

# Village Voice

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## A Donation of FUN!

We had a very generous donation from a family member of our Willow Home, which included a new propane grill, a Bluetooth boom box, a large Jenga set, and a badminton set for our Park! We are excited to use all of these items for resident activities, for families to enjoy with our residents, and for staff team meetings. Check out these photos of Willow resident Brenda enjoying a game of badminton with our Maintenance Coordinator, Ryan!



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**for these incredible gifts!**

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As of the writing of this newsletter, we are happy to report we have welcomed family and friends back to our Village. Our Executive Order was lifted on June 3rd, which opened up in-person visits within the homes. We recently just started doing our quarterly Care Conferences in person as well. It has been a joy to get to see families and friends back at EHL, and we see that joy reflected in the smiles from our residents and staff.

We will continue to follow requirements issued by the Oregon Department of Human Services and Oregon Health Authority for COVID-19 policies and protocols for Residential Care Facilities. The best source for staying current on our status is by visiting our website and looking for the COVID-19 updates on the home page.

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# Lead Direct Care Staff

We are excited to announce we have filled our four remaining homes with their Lead Direct Care Staff!



**Taylor Green** has been with EHL since May of 2016. She has worked as both Direct Care Staff and Shift Supervisor during her five years with EHL. She started as Lead Direct Care Staff for Birch in June. Taylor has a 3-year-old son named Tresean. They love to be outdoors - camping, hiking, and swimming.

## **In Her Words:**

I am looking forward to learning new things and moving up with the company. I am also looking forward to getting closer with families and staff as a Lead. I like how EHL is very compassionate and understanding with their staff. And I love that residents come first. They truly get the best care here at EHL. I really enjoy and love what I do. I am very excited and thankful to be moving up within the company.

**Rachel Burnette** started with EHL in September of 2016 as Direct Care Staff. In September of 2020, she was promoted to Swing Shift Supervisor. Starting in July, she will become Lead Direct Care Staff in our Mt. Vernon Home. On her days off, she enjoys kayaking. She has a 14-year-old dog and she loves to hang out with her sister and one-year-old niece.

## **In Her Words:**

I am looking forward to getting to know the Mt. Vernon residents and to be able to help make their home a fun environment to live in. I like how EHL really makes an effort to make sure the residents are happy and safe. My motivation is that I really enjoy helping our residents with their day-to-day activities and to just have fun with them. It brings me joy to see them happy. I will miss being the Swing Shift Supervisor but I am excited to be working in the home again.



**Callie Tucker** started with EHL in April of 2017 as Direct Care Staff. She was promoted to the Lead Direct Care Staff in our Mt. Hood Home in June. When she is not working, Callie enjoys spending time with family, her "better half" Ryan, and their four-legged fur babies. They enjoy going on adventures, whether it be driving to the coast or taking country backroads just to see where they might end up.

## **In Her Words:**

I am looking forward to building a well-rounded and supported team who shares the love that I have for the residents. I love how family-oriented EHL is. Everybody here has the same goal - to provide the best level of care. Even in the most stressful of times we still know how to have fun. All of our staff here play an important role in the care of our residents. I want to be able to provide the necessary support wherever I am needed.



**Cera Gay Conley** started with EHL in October of 2020 as Direct Care Staff. In June, she was promoted to the Lead Direct Care Staff role in the Diamond Peak Home. When not at work, Cera loves to be around her dog (River) and her sister. They like to go hiking and are constantly looking for new adventures.

## **In Her Words:**

I am looking forward to seeing what this new position has in store! It pushes me outside my comfort zone but I am always up for the challenge. I am also looking forward to helping improve the Diamond Peak Home. I love how EHL is very personal to each resident and we focus more on what makes them happy. I like challenges and trying new things. I have always strived for the leadership role and like to be the person that people can come to when they need something.



# In Remembrance



## Jerry Campbell

Jerry came to EHL in June of 2016. Staff shared with us that, "We will always remember his laugh, his smile, and his fishing and hunting stories. He always treated every staff member as family and was always giving great hugs. He loved to sing - he was always singing. He will be greatly missed." Jerry passed away at the age of 79.

## Thomas "Tom" Burke

Tom came to EHL in February of 2019. Isabel Benitez, Resident Coordinator of our Birch and Redwood Homes, shared with us, "We will remember Tom for always being so appreciative and helpful to us. He loved to drink his nightly glass of wine with dinner, since he was a connoisseur of wine. He will be deeply missed by the Birch Home." Tom passed away at the age of 93.



## Robert "Bob" Krauss

Bob came to EHL in October of 2019. Staff shared with us that, "Bob had a New Jersey accent that would come out every once in a while. He loved snapping his fingers and humming in the evening. At dinnertime, he loved to make other residents laugh." He will be missed very much. Bob passed away at the age of 93.

## Celeste Rose

Celeste came to EHL in December of 2019. Isabel Benitez, Resident Coordinator, shared with us, "Celeste was the founder of the Rose Children's Theatre. She was an amazing songwriter, storyteller, puppeteer, and a theatre actor. She had the biggest and best imagination. We have so many great memories of her leading exercises and handing out her hats to everyone. She had such a beautiful soul that will never be forgotten. I am deeply thankful and blessed for all the memories I have of her." Celeste passed away at the age of 82.



## Betty Mattson

Betty came to EHL in November of 2020. Staff shared with us that, "She had an amazing soul, she was so full of laughter and spunk. The way she lit up when staff would call her grandma or granny will always stick within our hearts. She will be greatly missed." Betty passed away at the age of 89.

***The world changes from year to year. Our lives from day to day. But the love and memory of our loved ones shall never pass away.***



We have been blessed with many sunny days so far this summer. We hope you enjoy seeing these photos of our residents enjoying themselves outside!



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