



## Fun Times in Assisted Living

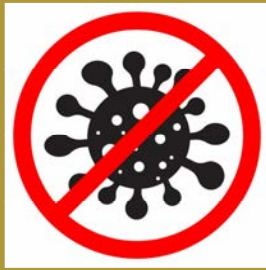
October 30, 2020 Edition

### COVID STATUS

We continue to be COVID free in Assisted Living. Our residents are healthy and well!

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

[www.oddfellows.com/covid-19](http://www.oddfellows.com/covid-19)



Sometimes you need to look at things from a different perspective.



### PERSPECTIVE

It was March 13, 2020 that we locked our doors to visitors - Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> if memory serves me correctly. It was that evening that emails started flying out explaining that you would no longer be able to come in to visit your loved ones. Our doors closed for what we thought would be a short time.

Why am I bringing up a painful journey? Because for the first time since the pandemic began I actually know what you all have been feeling. My mother had an unplanned surgery last evening and I couldn't go. I sat there in my car, crying like there was no tomorrow when it hit me. This is what you have been feeling for the past 9 months, and I felt it for the first-time last night.

There has been much time spent in the last nine months praising the heroes of health care. Rightly so! The doctors, nurses, custodians, food service workers, radiology technicians, phlebotomists, and all the countless others are heroes indeed. As are the grocery store clerks, the truck drivers, the sanitation workers, and the countless others who kept our world working when we were completely shut down. But you know what? You all are also heroes in this pandemic. Your hearts were breaking because you couldn't hug your mom or sit side by side with your dad. Yet you put on a brave face and kept the conversations bright and positive. When you ended those conversations and sat there and cried, you were heroes. YOU ARE HEROES!

Thank you!! Thank you for your love. Thank you for your patience. Thank you for your positivity. Thank you for your compliments. Thank you for continuing to come. Thank you for visiting through virtual visits. Thank you for figuring out how to work with us to survive this stuff. THANK YOU!!

Blessings,  
Kari Randall, MSW  
Director of Assisted Living

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*“We can complain because rose bushes have thorns, or we can rejoice because thorn bushes have roses.” ~ Abraham Lincoln*

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## THE QUEEN OF HALLOWEEN

Happy Birthday to Miss B.A. Keve!! Well, happy birthday tomorrow. B.A. had the honor of having a Halloween Birthday. She giggles when she tells us that she is the “Queen of Halloween”. B.A. brings such a brightness to our halls. The world can be turning upside down and she will find the positive side to every situation. Join us in wishing B.A. a happy Queen of Halloween Day!!



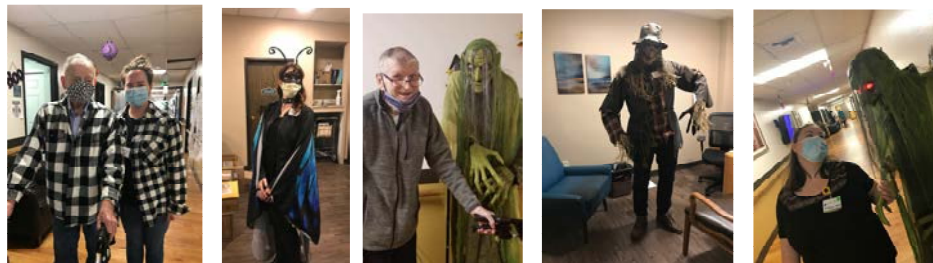
## ART APPRECIATION

If there is one thing I’ve observed along this journey, it’s this – we have some INCREDIBLY talented people that live here. With the absence of group activities for so many months, we have not been able to host our ceramic painting, art classes, craft classes, etc. Once again, necessity is the master of invention. Our Activities Director started doing some brainstorming and developed socially distanced art class! The residents enjoyed following along to a virtual art instructor and creating their own unique masterpiece.



## WHO IS THAT MASKED MAN???

Today we enjoyed bring a little Halloween levity to the home. As you wandered about you found staff dressed up as twins with residents, some people that we aren’t sure we recognize, butterflies taking flight, some goblin love and much laughter!! Trick or Treat my friends 😊



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