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Art In The Park

We want to give a huge thank you to everyone who attended and helped coordinate our **Art In The Park** event in July! While planning our numerous art projects, we tried to remind ourselves that living at our best can also mean being childlike again: Forgetting whether or not you're "good" at something, putting colors together on paper because it looks pretty not because it looks like anything in particular, painting the imaginary pictures in your head that only you know, getting messy, and just having fun. If any of these art projects sparked moments of true joy, then our event was a success. Our goal really was simple: To help our residents and staff have fun together and give them the confidence to try something new. Afterall, if we are too busy focusing on what we cannot accomplish, we will never accomplish anything great.

Thanks to all your generous donations, we were able to raise \$2,000 for the Alzheimer's Association! We can't thank you enough for the support, encouragement, and love you showed!

Support Groups

Memory Loss Solutions®

EHL Campus Support Group

Monday, August 5th

5:00 - 6:00 pm

@ Main Campus

Tuesday, August 20th

12:30 - 1:30 pm

@ Main Campus

Alzheimer's Support Group

Thursday, August 8th & 22nd

1:30 - 3:30 pm

@ Good Samaritan Society
3500 Hilyard Street, Eugene



EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

Mari @ Health Center

We are pleased to announce that Mari is our August 2019 Employee of the Month!



Mari was born in Portland during a snowstorm. Her family was snowed in at the hospital for three days! She grew up in Florence until she was nine, when she moved to Eugene. She still misses Florence and considers it home. Mari was an only child until she was 17, then her parents each remarried and she gained five step-sisters, one step-brother, a little brother and a little sister. Wow! Mari's family also consists of a 10-year-old Boston Terrier dog named Tassie and a Pomeranian dog named Chewie, who used to be here at EHL. Mari told us, "I am so happy to have Chewie! He's already made himself a jumpy, wiggly, cuddly part of my little family!"

Mari has been a part of the EHL community since August 2018. She currently works as the Family Services/Administrative Assistant in the Health Center. When asked why she likes working at EHL, Mari replied, "I love seeing so much compassion every day. The people, both the staff and the residents, are the best part of EHL." When Mari isn't working, she enjoys books and movies because she loves a good story. She states, "I'm a sucker for any animal, especially one in need, but I can't watch movies where animals are hurt or lost because it makes me too sad." Her hobbies include crocheting, embroidery, and knitting.

Mari's Words of Wisdom:

"We are all a little weird and life's a little weird, and when we find someone whose weirdness is compatible with ours, we join up with them and fall in mutual weirdness and call it love." --Dr. Suess

Thank you, Mari, for your hard work and your dedication! And your wonderful sense of humor!!



In Remembrance



Gloria Bodine

Gloria came to EHL in September of 2017. Chelsea, Resident Coordinator of our Aspen Home, shared with us, "Gloria was the most loving lady. She had the most beautiful smile and sweetest laugh. She loved her family and everyone around her very much. She was a friend to everyone she met. We will miss her so much." Gloria passed away at the age of 94.



Gloria & Chelsea

Christine "Chris" Godwin

Chris came to EHL in June of 2018. Vanesa, Resident Coordinator of our Birch Home, commented, "It was an honor to take care of such an amazing little lady. We loved learning all the things she did, like running a wrecking yard all while wearing white and still being able to keep her clothes clean. That's amazing! She will be missed." Chris passed away at the age of 98.



Mark Your Calendar!



October 13th is the date of the local **Walk to End Alzheimer's** at Alton Baker Park. We invite you to join us! Our team name is **Team EHL & Friends** and you can sign up and/or donate to the team online at:

<http://act.alz.org/goto/EHLandfriends>

Our **Annual Spaghetti Feed** will be on September 17th from 4:30 - 6:00 pm in each Home. Please RSVP by either calling the front desk at **541-747-4858** or by emailing adminassistants@elderhealthandliving.com

