

December 16, 2022

Dear Residents, Families & Staff,

Welcome Home Dunwoody Residents! Yesterday, we cut the ribbon, opened the Lobby and Fox Den and celebrated at the first of many parties and gatherings. There were many smiles and positive comments. One resident shared that she was concerned the project would feel like a hotel, but as she walked into Fox Den, she said it all felt like home. That was the vision for the project...to be new and updated, but to be a warm, comfortable, and functional home for Dunwoody residents and their families and friends. By the reactions yesterday, I believe that vision came to fruition. Heartfelt thanks to the Dunwoody staff who worked tirelessly to have the space ready with furniture, flowers, finishes and more. This project was 5 years in the making and our leadership and their teams, including Julia McCartha, Director of Dining, Gary Ladeau, Director of Environmental Services, Elaine Kaiser, Director of Marketing, and Len Dachino, Controller, have been key in helping to bring the plans and finishes to fruition. It truly is a beautiful, warm, welcoming and functional space. Gary Ladeau, Byron Brown and the Environmental Services team moved truckloads of furniture and made the space sparkle. The entire Facilities team worked to get the TV's hung and Scott Hill provided integral technology support and Lenny Adams supported our inspections. Monica Knauss and Kayla McFadden of our Marketing Team created beautiful invitations, secured the jazz band and created an amazing slide show which will be shared again. Bill Hohlfeld, Head Groundskeeper, guided decorating and brought the holiday atmosphere to the event. Josie Singer in Administration worked with our partners and the Board of Directors and took care of many details needed to make the day special. Chef Derek Brewington and entire Dining Team presented a delicious menu, with impeccable service! Jean DiStefano seamlessly transitioned our front desk to the new lobby. Our leadership, management, and amazing staff provided support in many different ways to get us to opening day. Many thanks to Ed Chiosso, Chairman of the Board, and our entire Board of Directors for their support! Dunwoody very much appreciates the vision and contributions of our Board Members. It is a volunteer position and they offer their time and talent to advance the mission of Dunwoody Village. We also thank our partners: Northstar Owners Representation, Bernardon Architecture and Interior Design, and Warfel Construction. We are planning mini grand openings for the Game Room, Resale and the Meeting Room in the near future. The new Break Room will open in late January.

The Grand Opening was a wonderful event and it was so much fun to see the smiles, hear the laughter and watch our residents fill the space. It's clear the residents have great plans in store. We look forward to many more fun events in the future.

Actually, our next event is already planned! **We cordially invite residents living in Personal Care and Skilled Nursing to join us for a Grand Opening Happy Hour Thursday December 22 at 3pm.**

COVID-19

One Residential and six Care Center residents tested positive and are on quarantine. Nine staff members tested positive and are at home on isolation.

Dining

Christmas Day

The Christmas Meal will be held in the Auditorium. Reservations are required and can be made on Full Count. If you are on the meal plan, you may apply one meal for Christmas. If you are not on the meal plan, the charge is \$21. Residents may not use their meal plan for a guest charge on Christmas, nor for any holiday meal; the charge for guests is \$21. Care Center residents who do not have access to Full Count and would like to make reservations can do so by calling 610-359-4433. Pick up is available on Christmas Day in the Auditorium for residents who will not be dining in. Hours of pickup will be 11:30am – 1:00pm.

Morning Coffee

Morning coffee and Continental Breakfast will continue to be held in Hearthside at this time. Target date for changing the location of morning coffee is Monday, December 26th.

No Pets in Dining

Please remember that pets are not permitted in our dining areas, including the area of the coffee station.

Village "J" Residents

The water shutoff which had been scheduled for the "J" residents this past Tuesday, December 13, 2022, had to be postponed. Other contracted plumbing work needed to be finished. Maintenance will provide more detail and the new date once it has been confirmed. Thank you, and our sincere apologies for any inconvenience this past Tuesday.

Gratuities for Salon Operators

Residents have asked how they might have access to cash on campus to tip their hairdresser. You are able to contact our Accounting Department and receive up to \$100.00 in cash that will be charged to your monthly statement. Call Mimma Damasco in Accounting at 610-359-4420 to let her know the amount in advance and she will have it ready for you to pick up. Our Accounting Department is located on the Lower Level across from the Fitness Center. Salon operators are not employees of Dunwoody Village; they are independent contractors and may accept tips. Keep in mind that no Dunwoody Village staff are permitted to accept gifts nor tips, even during the holidays or for special occasions.

Religious Services

Religious services originally scheduled in the Auditorium for this Sunday, December 18, 2022 are cancelled.

Intern

On Monday December 19th we welcome back our intern Derek Hammel. Derek will be spending most of his time supporting Montessori and Holiday Events in the Care Center working with Carolyn Treadway and her team. He specifically requested to work more closely with residents and we look forward to his return during his winter break.

Best regards,
Maureen