



Fun Times in Assisted Living

July 9, 2021 Edition

COVID STATUS

Sadly, we have returned to an “outbreak” status with no in person visitation. We have had 2 staff members positive for COVID. All residents have been tested with negative results.

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

www.oddfellows.com/covid-19



*“I never
lose. I
either win
or learn.”
~Nelson
Mandela*



COVID

If you sat in my office day after day with me, you would quickly tire of hearing me say how much I dislike this virus. It has set our world on its ear. And to be completely truthful, I don’t think we will ever return to what once was. We are for ever changed.

Tomorrow my family and I will attend the celebration of life for a dear friend. She is the inspiration for today’s quote. She believed one never failed in life, they only learned. She believed that mistakes were bound to happen and that forgiveness should quickly follow. She was a wife, mother, grandmother, sister, friend, service dog trainer, the list could go on. She was a healthy, vibrant, active member of our community. But she mostly loved. She loved her family and all those she held dear.

My friend died from complications related to COVID. She spent the last five and a half weeks of her life alone in a hospital room. In all honestly, she was mostly sedated due to her need for a ventilator, but she was alone. Family was able to talk with her virtually and did so as often as the hospital staff could accommodate. Her family was able to have three in person visits with her during that time. The last one being the day she passed.

This has been a real virus since the beginning. But the day my friend died; this virus knocked me to the ground. I saw her family devastated. She was their anchor. I pray that none of you have to say goodbye to the ones you love while you stand on a sidewalk and look through a window. Or say your last good byes through a virtual visit. More than that, I pray that this virus won’t take anyone that you love. It’s hard to hear how many people have died from this when you’re listening to the news. But it is earth shaking when one of those people is a person that you hold dear.

For now, I’m going to keep wearing my mask, even though I’m vaccinated so that I don’t accidentally carry some virus to a person who isn’t vaccinated. And I won’t yell at you for not wearing a mask, so don’t yell at me for wearing one. I’ll listen to you share your frustrations when we have to close to visitation because of another positive case. Because you don’t have anyone else to vent to. I’ll keep educating people and using my mom phrase “make good choices” whenever people go on an outing. Because more than anything I pray that no one else has to lose someone they love to this horrible virus.

Blessings,
Kari

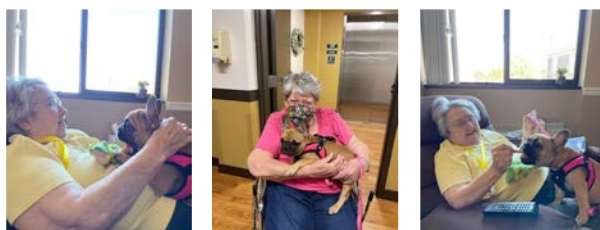
VISITATION



The window visits are back!! OK, you might not be super excited about that option, but they have become quite popular again. The shade is up on the outside to help keep it cool (well as cool as one can get in 100+ degree heat). The amplifier is set up and working well. We are hopeful that we will be able to reopen to in person visitation the first week of August. That date will depend on several different variables, so know that it may fluctuate a bit as we go forward. Our Department of Health is our final decision maker. But until then, stop by, sit in the shade and have a chat!

PUPPY LOVE

Miss Nutmeg took some time away but is back again with more tail wiggles than you can imagine. It was so good to see her this week. She has grown by leaps and bounds. She is honestly one of the happiest pups ever. If this little Miss only knew the amount of joy, she brings to all of us.



FRIEND LOVE

It's humbling when we get a moment to really soak in and realize the vast number of talents our residents have here at the Home. We have expert quilters, carvers, seamstresses, master gardeners, engineers, film producers, you name it. If you can think of it, one of our residents has probably tried it. We have a beautiful soul who lives here and crochets to keep her hands strong. When she gets a stack of blankets, she shares them with her friends and neighbors here at the Home. But she never gets to see how much others enjoy her beautiful works. Cheers to you, our friend and neighbor!



GOOD FRIENDS AND GOOD TIMES

This has been quite a week. But there has been good as well as not so good. We played a few games. Got outside for some bocce. Said hello to a friend we've missed. We went to church, the virtual way. All in all, it's been a good week. Because when we're with good friends, it's always good 😊

