



Fun Times in Assisted Living

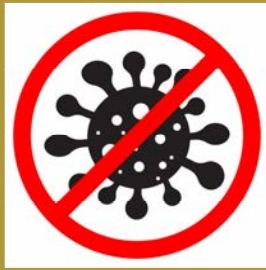
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COVID STATUS

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

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

www.oddfellows.com/covid-19



Orchid courtesy of W. Spady

IT TAKES A VILLAGE

Hello! My name is Ali. I'm the social worker here in Assisted Living, and I'm going to be writing a short guest column!

Today is National Boss Day. We have an incredible group of people here at Odd Fellows; however, those people need a leader. Fortunately, we have the best leader here at Odd Fellows Assisted Living – Kari Randall, the person who usually writes this newsletter.

When I first took over this position, I took Kari's spot. Man, those are big shoes to fill. Her ability to handle every day crises, organize the people who work here, and make you feel like the only person in the world when you're talking to her still amazes me every day. I constantly value the wisdom I have gained from her as I learned to love and care for each of your family members who live here.

We truly do have an incredible team here. My role is one small part of the workings of our facility, but part of my job is getting to listen to our residents talk about their life stories and the people they value. Being allowed a very small glimpse into those you love most is an honor that I cannot put into words. I know that trusting your family members to strangers can be hard – I turn into a nasty tornado when I even think a wrong has been committed against my loved ones. With the rare ability to reach out to all of you at once, I want to say thank you – thank you for the incredible people you share with us. Thank you for the honor it is to serve them. Thank you for allowing us into their, and your, lives in a way that is rare and beautiful. We have an incredibly leader here, but it takes an entire team. Thank you for trusting this team with your family.

With love,
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“A true leader has the confidence to stand alone, the courage to make tough decisions, and the compassion to listen to the needs of others.”

Douglas MacArthur

SHOP TIL YA DROP

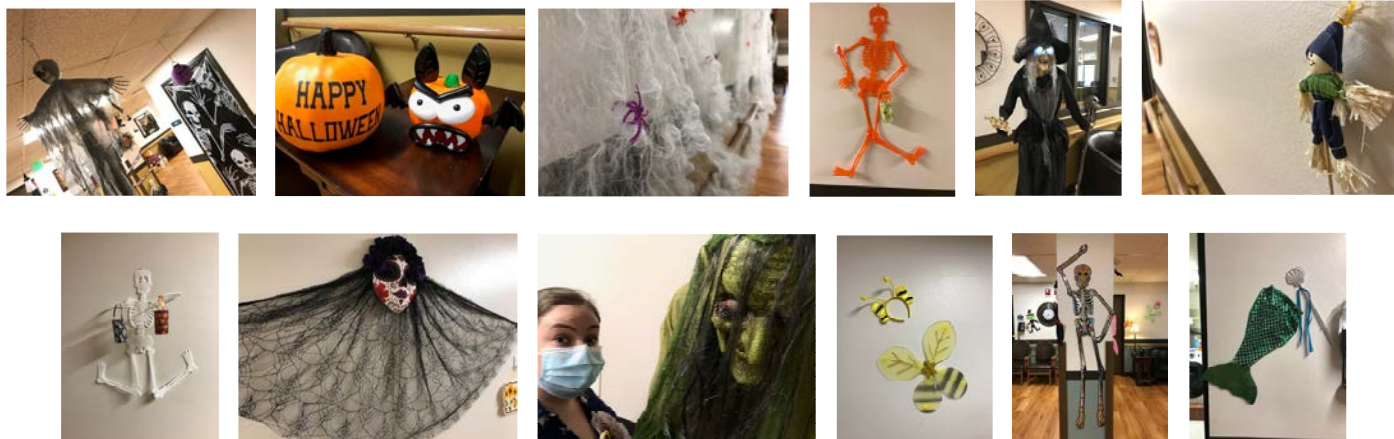


It's shopping day – again! As we continue to try new activities here, we have stayed consistent with a few favorites. The shopping cart that wanders the halls twice a month still brings joy and anticipating to all who hear the call! From toothbrushes to deodorant; from candy to lipstick; from shampoo to chips and popcorn; we have it all! Wandering down the halls and having our residents come out and mingle is a small taste of normal that everyone here is continuing to crave. I (Ali) got the opportunity to do a “ride-along” with the shopping cart this week, and the joy on the faces of the shoppers was contagious. Even with the regular admonishment of “did you bring your mask?” we still were able to forget about the world’s troubles for a few minutes during the search for the perfect lotion scent.



A HALLOWEEN CELEBRATION

Welcome to the month of October! Here at Odd Fellows, we have fully embraced the Halloween Spirit (for better and worse). Our trusty Activities leader, Lisa, inspired a decoration contest for the halls here in Assisted Living. Our aides went all out, decorating with fun surprises, humorous pumpkins, and terrifying goblins. My office (still Ali here) has a giant green monster right outside – its beady red eyes stare at me every day as I work (please see reference picture below). The winner of the hall decorating contest has yet to be announced – please stand by for an update in the near future!



DO YOU WANNA BUILD A SCARECROW??

Dottie and Grace joined forces to make our own special pandemic themed, socially distanced scarecrows!!

