



Fun Times in Assisted Living

COVID STATUS

We have two positive employees in our assisted living. One non-direct care and one direct care staff. We have tested and quarantined all residents potentially exposed. We are monitoring residents closely but thus far have seen no symptoms. We have no positive resident cases.

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

www.oddfellows.com/covid-19



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MAKE A DIFFERENCE 🤔

Somewhere along the line I became a morning news watcher. It plays in the background as I go about my morning routine, keeping me “in the know”. There have been some fascinating things in the news this week. One thing that really caught my attention was an interview with Tyler Perry. Mr. Perry operates a production company. Because of the nature of production companies and the amount of people in close proximity they have been unable to work due to the pandemic. Mr. Perry (and I’m sure his associates) came up with a creative idea that allows production to continue but still keeps employees safe. He created a small city. The production company lives on the set. They are tested upon arrival and quarantined in their room until they receive a negative test result. After the negative test, they are able to work on the crew. The crew remains on the set where no one leaves to go anywhere until production is completed, typically six-ish weeks. When that crew leaves, the crew for the next show arrives and goes through the same process. Mr. Perry said he didn’t want his employees going without when they could figure out a way to get people back to work.

What touched me the most was that instead of fussing and complaining about his company not being able to work, he got creative and found a way to work around and within it. In a place that needs changed, he made a difference. If you don’t like the way something is – change it! Come up with a better plan. If that doesn’t work, try another plan. COVID isn’t stopping. The pandemic is still raging. Let’s think like Mr. Perry this week and try to make a difference.

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“In a place that needs changed, make a difference.

In a time full of noise, just listen.

‘Cause life is but a breeze, better live it.

In a place that needs changed, make a difference.”

Thomas Rhett



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LUNCH DATE

Do you remember lunch dates? You'd meet a friend or family member and grab a quick lunch together. You'd catch up on all the gossip and what's what then head off to conquer the rest of your day. I love lunch dates, they just brighten up the day! Polly and her family figured out how they could still do that, even in quarantine. They enjoyed a good burger and fries together. Time together is still time together. Even if there is a window in between.



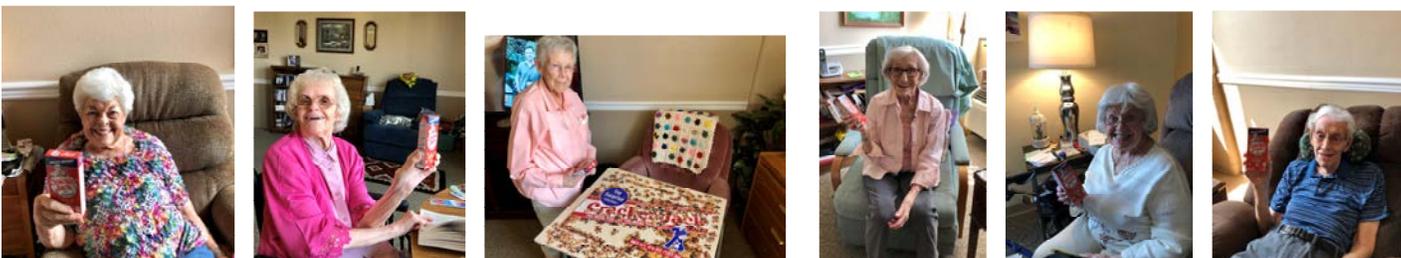
NO MASK . . . NO TICKET

We as staff started wearing masks here at The Home back in March. We had the residents join us in May. Masks work! If everyone is masked, the likelihood of virus transmission reduces significantly. But let's be honest, masks are hot and stuffy. They slip down your nose or fog up your glasses. Maybe it starts to be a nuisance along the way. To keep people in the spirit of things and to help remind everyone how to wear their masks (No, they don't help at all if they just sit on your chin) our Activities Department has started handing out yellow tickets. You get a ticket if your mask is on and if you have it over your mouth and nose. Once you get a ticket, you can exchange it in for a prize. It might sound silly, but silly is good because sill makes us laugh, and laughter is good medicine. Besides, this is a ticket you can be proud of 😊



LUV ME SOME CRACKER JACKS

Do you remember as a kid, how much fun it was to get a box of Cracker Jacks? IT STILL IS!! Tuesday, we celebrated National Cracker Jack Day in style. We even had a unique Cracker Jack. Can you see which one?



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