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Handing Over the Torch

We recently had a change of command in our medical department at EHL.

Dawn Brown, FNP has been with us since 2014 and she is taking on the role of Medical Director here at EHL. See the following for a message from our outgoing Medical Director, Liz von Wellsheim, GNP and Dawn's own words on how she feels about the new position.



Message from the outgoing Medical Director, Liz von Wellsheim, GNP: After 17 years as the Medical Director at ElderHealth & Living, I am handing over the torch to Dawn Brown, FNP who has been my go to person for the past eight years in providing high quality medical and nursing care to our peeps at EHL. I will continue to be present at EHL in a part-time status to help Dawn learn the ropes of her new position and to provide the EHL team with mentoring, staff trainings, consulting on challenging residents, and just ensuring the continuity of our incredible program. Dawn has excellent clinical skills, she is a wealth of knowledge when a specialist needs to be accessed, and she will keep our "hands on approach" to resident care and team building.









Dawn has touched the lives of many of our residents, both present and in the past. We are very lucky to have her with us!



### Handing Over the Torch, continued...

#### Here are Dawn's answers to some of our questions.

You have been with EHL since January 2014. What have you seen change in the last eight years? In the last eight years, I have seen the people change but not our personal approach to care - we love the individual approach to caring for residents. My favorite physical change to the community has been the Park.

What was your nursing experience prior to coming to EHL? Prior to EHL, I worked in northern New Mexico as a Family Nurse Practitioner in a community health clinic and then in an internal medicine clinic, which included rounds in nursing homes. I then moved to Oregon and worked in community geriatrics, making rounds at skilled, long-term care and memory care facilities.

What are your goals for EHL as the new Medical Director? My goals remain the same as Medical Director as they were prior to this role - to provide great person-centered medical care to the residents along with our fabulous Health Center team.

What is your favorite thing about EHL? My favorite thing about EHL is the feeling of family.

Is there anything about your personal life you'd like to share? When not at EHL, I love spending time with my husband, two daughters, and our dog exploring the Pacific Northwest.



# to our Village!



Leona was a math teacher before her retirement and she loves to be social. She is a big fan of games such as Bingo and crossword puzzles.





#### **ElderHealth & Living's Support Group**

A small group of caring people, sharing a similar journey.



Oct. 3rd & Nov. 7th 1st Monday of every month

5:00 - 6:00 pm

3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every month 12:30 - 1:30 pm

Oct. 18th & Nov. 15th

**Location:** 

The Club at ElderHealth & Living 382-B S. 58th Street Springfield, OR 97478

Please feel free to call the main office at 541-747-4858 if you have any questions about our support groups.

9 feel pretty! Nothing like a little fingernail polish and pampering to make you feel pretty!



## Arts & Grafts!

We have been keeping busy in the homes with lots of arts and crafts projects. Seen here are some wonderful scarecrow faces made by our residents!







### In Remembrance



### Donald "Don" Whalley

Don was a man of few words, but he had a smile that was contagious. When he did talk, he was quite the jokester. He will be missed from Mt. Hood.



Margaret "Marge" Bridges

Marge was a very loving person. She was always very helpful in the Cascade home. She had a great smile and such a sweet and caring heart.



Jo adored her daughter and her longtime friend Joan. She loved reading the newspaper and telling all the staff how the weather was going to look for the week.









### Marianne's Memo:

We have lots of dress up days coming up for the rest of 2022! Feel free to join in on the fun!



- Monday, October 31: Halloween!
- Friday, November 18: PJ Day!
- Week of December 19 23: Holiday Spirit Week!



