

SunsetNews

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Grandparent's Day provides fun for the whole family, and it's great to see such big smiles from everyone.

Grandparents make such a lasting impact on the lives of their families. Think back to some of your favorite memories you shared with your grandparents when you were young and how they make you feel. With our Grandparent's Day event, we hope to help create these memories for our residents and their families.

Our activities team outdid themselves with the decorations and activities, including fishing with our friends from KidFish Foundation, a bounce house, waterslide and petting zoo.

We are so thankful that we were able to open our Grandparent's Day celebration to family and friends for the first time since 2019. Grandparent's Day is always one of the most special days at Lutheran Sunset Ministries for our residents and staff, and this year was no exception.

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

Message from the President

I have a question for you. What do a teacher, seamstress, minister, chemical engineer, veteran, accountant, pilot, fiddle player, mayor, homemaker, airline stewardess, postal worker, doctor and farmer have in common?

First of all, they're people – that was easy. But there is another thing they have in common: each of them has been a resident of or received services from Lutheran Sunset Ministries. All of them either received services in their own home or in our residential settings from Sunset Companion Services, Hospice Sunset, Rainbow Retirement Community, Heckmann Assisted Living or Sunset Home. Some received services from several of our programs. It doesn't matter who you are, what you did for a living, how much or how little success you had in life – you deserve the best care. Life can throw us a curve ball and we need help from others. That is what LSM is all about. When you need help, we are here!

We have a great team of people ready to help you. Our ministry has always been a beacon on the hill, (figuratively and literally). Our faith-based culture challenges us to “do unto others as we would have them do unto us”. Are we perfect? No. But I think if you asked all those who have come to us for help, they would say they received the best care possible! This quote from a recent visitor compliments our staff: “Both employees were so friendly and spoke to each one of us. In other words, the culture there is GREAT! I have been back quite a few times and I almost always encounter someone who speaks and smiles in the hallway. It is so welcoming!” This is a common comment not only from first time visitors, but from longtime residents and families as well.

So if you or someone you know are ever in need of the services our ministry offers, refer them to us. We will do everything we can to meet the needs they have. This year, LSM is beginning its 69th year of ministry to the Clifton and the surrounding areas. We have been a pillar to the community and served generations of Bosque County residents for this long because we are faith-based and strive to treat others as we would want to be treated.

Please continue to pray for us as we do God's work in our community and have a happy new year!

Rodney Rueter, CEO/President



Grandparent's Day



Thanks to you, we were voted

- #1 Retirement Living**
- #1 Independent Senior Living**
- #1 Assisted Living**
- #1 Skilled Nursing Care**
- #1 Senior Apartments**
- Favorite: Senior Services**

by the 2022 Waco Tribune-Herald's Readers' Choice Awards!

Sunset Spotlight

Mark Sedberry-Garcia, Nursing Staff Scheduler

Mark started with LSM back in 2019 as a part of our CNA class, before becoming a CNA, a restorative aide, PRN transportation aide and nursing staff scheduler. He's done it all!

The national nursing shortage has effected everyone, including LSM. Mark became our nursing scheduler in 2020, and has been an essential part of making sure we have enough nurses to care for our residents.

"Mark has really been a godsend for Sunset Home," said LSM President and CEO Rodney Rueter. "We are so thankful for all of his hard work."

His own personal motto is "stay positive," which he says to everyone he encounters. His hard work and cheerful attitude are greatly appreciated. Our residents just love Mark, and so do we!



Mark Sedberry-Garcia is known for his positive attitude.

Celebrating Staff Work Anniversaries

We are proud to have so many long-serving team members. Here are the LSM staff who celebrated milestone anniversaries in 2022.

5 years

Dave Anfenson
Felicia Bell
Blanca Cano
Donna Covington
Kelly Finney
Helen Frost
Natalie Galbreth
Kristi Gray
Karen Lee

Daemon Malbeck
Mildred Martinez
Apolinar Rodriguez,
Jr.
Karen Roseberry
Joshua Sikes
Jennifer Speer
Brenda Zeni

10 years

Raquel Castillo
Teresita Hargraves
Paublo Guzman
Santa Lerma
Amanda Navarro
Michael Page
Dr. Kyle Phillips
Deborah Rodriguez
Barbara Weir

15 years

Michael Hecker
Jacquelyn Kettler
Charlene Morrow
Judith Sarinana
Brenda Thiele

20 years
Maria Chavez
Ebony Cook
Anne Olguin

25 years

Sandra Estrada
Lourdes Ritz
Rodney Rueter

30 years

Linda Bible
Mary Chenault
Kristy Durrett

Christmas at LSM





Honoring Our Veterans

We are proud to be home to so many men and women who have bravely served our country in various branches of the military.

This Veteran's Day, our community came together to honor our veterans with a wonderful program (which included posting the colors) from scouts from Cub Scouts Pack 376 along with Clifton VFW. Refreshments were provided by Corner Drug Café and Breaking Bread Bakery and Deli.

"It means a lot to our veterans to be honored and remembered in this way," said Lance Allen, Sunset Home administrator. "We're so grateful to be part of a community that always shows support for our residents."



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All memorials (unless otherwise designated) go to the care and services provided. The residents served going forward are blessed by your thoughtfulness.

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