

SunsetNews

September - December 2023



Families gathered to share a Thanksgiving dinner, homemade by our dining services team.

Holiday season at Lutheran Sunset Ministries is one of our favorite times of the whole year! Starting off with Grandparents' Day in the early fall (this year it was moved to October because it was still too hot for us to be outside in September) through the end of the year, all of the holidays bring so much joy to our residents and staff.

The fishing at Grandparents' Day was worth the wait for the cooler weather, and Halloween brought lots of cute trick-or-treaters. We loved having the halls so full of family and friends during our delicious Thanksgiving dinner (prepared by our talented dining services team). A special visit from Santa Claus, Christmas caroling with Clifton Elementary School students and a concert by the Meridian High School jazz band were just a few of the fun events that helped us get into the Christmas spirit.

Find photos from all of these fun holiday celebrations inside!



Sunset Home

College Hill Assisted Living

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Message from the President



Have you heard the expression “give them their flowers”? It means to tell people what they mean to you, show them how much you appreciate them, before it’s too late.

Late last year, our ministry partnered with Dash Media to help us tell the story of our residents and caregivers. As most everyone knows by now, the senior living industry received a bad black eye due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Throughout the pandemic, our caregivers worked selflessly to serve those entrusted to our care and our residents were resilient during a tough time.

The videos Dash Media has produced refocus attention to the stories of our residents and the reasons our caregivers do what they do. That has always been the real story. It got lost in the midst of the pandemic and we need to remind the world of the precious people who live and work in our ministry. The videos are 25-35 seconds long. In that short time, if you watch them, you will be moved and entertained by the experiences and wisdom of life lived.

It’s been moving to see the reaction to these stories, and see our staff and residents be given their flowers. Our stories are being shared. The world is learning about our residents and their stories as well as our caregivers and their stories. We have a ministry full of incredible people who are being recognized for their hard work, talent and outlook on life.

I hope you’ll join us in giving our staff and residents their flowers. Next time you’re in for a visit, let them know how much they’re appreciated. Or, go check out these videos online and leave a comment. It boosts all of our spirits more than you know!

Rodney Rueter, CEO/President

Thanksgiving at LSM



Grandparents' Day



Thanks to you, we were voted

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

by the 2023 Waco Tribune-Herald's Readers' Choice Awards!

Sunset Spotlight

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 2023.



30 years
Mary Chenault
Housekeeping



25 years
Juana Nieto
Rainbow Housekeeping



20 years
Analyn Sanders
Nursing



15 years
Nancy Connors
Nursing

Not pictured: Sharon Leigh, 15 years

10 years



Charles Dowdy



Charlotte Garibay



Charly Gonzalez



Deborah Rodriguez

Not pictured: Martha Ponce

5 years

Apolinar Rodriguez, Jr.
Brenda Olson
Felicia Bell
Amanda Toten

Jericho Berato
Michelle Lueck
Shannon Bible
Inez Sanchez

A New Form of Storytelling



““God makes the tree, and we take care of the rest.”

That’s how Rainbow resident Bill starts off a series of videos about his and fellow resident Charles’ hobby of making walking sticks. One of their videos was seen 38k times on Facebook!

Our residents feel heard and valued when they are able to share their stories. Staff enjoy sharing their passion for taking care of seniors and celebrating their hard work. We are so excited for the world to hear these stories.

Capturing these special moments with our residents and staff on video and sharing them online means that family and friends get to enjoy stories they may not have heard before. On a video of her

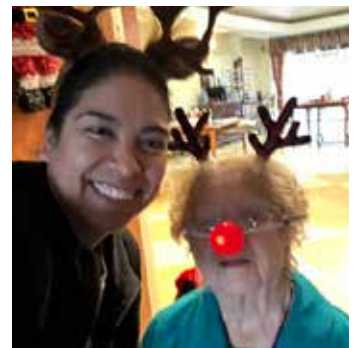
grandmother talking about her life mission to treat others with kindness, one person wrote: “I’m SO grateful y’all did this!! I needed to see my Mamaw today.”

Technology not only bridges the gap across distances for family members, but allows our residents to share their experiences to inspire others. From marriage advice, to funny anecdotes, to life lessons, there is so much knowledge to pass on. What a great way to share wisdom across generations!



You can find all of these stories, with more to come, by following us on Facebook, Instagram or TikTok: @LutheranSunsetMinistries.

Christmas at LSM



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