

Peace of Mind

January & February 2022

The newsletter for the families and friends
of Delaware Run Healthcare Center Residents

Assisted Living News

Happy New Year! I hope that you all had a relaxing Christmas and New Year holiday full of family and love. Since the last issue of Peace of Mind, my son turned two! He loves cars so my grandfather made this enormous three tier cake with cars going up the road. Bennett may not remember, but it will something I always treasure.

As many of you know, Covid has made an unfortunate comeback in the past few weeks. For the time being, all activities have been canceled with hopes to resume during the second week of January. I personally tested positive the last week of December and was overwhelmed with the prayers and well wishes from all of the staff and residents. Praise God that nobody else in my family contracted it and they remain healthy. Thank you for all of your support.

At this time, visitation continues to be discouraged. Any visitor will be required to visit between the hours of 9am-5pm, remain in the resident's room, and wear a mask throughout the entire visit. At this time we ask that a resident has no more than two visitors at a time. With all of us working together to mask up, keep distance, and wash our hands, I hope that we will be minimally affected.

With love and prayers during this tough time,
Jen Brooks



Donation Requests:

-Fun size candy treats for Bingo prizes (mini Hershey bars are a favorite!)

-Materials for Patricia's art therapy: acrylic paints, costume jewelry, glass beads, dominos, natural jute twine

*Donations may be labeled Assisted Living and left at the front desk.

CEO WORD



Happy New Year! The slate is wiped clean, so let's write a happy story for 2022. I'll start by reflecting on some mighty happy stories from 2021.

First, let me humbly thank you for your outpouring of love for the Willow Brook team with the resident-funded Staff Christmas Gift Fund. You and your fellow residents from all three Willow Brooks, along with many family members, gave an eye-popping \$236,000! Willow Brook chipped in \$50,000 to cover those wretched "payroll" taxes so your gifts would go to staff members and not Uncle Sam. It all divvied up to \$860 apiece for all full- and part-time staffers. Let me tell you, when we announced this December 10th at their virtual Christmas party, you put hundreds of smiles on their faces and tears in their eyes. In all, 589 individuals and couples gave gifts ranging from \$25 to \$10,000. You amaze me! I hope you are hearing many thank-yous from grateful Willow Brookers.

And more good news. We announced in the staff Christmas party video the winners of the 2021 Second Mile Award. They are:

- Darshawn Eiland, nursing assistant from The Home
- Scott Folchert, bus driver/maintenance worker from The Village
- Kathleen Barnhart, transitional living aide from Delaware Run

Every year at Christmastime we select one staff member from each campus whose service is deemed exceptional and beyond the ordinary. These three join an elite group whose names are engraved on a plaque in the lobby at each campus. Be sure to offer a word of congratulations when you come across these three givers.

As always, I want you to know that I consider it a high honor to serve you in my capacity as CEO of this precious ministry. I offer you my best wishes for a New Year full of wondrous things.

Much love to all,
Larry Harris

A New Year – How will I use it?

This past Friday at midnight, 365 days – or 8,760 hours were deposited in our "time bank" (if the Lord wills) for the coming year. It is a great gift, and it seems as if it would be sufficient time to accomplish many things! But if past experience remains true, this coming year will fly by as quickly as the one that just passed, and many of our plans and expectations will remain unfulfilled.

The Psalmist reminds us of the brevity of life and the swiftness with which it passes, "The length of our days is seventy years – or eighty, if we have the strength... but they quickly pass and we soon fly away" (Psalm 90:12). Then he admonishes "Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain a heart of wisdom" (Psalm 90:12).

While a year's time seems to provide unlimited opportunity there is only one way that this will be realized – by living one day at a time. Jesus stated, "Do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble" (Matthew 7:34). We must come to see the value of our everyday lives.

We should use today:

- *to think of others and not ourselves
- *to focus on the important, not just the urgent
- *to concentrate more on people than on things
- *to concentrate more on attitude and less on circumstances
- *to do our best and trust God for the outcome
- *To make the most of our time (Ephesians 5:15-16)

Have a blessed 2022!

Dana Slingluff

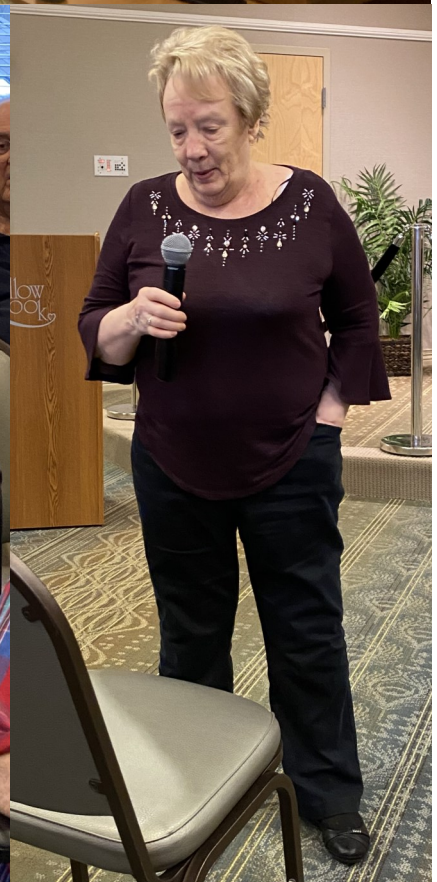
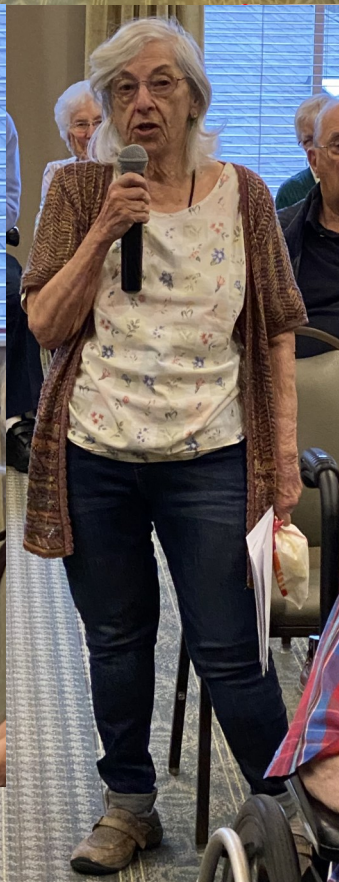


Memories from November and December!

Veteran's Day Parade



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Veteran's Day Ceremony
Thank you, Veterans!

Memories from November and December!

Homemade Ice Cream Party



Memories from November and December!

Floor Game
Fun!



Memories from November and December!



Memories from November and December!



Christmas
Tree
Crafting



Memories from November and December!



Memories from November and December!



Christmas Cookies—
Yum!

Memories from November and December!

Bible Walk
Wax Museum
Bus Trip



A visit from the
Grinch



Piano recital
with musical
cup finale

