



## Fun Times in Assisted Living

January 8, 2021 Edition

### COVID STATUS

TLC has no COVID positive residents.

We have one positive staff member in Assisted Living.

We have no new cases and the exposed residents in the care center are recovering.

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

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

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*“How lucky I  
am to have  
something  
that makes  
saying  
goodbye so  
hard.*

*~ A.A. Milne*

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### HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Good evening! This is Ali, writing you one more time on behalf of Odd Fellows Assisted Living. I am going to be leaving my position here next week and moving to another job. I asked Kari if I could have the honor of writing to all of you so I could thank you.

I have only been here for 20 months, but during that time I have gotten to know an incredible group of people. The parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, sisters, brothers, and friends who you have entrusted in the care of this facility are incredible, and it has been an honor to be allowed in their lives.

However, as the adage for raising kids goes, “it takes a village.” That is not solely for kids – we all need a village. We have a village here – caregivers, staff, dietary, nurses, and everyone involved in loving your people. However, they also have a village in you. In their family, their friends, their loved ones.

I don’t always get the opportunity to talk to all of you in person. However, I feel that I have gotten the honor of knowing you through the stories that our residents share. The bragging of accomplishments, the tears in cherished gifts, the love seen in conversation. That comes out through them every single day. I get to see pictures, and artwork, and cards, letters, gifts, videos, books...you name it, they’re proud of it and showing it off.

We have walked into a new year, and sadly sometimes life takes us in different directions. Before I go, I wanted to make sure that you know two vital things:

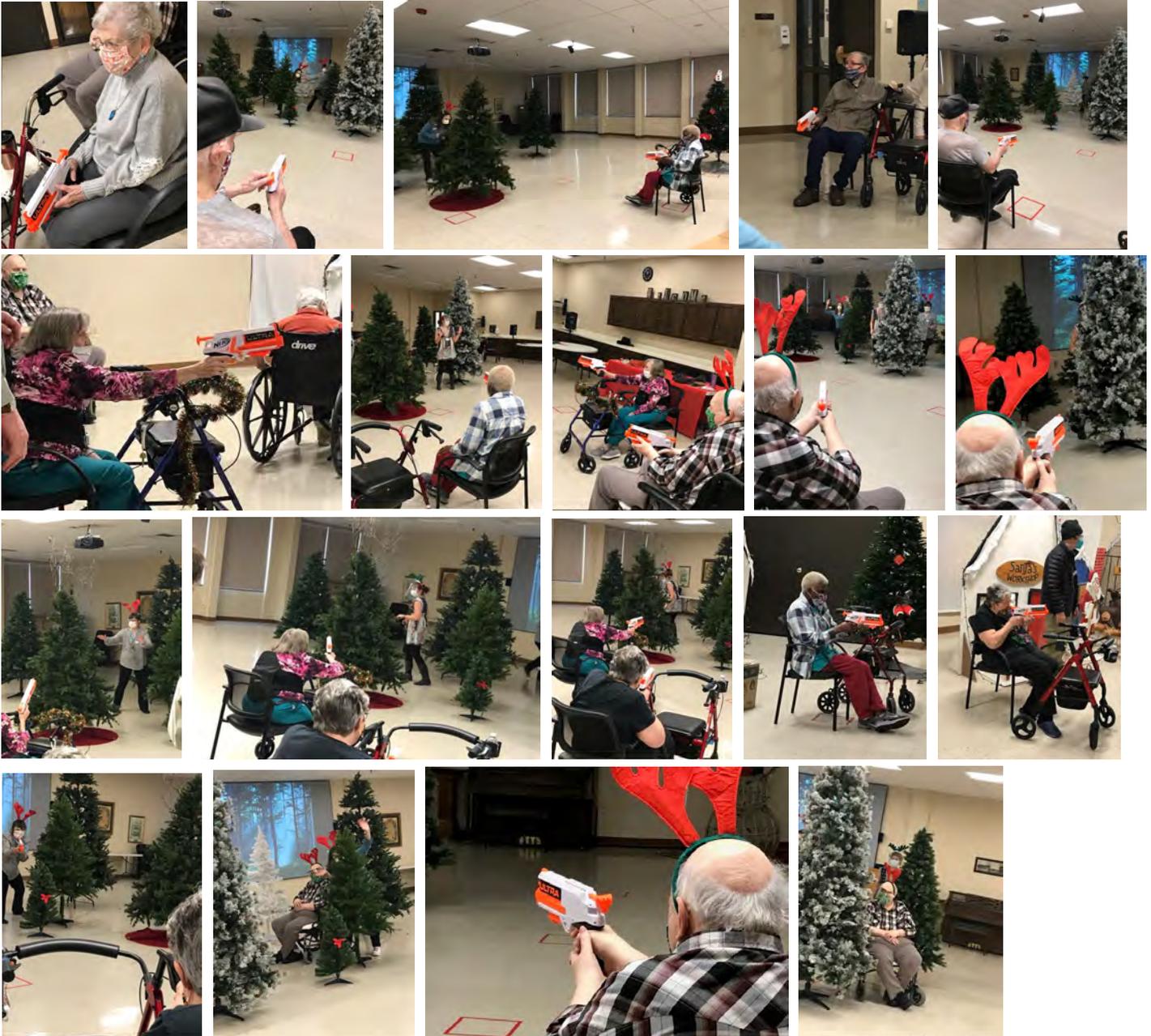
1. Your loved ones are LOVED. They are treasured by us here. I cannot imagine not coming into work and having someone stop by and say “There’s my shopping queen!” or “Have you eaten lunch?” or even simply tapping their wrist around 5 when they see I’m still here, telling me to go home. They do this for all of us. They love us, and I can assure you that we love them too.

2. Your loved ones LOVE YOU. I will never meet most of you. I’ll never have a conversation with you or know what your face looks like. But because you love your people, I’ve gotten to treasure you through them, too. And because I love these people with all my heart, I can’t tell you how grateful I am that they have each and every one of you. You are seen, you are appreciated, and you are vital. Thank you for the honor of loving y’all!

Blessings in the New Year,  
Ali Magee, MSW  
Assisted Living Social Services

## JOINING IN THE REINDEER GAMES...

This week our activities team brought alive an activity that was discovered on social media! After our tree decorating contest, there was a mini forest left in our activities room. We obviously could not let that go to waste! Our residents (those who wanted to participate) were given nerf guns and had the opportunity to chase the “reindeer” out of the forest. As staff weaved through the trees trying not to get shot, the giggles of delight that rang out when a dart hit true were priceless. I got the chance to be a reindeer for a bit, and I will never forget watching our CEO stand by one of our residents while he swapped out her gun every few seconds. They were both having the time of their lives! These moments make us forget that the world is a little crummy – all we see is joy!



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