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HOUSEHOLD HAPPENINGS

Ripple Ridge – May has arrived and we want everyone to know we are doing well and we are looking forward to spending some much needed time outdoors in the warm sunshine. We have a lot of patio time planned, having refreshments, working in the garden, & watching the wildlife. Our ladies will be making their very own fascinators for the Kentucky Derby at Home series and we will be watching to see which Triple Crown Winner will take home the prize. We have several special events planned for our elders and staff during National Nursing Home Week. Cook outs, pizza parties, minute to win it games competition. We will be honoring our staff on Ripple Ridge with a paint your own ceramic gift for them to keep. They have been working tirelessly during these unusual circumstances. True warriors in every sense of the word. Chaplain Bill will be visiting us for our regular spiritual visits. He has been a great comfort to us as well during these unprecedented times.

Canfield Court – Can't believe April went by so fast! We were busy with 1:1 activities such as, balloon toss, puzzles, room visits, reading, manicures, puppy visits and mini corn hole. We had small group activities as well, like Bingo on the household, arts and crafts, movie and popcorn, dying Easter eggs, and a lot of surprise snacks. Every Thursday Chaplain Bill visits us for household devotions and service on Sunday mornings. We also went for several walks around our courtyard on nice days and sat under the awning enjoying the beautiful breeze and warm weather. We had many Birthdays throughout the month that we celebrated by baking delicious cakes followed with singing. May will continue with similar activities and a little more! We will celebrate National Nursing Home Week with our elders and staff starting the week of Mother's Day. I know this has been a challenging time for everyone and we will get through this together; hopefully things will start going back to "normal" here soon, but as for now everyone is enjoying activities and their special one on ones! Stay healthy and safe!

Kugler Woods, Hickory Cottage & Willow Way – May is the fun time of the year when we get outside and plant our flowers, herbs and vegetable gardens. We have many outdoor activities planned. Our residents will be gardening, playing corn hole and of course lots ice cream in our beautiful Courtyards. On those spring time rainy days, we will have happy hour and indoor bowling. Our residents are enjoying FaceTime/Skype with their loved ones. The residents and staff are praying all is well with you and we will be seeing you soon!

McCormick Landing - Well, we have made it through another month with the new restrictions due to COVID-19. We have many things planned for May. We will continue with church services (Protestant and Catholic) each week. We will also have Catholic Rosary service each week. Chaplin Bill will be coming to the household on Sunday and Wednesday afternoons for church and bible study. We will be celebrating Mother's Day and National Nursing Home Week with special activities on our household such as popcorn and pop, super bingo, and an ice cream sundae bar. We will also be having a cookout. We will be playing games such as common colors, who am I? and name that tune. We will be enjoying baked goods each Tuesday as well having special snacks.

Gatch Grove – April was challenging but we made the best of it, there is nothing more to say about that. In May 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. We will still be doing Church services on all the households on Sunday's & Bible Study during the week. If anyone would like to facetime, Skype or just call their love ones please contact Christine Pierce at cpierce@semhaven.org. If you have any questions email tbentley@semhaven.org.



EDEN ALTERNATIVE

EDEN ALTERNATIVE™ – How do our households run? Who makes decisions about resident care and life on the household? Research has shown that much better outcomes are achieved when decision-making is placed as closely as possible in the hands of the residents and front-line staff. At SEM Haven we have team-based management on the households. Most of our staff are "cross-trained" in skills needed to help each other and the residents so that the household runs smoothly. This way the residents have more staff available who are trained to meet their needs. We have formed a care partnership between residents, staff and families.

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE - The SEM Haven team continues to push forward through the COVID crisis. I am so appreciative of our residents, their families and our staff for being so resilient during this time of restrictions and continued changes! We continue to screen our employees and essential vendors who are entering our home. We are screening all admissions and have isolation procedures for new residents as a precautionary measure. Our staff are wearing stylish face masks that have been donated by so many of our volunteers and friends of SEM Haven; to those who have donated masks we are truly grateful for your efforts to keep our residents and employees safe. We are continuing to provide COVID-19 education and have been conducting 'COVID Drills' to help our team be prepared in the event of a positive test. Our virtual visit team is doing a phenomenal job of keeping our residents connected with their loved ones and the activity team continue to show off their creativity with new activities and ways to promote engagement. We are thankful for your continued prayers and well-wishes; please keep them coming!!

ELDER SPOTLIGHT

~ Chaplain Bill

We want to thank Jack and Chris Gary, son and daughter-in-law of Becky Martin for this information on Becky. Rebecca Ruth Miller was born in Greeneville, Ohio and was raised in Mariemont. Her parents were teachers and her father was also the principal of Mariemont High School. She attended Miami University and received her master's degree in reading education from the University of Cincinnati. She dedicated her life to teaching. She was an elementary school teacher Reading Specialist, Reading Recovery Teacher in the Forest Hills Local School District. She was also the Reading Recovery Teacher in the Tri-State area in Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana.

Becky married Jack Gary who was a Lieutenant Colonel in the Air Force. They lived in many cities in the United States and also in Puerto Rico. Becky and Jack had three children, Beth, Jack and Eric. She later married Bob Martin who was in the Navy and a lawyer in Cincinnati. She has four grandchildren John, Katie, Rob and Jay. She loves to sing, read, cook and sew. Her pets were her dogs, Snoopy and Oliver. She loves the Cincinnati Reds and went to many games. Becky made delicious double fudge brownies, peanut brittle, macaroni and cheese, fried chicken, rum pie (she started making the rum pie when she lived in Puerto Rico) and rocky road cake. She enjoys classic movies and movie songs.

Becky attended St. Thomas Episcopal Church and for many years she volunteered at her church and the Leukemia Society.

Becky's heart and whole being is about teaching. In Second Timothy 3:16 teaching is listed first in scriptural usefulness. "All scripture is God breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness". Becky is a remarkable teacher who loves her children, grandchildren and students very much. Now, we love having Becky here with us, blessing us as she does.

Be safe and stay healthy!

--Jessica Hall, Executive Director