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HOUSEHOLD HAPPENINGS

Gatch Grove – March was beyond challenging, there is nothing more to say about that. In April we will doing one on one activities in resident rooms, playing Hallway Joker Uno, Hallway bingo, TV word games, Learning Circles, balloon volleyball, trivia, and, of course, have manicures. We are providing puzzles, color pages, and other materials for independent in room activities. If you have any questions email tbentley@semhaven.org.

McCormick Landing – March is gone and April is finally here! We have many activities planned for McCormick Landing. We will be playing games such as Who Am I?, Categories game, Name that Tune, Name the State and Name Ten. We will also be celebrating National Peanut Butter and Jelly Day and Bugs Bunny Day. We will have our annual Peeps Taste Testing and Jelly Bean Taste Testing. We will also color Easter Eggs. We will be showing Catholic Mass and a Protestant Church service once a week, in addition to Chaplin Bill's services on the household and his weekly Bible Study.

Canfield Court – We are adjusting to our “new” normal. We are doing a lot of one on one visits, manicures, puzzles and bubbles on the patio when weather permits. We are also doing bird watching on the television with social distancing of course! We had Tim over here playing Hallway Bingo which was fun. We are taking turns in the sun room watching for “red” cars and seeing who counts the most for the week. Our residents are really enjoying their skype/face time visits. We are looking forward to May and hoping to enjoy more human contact and socializing.

Kugler Woods, Hickory Cottage & Willow Way – During this trying time we all are doing well. We are doing friendly one-on-one visits daily and small group activities. We are taking small groups to the gazebo to get some much needed fresh air. Bingo is being played on each household: Tuesday, Kugler Woods – Wednesday, Willow Way – Friday, Hickory Cottage. We are also doing Facetime with residents and their family members. If you are interested in doing this please contact Amy Mullins @ (513) 965-7735 or Lindsey Pangallo, Nurse Leader.

SEM Haven Rehab Center – We kicked off the month with an April Fool's Spelling test lead by physical therapist Nancy Hake. With made up words like Chchch and blorskee, the rehab guests and staff all had a good laugh once they realized it was all a joke. The therapists, nurses and aides are all chipping in to help with on the household activities such as horoscopes, root beer floats, patio time, hallway bingo and blackjack. Therapy is continuing as normal as possible and we are making sure the gym is sanitized all throughout the day for everyone's health and safety!

Ripple Ridge - Spring is here!! We are so excited for spring and warm weather. We have already been enjoying some time outside on the warmer days, and hope to get outside more and more as the days get warmer. We will be planting our vegetable garden later this month. We will be visiting the Cincinnati Zoo, virtually through their home safari program, exploring museums, and working on lots of crafts. Chaplain Bill will be visiting us regularly for church services, and we will be baking up some homemade goodies to enjoy.

EDEN ALTERNATIVE

EDEN ALTERNATIVE™ – Restoring “Rampant Normalcy”: Ask what defines us as a person and we tend to think about our responsibilities and our hectic schedules, but it's the small moments between the big acts that make us who we are – what we wear, what and when we eat, what we do with leisure time, etc. The household model of care adds “normalcy” to the lives of residents by creating homes with a living room, dining room and kitchen. Staff, residents and families work together as a team in making decisions about life in the household and everyone is engaged. This is how life should be.



CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE - Thank you for your continued cooperation during this uncertain time. We continue to comply with ODH and the governor's orders for restricted visitation and social distancing. We have hired two Virtual Visit Guides, Samantha and Nick, who are assisting our residents and families to connect via Face Time, Skype and Google Duo. We are also looking at other temporary positions we can create to hire more staff on an as needed basis to help prepare us for any staff illnesses. Our residents remain in good spirits and we are looking forward to the day where we can open our home again to families, volunteers and visitors. We are no longer accepting donations for residents as we move closer to the influx of "the curve". We are very thankful for those who have donated items. All staff are now required to wear masks at all times when in the building. With that being said, we have been given permission to use cloth masks, if you or anyone you know have been sewing masks, they can be dropped off at the Main Entrance. Our SEM Haven Warriors are very appreciative of the kind words and emails/phone calls of support and encouragement. Please stay home if you are able, wash your hands frequently, and practice social distancing to help us "flatten the curve".

OTHER NEWS

VOLUNTEERS - National Volunteer Week is April 8-12. We would normally be having our annual Volunteer appreciation luncheon, but due to the Coronavirus we will be postponing the event. Please keep an eye out for more details.



ELDER SPOTLIGHT

~ Chaplain Bill

Dorothy Burch was born and raised in Mt. Healthy Ohio. Her father was a beer taster for Ohio of Cincinnati Local Breweries. (Pam Poe, her daughter, thinks it was Hudepohl. Pam gave us our information.) Dorothy's mom was a fine homemaker. She had one older sister, Jean.

Dorothy graduated from Mt. Healthy High School and attended UC where she majored in architecture, unfortunately, she was unable to finish due to the war and finances. She went to work for Cincinnati Milling Machine as a phone operator, and it was there she met Cliff Hotel, who also worked there. They married and had two children, Pam and Bart. There are two granddaughters, Meghan Daniel and Erin Vinson, and one great granddaughter, Aury Vinson.

Cliff was in the army in a tank crew in Europe chasing the German Army. He became a minor league umpire and also worked for the post office. Dorothy and Cliff lived in a trailer park in Perintown until they built their house. There are two pictures of Dorothy helping to put a roof on while pregnant.

Dorothy's hobbies were camping and sports. They camped in a trailer all over the country and also crossed over into Canada and Mexico. They were gone for three weeks every summer and after Cliff retired, they bought an Airstream as it was easier to pull. Dorothy was a terrific cook and her broccoli casserole was famous, as was her oyster dressing. She and Cliff liked to square dance. They were members of the "Milford Frontier Squares".

Dorothy likes music and enjoyed the old crooners like Frank Sinatra and Perry Como. Her favorite song was "Impossible" and she wore that old record out. She also liked Glenn Yarbrough and Judy Garland and Fred Astaire. She loves movies, especially "The Sound of Music". She liked the old TV shows such as Ruth Lyons, Paul Dixon, Nick Clooney and Mike Douglas. She played shortstop on a girls' softball team and loved The Cincinnati Reds. She is still a fanatic Reds fan.

Dorothy's church was the Perintown United Methodist Church where she taught Sunday School and was very active. Later in life she married Ray Burch and they went to the Christ Presbyterian Church. She now takes part in our chaplain's devotions and studies in Canfield Court. She listens intently and doesn't miss a thing. She has always been a great student of the Bible. A verse I would pick that reminds me of Dorothy is 2 Timothy 2:15 "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth". I love seeing Dorothy in our devotions, always in the front row, ready to study and show herself approved unto God.

We appreciate your compassion, patience and support as we navigate these uncertain times.

--Jessica Hall, Executive Director