

BETHESDA NEWS

Annual Thanksgiving Dinner Celebration

On November 22nd, our residents celebrated Thanksgiving with their families at our annual Thanksgiving Dinner. Thanks to everyone who participated! And a special thank you to our staff for all their hard work in creating this fantastic event.



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Psalms 73:26

My flesh and my heart faileth:
but God is the strength of my
heart, and my portion for ever.

Colossians 3: 23 & 24

And whatsoever ye do, do it
heartily, as to the Lord, and not
unto men;

Knowing that of the Lord ye shall
receive the reward of the
inheritance: for ye serve the
Lord Christ.

Welcome Back, Lois!

Visitors to the office may
recognize a familiar face– Lois
Kelly has returned to her former
position as Bethesda’s
Bookkeeper! Welcome back,
Lois. Bethesda has missed you!

Resident Birthdays

JANUARY:

Donald Bergeron, Genevieve
Bakazan, Eleanor Christie,
Rachel Freifeld, Vivian Hunter,
Esther Predes-Hernandez,
Jane Bennett, Sharon Grant

FEBRUARY:

Leona Woodward, Maria Lobo,
Rudy Garcia, Louise Scariffi

MARCH:

Missy Couch, Eleanor Kair, Betty
Fahey, Miriam Luster

Administrator’s Corner

This past year has been one of great privilege for all of us to carry on Bethesda’s mission of care from a “Christian tradition of service” and the New Year promises to bring new challenges and opportunities to do more. We are rooted in the unchanging principles of God’s Word that motivate and inspire us to provide care because we DO care and to deliver service because we ARE servants. “The greatest among you is the servant of all”. We continue to be blessed by a good reputation which keeps our facility full with a waiting list of those needing and wanting our services.

Some highlights of this past year:

1. We passed another annual state survey in March with minor deficiencies and an overall good inspection. We are all thankful when it is completed and celebrate when we do well!
2. We have maintained a consistent staff while celebrating the retirement of a few longtime employees and hiring new team members to fill their places. Our greatest asset is our staff and it is providential how God brings good people to us when we need them. Our longest employed nurse just celebrated 31 years at Bethesda!
3. We continue to maintain older buildings and make improvements to many of our cottage apartments. Our residents enjoy our “homelike” atmosphere with the emphasis on our care and family like community.
4. We have maintained a 5 star rating throughout most of the year and currently have a 4 star rating on the Medicare website.
5. We had many special events and holidays with many families participating. Our annual Thanksgiving dinner was well attended and enjoyed by all. The recent Christmas party was arguably the “best one ever!”

We do face challenges in the New Year with remaining compliant to many new government regulations which were enacted on November 28, 2016. The emphasis of these regulations is on a person-centered approach to care and a well-defined plan of quality improvement, things already consistent with Bethesda’s heartfelt mission! We seek to view our work as a ministry which comes more from our hearts than our heads! Please pray for us to live out our distinctive and make an eternal difference in our residents’ lives.

Gal 6:10 Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.