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Village Wonderland

Thanks to the amazing donation of holiday decorations and lights from the Phillips family, we were able to set up our own Village Wonderland. Our maintenance crew worked hard to get everything looking festive in our village and some of our residents have been escorted for their own tour. We are excited to feature photos of these tours in this edition of the newsletter.

Thank you, Phillips family, for this amazing donation!



EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

Jada @ Health Center

We are pleased to announce that Jada is our January 2021 Employee of the Month!

Jada was born in Eugene and grew up in the Thurston area, attending all Thurston schools. She has two older sisters named Malia and Kayla. Jada just recently rescued a kitten named Indigo and when she is not at work she says she spends all her time with him.

Jada started with EHL in March of 2020 as Direct Care Staff and was recently promoted to a NOC Float. When asked why Jada likes working here, she replied, "I enjoy working at EHL because it is a very positive environment. I'm lucky enough to be on a team where I get to see not only just one house, but I get a chance to meet everyone around campus. This is my first caregiving job and I'm so grateful that I started at EHL. I'm very dedicated to my work - I guess you could call me a workaholic." We are very thankful to have Jada on our team!

Jada's Words of Wisdom:

"Fight for the things you care about, but do it in a way that will lead others to join you." - Ruth Bader Ginsburg

Thank you, Jada, for your hard work and your dedication!



Thank you also to our
maintenance team
for setting up all the
decorations and lights!



In Remembrance

Karen Phifer

Karen came to EHL in January of 2018. Laura, Resident Coordinator of our Willow Home, shared with us, "Karen was funny and would always sing funny songs. She liked to dance with staff. She loved our cat Micky. She will be missed." Karen passed away at the age of 77.



Charles Mestrich

Charles came to EHL in June of 2020. Kayla, Resident Coordinator of our Diamond Peak Home, shared that, "Charles was a sweet guy who always greeted the entire house. He was the firecracker of the home. He loved his puzzles and sports and was always down to watch a football game. He will be greatly missed." Charles passed away at the age of 70.



The Mt. Hood Home was hit particularly hard this last month with the passing of residents. Heather, the current Resident Coordinator of this Home, shared with us some great memories of these beloved residents.

Pete Cropper

Pete came to EHL in December of 2018. Heather told us that, "Pete was a fun, loving guy. He would tinker around the house, fixing whatever he could get his hands on. He loved to be called a grumpy old man - it would give him the biggest smile. Pete will be dearly missed and never forgotten." Pete passed away at the age of 82.



Nanalee Olson

Nanalee came to EHL in January of 2020. Heather shared that, "Nanalee was a very caring and comical person. She was always looking out for the other residents. She would often be found sitting next to one of the fellas to make sure they were getting plenty of snacks. Nanalee loved to tell stories and if she could shock you with the details, she was pleased. We will forever remember her and miss her beautiful smile." Nanalee passed away at the age of 87.



Arlene Blanco

Arlene came to EHL in February of 2020. Heather told us that, "Arlene always had a story to tell. She was so loving and her family meant everything to her. She loved to talk about her family and what they were up to. She would brag about the wonderful gifts they brought her. She was so proud of them. Arlene was kind and full of compliments and wanted to help any chance she got. She will always be in our hearts and we will forever remember the time we got to share with her." Arlene passed away at the age of 81.



Irene Meade

Irene came to EHL in March of 2020. Heather shared that, "Irene loved to sing and dance. She would talk about events she was planning, what she would wear, and what food she would make. And, of course, that she planned on singing her favorite song 'Good Night Irene'. When staff would sing with her or play that song, it would bring her so much joy - she would clap her hands and sing along. We will miss her greatly." Irene passed away at the age of 82.



*When someone you love becomes a memory,
the memory becomes a treasure.*



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