and a happy always.” ~ Unknown



CHRISTMAS LETTER

When my children were younger (oh, let’s face it - when I was younger and had more energy) I sent a detailed Christmas letter to all of our family members filled with the year’s happenings, the kids’ accomplishments, fun trips we had taken, etc. Now that the kids have gotten older, these letters slowly went by the way side. But when I thought about what I wanted to send you in this newsletter, well, I wanted to send you a Christmas letter. So here goes . . .

Merry Christmas friends! I can’t even describe what this past year has been. For a person who can talk about almost anything, 2020 has left me speechless. So many events have transpired. So many emotions felt. But in the end, when it all boils down, 2020 has taught determination, compassion for each other, and a sense of community – or, at least, that is what has happened here in our little Assisted Living.

These beautiful human beings that have chosen to share their lives with us have taught us much. If you only knew how many times “Be safe Honey!” has been said when they hear of us needing to stop at the grocery store, or “You wear your mask when you’re out and about.” But here’s the really amazing part - they haven’t said that because they were worried about us bringing a virus into our building. Rather, they said those words to help protect us because they genuinely care.

This is a generation of individuals who have trudged through more than I can even begin to imagine, and it is humbling when they worry about us. Through them, we have learned strength of character; determination; the ability to see positive in all situations; the magic of simple gifts; and that, through it all, the human spirit will prevail.

Thank you for trusting us with the people you hold dearest. I pray that in the coming year we will see this pandemic wane and our community return to some of what it once was. May this holiday find you safe, warm and loved more than ever.

Happy Holidays,
Kari Randall, MSW
Director of Assisted Living





CHRISTMAS VILLAGE

What does one do when one misses walking through town and visiting with community members at Christmas time? One makes a little city where people wander the streets, take buggy rides, and happen upon little ones enjoying a snowball fight. Making a city takes a lot of work - so much construction, planning reviews, building permits, etc. Well, unless one has a porcelain village. One of our nurses lovingly brought in one of her Christmas villages for our residents to enjoy. It's been such a treat watching the residents marvel, comment, and even a giggle or two when they ponder over the village.



WONDERLAND CHRISTMAS WINNERS

When I shared with you our Winter Wonderland, I forgot to share that it contained a little competition. Different departments adopted Christmas trees, chose their theme, and decorated them. I am proud to report that our little TLC department won with our tongue in cheek COVID-themed Christmas tree – complete with toilet paper garland and rubber glove ornaments. Sometimes a little humor is the only way to survive!



A LOOK BACK

As we look at bringing this year to a close, I wanted to share with you some of my favorite pictures from this year. More to come next week, so stay tuned . . .

