

December 1, 2022

Dear Residents, Families & Staff:

I had the pleasure of being at Dunwoody on Thanksgiving Day and was witness to the many family and friends visiting residents across the campus. It was wonderful to experience the “buzz” and excitement of a holiday. Dining Services served a lovely Thanksgiving Brunch in the auditorium. We are finding the auditorium to be very useful, flexible space! As I walked through Dunwoody on Thanksgiving, I reflected on my time here and felt overwhelming gratitude towards our board, our residents, our staff and our families. Dunwoody is a special place and I am honored to serve as your President & CEO. I look forward to our future with anticipation and excitement. Heartfelt thanks to each one of you for the important role you play in our community. Each person contributes to the mission and the spirit of “One Dunwoody”. I hope you all had an opportunity to spend time with people that you love and to reflect on gratitude, for we have so much for which to be thankful. Again, I am thankful for you all.

COVID-19

One Care Center and seven Residential residents tested positive for COVID and are on quarantine. Two staff members tested positive and are at home on isolation.

St. John’s Hospice

St. John’s Hospice, located in Philadelphia, is a non-profit organization which provides food and shelter to poor and homeless men in the community. Mrs. Clara Hilberts is conducting a charitable drive, collecting warm mittens, gloves, socks, scarves and toiletries for the organization. There is a collection basket located near the Main Lobby Front Desk. If you would like to donate a casserole, please turn it in to the kitchen on December 12th or 13th. You may also purchase a casserole through the kitchen for \$15.90, and residents can charge this to their monthly bill. If you would like more information about St. John’s and other ways to donate, you can find information at saintjohnshospice.org.

Toys for Tots

Just a reminder that our Toys for Tots drive ends on December 9th. The collection box is located at the reception desk near the Club Room. All items must be new (not used) and unwrapped. Toys should be appropriate for ages 0 – 12, but there is *always* a greater need for toys for the *older* children in that age range. Clothing, toys that resemble weapons, and toys that contain candy or food should not be donated. If you don’t feel like shopping but would like to donate, a gift card to stores where toys can be purchased by the Marine Corps can be dropped off at Human Resources. We appreciate your support!

Staff Luncheon

All Dunwoody employees are invited to attend the holiday luncheon in the auditorium on Tuesday, December 6th, from 11:30am – 1:30pm held in appreciation of their services. Checks provided through our Residents’ Employee Appreciation Fund will be distributed at that time. Employees only -- *Please do not bring any guests or family members.* **Resident lunch will not be available on Tuesday, December 6th.**

Grand Opening Festivities

Phase II construction is coming to a close, and we are excited to announce the Grand Opening of the Fox Den and Lobby. Residents are invited to attend our Grand Opening Holiday Brunch on Thursday, December 15th, at 11:00am - 1:00pm in the Fox Den and the Auditorium. A Ribbon cutting ceremony for the Fox Den will be at 11:00 am. **Staff lunch will not be available on Thursday, December 15th.**

Residents of the Care Center are invited to a special Grand Opening Happy Hour in the Fox Den on Thursday, December 22nd at 3:00 – 4:00 pm. Spouses in Residential Living are invited to join the Happy Hour celebration!

Holiday Celebrations Continue!

- Administration will be placing an undecorated tree in the Lower-Level Lobby for the residents to enjoy their tree decorating ceremony. As in the past, arrangements will be made by the Residents' Association, and residents bring their own ornaments to decorate. We ask that residents bring all new decorations this year.
- Christmas Brunch will be held on December 25th starting at 11:30 am in the auditorium.
- Dunwoody's New Year's Eve Party for residents will be held in the Auditorium on December 31st from 4:00 – 6:00 pm.
- The resident sponsored party to "ring in the New Year" will be held in the Fox Den on December 31st from 10:00pm – 12:00am.
- A special New Year's Eve celebration will take place in the Care Center at 3:00 pm.

More to follow on these events.

Health & Wellness

Residents who have not yet received their annual flu vaccine and would still like to receive it, should call the Health & Wellness Department at 610-359-4417 between 8:00am – 4:00pm, Monday through Friday, to arrange for an appointment.

Security Cameras

Twelve new security cameras have arrived and are being installed. The cameras will capture footage of the parking lots, carports, and main entrances. The cameras will be monitored by our Security team.

Construction

Final trim, paint, and punch-lists are underway in most areas on the project. Final inspections and cleaning are ongoing as well. Furniture is expected to be moved into place late next week in preparation for opening the week of December 12th.

Sincerely,
Maureen