

# SunsetNews

November - December 2021



Santa personally delivered presents to all of the residents at the Sunset Home and Hope Center to celebrate Christmas.

For the first time in two years, Santa was back at Sunset for Christmas! He went room to room, spreading lots of Christmas cheer as he delivered presents.

“The residents always love having Santa visit,” said Sunset Home Administrator Lance Allen. “Faces lit up when they saw him and it was a really fun day for everyone involved.”

Santa, assisted by our incredible activities team who were decked head to toe in festive outfits, visited each resident and delivered personalized presents. Some favorites were warm blankets, fluffy robes and new socks.

There’s nothing quite like the joy of Christmastime at Sunset! See more photos from Santa’s visit on page 3.

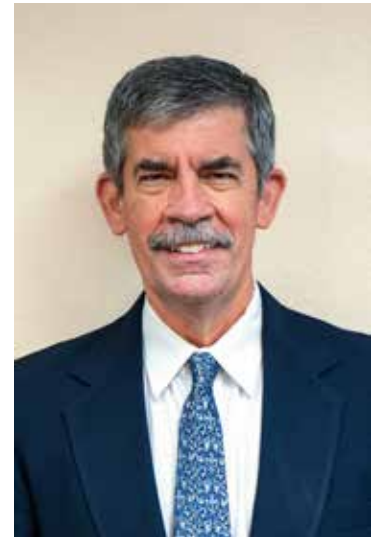


**Sunset Home**  
**College Hill Assisted Living**  
**Rainbow Retirement Community**  
**Hospice Sunset**  
**Sunset Companion Services**

# Message from the President

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Here we are, beginning year three of the “new normal” living with COVID. It has been quite a ride since March 2020. I know we are all tired of it, but it is still here and we are adjusting. Omicron has had its run through the state of Texas, Bosque County, Clifton and LSM and we are now on the downhill side of it.



Due to all the precautions, only staff members have been sick with the Omicron version of COVID so far in Sunset Home and Heckmann Assisted Living. Thanks to the precautions taken by Lance Allen and his team at Sunset Home and Sabreena Geeslin and her team at Heckmann Assisted Living, neither of those residential programs has had a resident case of COVID. Rainbow Retirement has had a handful of resident cases, but those residents are out and about in the community so there's not a lot we can do to prevent infection except to encourage safe behavior when they go out or have visitors come to their apartments. Our staff are doing great things!

On a different note, I am pleased to let you know that last year LSM acquired more land along Avenue Q here in Clifton next to land we already owned, with the intent to add housing to our independent living program. We are in the process of getting the land that is not already in the city limits annexed. We have already met with the city to discuss water and sewer capacities for the additional housing and there is ample capacity available. We will be adding one- and two-bedroom single family homes and as well as some duplex housing. The annexation should be completed in February and then the civil engineering and geotech work can start so we can plat the property to get approved by the City of Clifton. Then, financing has to be in place, plans drawn and construction started. While that was quick to write, it will take some time to get done!

I know LSM has benefited from your prayers and support as we have navigated these turbulent times. Please continue to pray for us as we begin to recover from the impact of COVID and as we make new plans! As you pray, please ask God to send us more staff, as well as residents, so we can get back to a good financial footing.

Rodney Rueter, CEO/President

# Santa Visit

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**Our amazing Pot O' Gold team was honored at the Bosque County Volunteer Banquet as the 2021 Outstanding Volunteer - Civic Organization and Community Service.**

**Rainbow resident Sue Fielden was also honored as 2021 Outstanding Volunteer - Volunteer Service.**



# Sunset Spotlight

## Heckmann Assisted Living Director Sabreena Geeslin

We are thrilled to introduce Sabreena Geeslin as our new assisted living director! Sabreena is from Crawford and she has been a nurse for 16 years. She has worked in an assisted living setting for 12 years, and she joined the Lutheran Sunset Ministries team in November.

“Growing up, I never would have thought working with the senior population would be my calling, but look at me now!” she said.

One of Sabreena’s favorite things is hearing all of the stories and wisdom her residents have to share, and she also enjoys making a difference in the lives of residents and working with their families.

“Everyone has been so nice and welcoming,” she said. “I like to see happy faces, and if I’m able to help put a smile there, even better!”

Lutheran Sunset Ministries is the perfect fit for Sabreena because she wanted to be part of a small-knit community, not part of a big corporation that had forgotten what this field is all about: taking care of the elderly.

“We are so glad to have Sabreena on board and we are excited to see her vision for Heckmann Assisted Living come to fruition,” said LSM President Rodney Rueter.

In her spare time, Sabreena enjoys spending time with her three children, enjoying nature through outdoor activities and taking road trips.



**During our Veteran’s Day Program, we honored those who have served our country.**





# Planning Your Legacy

by Morgan Schmidlin

Everything that we have is a gift that God places in our care. We each have the privilege, responsibility and joy of being a steward, of caring for loved ones, for God's creation, and also creating gifts for Christian ministry.

As you plan your own legacy that will reflect your faith and values, the Lutheran Foundation of the Southwest (LFSW) is here to assist you. We are here to help you care for your family and benefit Lutheran Sunset Ministries, as well as your other favorite community and other non-profit organizations.

Lutheran Foundation of the Southwest provides comprehensive gift planning and management, personalized to your goals and your unique family and financial situation. The gifts the foundation receives and stewards are on behalf of other ministries.

Pictured above is Morgan Schmidlin (center), Lutheran Foundation of the Southwest gift planner, with Michael Hecker (right), accounting controller at Lutheran Sunset Ministries and LSM trustee on the foundation's board, and Rodney Rueter (left), president and chief executive officer of Lutheran Sunset

Ministries, presenting the annual distribution check of \$183,350.99 from endowment fund distributions. These annual distributions are made possible by those who have gone before us who made legacy plans through the foundation that include LSM.

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For more information about the services the foundation offers or more information on how to begin legacy planning, please reach out to Morgan Schmidlin at 440-785-3363 or [mschmidlin@lfsw.org](mailto:mschmidlin@lfsw.org).

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**total pounds of  
food donated**

## LSM Food Drive Results

### **1st place: Administration**

235.4 lbs total, 21.4 lbs per employee

### **2nd place: Activities**

81.6 lbs total, 20.4 lbs per employee

### **3rd place: Rainbow Residents**

286.8 lbs total, 5.27 lbs per resident

# Friends of LSM

Thanks to generous donors, Lutheran Sunset Ministries is able to provide Christ-centered care based on Christian values. The following gifts were given between October 1, 2021 and December 31, 2021.

## Memorial Gifts

All memorials, whether directed or not, go to the care and services provided. The residents served going forward are blessed by your thoughtfulness.

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