



Heart to Heart

A newsletter for the families of the residents at The Village healthcare centers.

Nov./Dec. 2021

Sharing Fond Memories

There are some topics of discussion that are shared and understood by just a few folks. The joys and adventures that come from living well beyond the century milestone is one of them. Luckily for us, Centrum residents Charlotte Gallant (104 yrs.) and Evelyn Wildermuth (103 yrs.) took the opportunity to chat about those very things during Evelyn's recent birthday party. Both agreed that it is nice to swap a few memories with others who grew up in the same era. Though their personal experiences vary, both reflected on the many stages of their lives, and the

vast changes in America through the years. When asked if they would turn back the clock if they could, Charlotte said, "Absolutely!" She would return to her years as a community librarian. As for Evelyn, she says choosing would be a tough task, so she just takes one day at a time.



A Word From the CEO

Donations for the 2021 Staff Christmas Gift Fund are pouring in. This annual project is entirely funded by residents and family members. I am deeply moved as I see these expressions of your love and appreciation for the 500 people who serve you. My right hand is fatigued from all the thank-you notes I have been signing! You are a beautiful bunch of people.



All donations will be pooled and divided equally among hourly-paid staff. Last year residents and families gave an astounding \$203,000 that resulted in a gift of \$590 for each staffer. The unfortunate truth is that the IRS takes a cut from each check. I hate that, but I intend for Willow Brook to contribute enough to the Fund to cover those taxes. That way 100 percent of your gifts will go to our workers.

Please don't feel obligated to give, but if you do, be sure your gift arrives by November 24. Gifts received after that date will be held for next year's gift fund. And, we will acknowledge all donors in a printed insert to be included with each staff member's check (names only, no gift amounts). Many, many thanks!

I hope you are loving these precious autumn days. Our three campuses are decked out in their fall colors, and they are stunning!

With love to all,
Larry



**Harvest
Fun at
'Fall Fest'
2021**





The Wonderful Gift of Love!

Our thanks and congratulations go to Village independent resident Ellie Heingartner, our 2021 recipient of The Gift of Love award. This annual award is given to a volunteer who has shared time, talents, and care with the residents on our Willow Brook campus. Thank you Ellie!

Silent Night

Keep watch for a special vocal/ instrumental presentation of this beloved Christmas hymn.

Filmed at the historic "Barn at Stratford," this music video will combine the talents of both residents and staff from our Village and Delaware Run campuses.

Coming soon



Congratulations to the Centrum ladies for their quilt entry in the Delaware County Fair!

Village Trick or Treat



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