

April 12, 2024

Dear Residents, Families & Staff:

Yesterday, a group of 30 residents, board members and staff joined together in a Mission, Vision and Values Summit intended to train interviewers in the process of Appreciative Inquiry. Appreciative Inquiry is an approach that focuses on the positive. We are looking to stakeholders to help identify all that is good about Dunwoody Village. The interviewer group had the opportunity to interview a partner using Appreciative Inquiry which included 4 questions. These questions focus on the best of Dunwoody in the past, the present and the future. The interviewers will now go out into the Dunwoody community to interview those people who have agreed to be interviewed. There are still invitations being sent to residents and staff to be interviewed. If you are asked, please say "Yes!" We need your input for this important process. We intend for 100 interviews to be completed over the next 2-week period. Yesterday 30 interviews were completed. This group will reconvene to review the themes that were heard in the interviews. These themes will be considered as the Mission, Vision and Values are reviewed. This group will also make recommendations regarding updating the same.

The mission of Dunwoody Village is to provide a welcoming and compassionate community with distinctive residential and healthcare services that promote wellness, dignity, and respect, for our residents and home-based clients.

The vision for Dunwoody Village is to be the community of choice for residents, their families and employees.

Our core values include Teamwork, Respect, Integrity, Compassion, and Quality.

### **Grounds – West Country Houses**

An area of invasive brush has recently been cleared out back of the West Country Houses. The back corner was also cleared along the wood line to make room for a compost bin system. The bin will be tucked in the wood line to blend in with its surroundings. The larger cleared area will be transformed into a native plant grove. Over time we will plant trees and shrubs that will rehabilitate the once over grown island. The stakes on the lawn are in place to inform the mowing crew that it is a no mow zone. Once completed, we believe this will be a great addition to Dunwoody Villages' landscape.

### **Mailbox**

A new bronze, freestanding mailbox will be in place at the front desk for resident monthly invoices and to collect staff appreciation contribution checks.

### **COVID**

One Residential and One Care Center resident tested positive for COVID and are on quarantine. One employee is positive and at home on isolation.

**Cocktail Reception**

Please join us for our Annual Board Cocktail Party in Celebration of 100 Years of Caring! We are celebrating 100 Years of the Dunwoody Home and 50 Years of Dunwoody Village. Come wearing your finest spring attire and your names tags. We have a new food set up planned throughout the Lobby, and bars will be located in the Lobby, Auditorium and Fox Den. This will enable residents to circulate and enjoy socializing with both old and new friends. Staff will be butler passing heavy hours d'oeuvres. There will be no pickup or dinner services in Hearthsides or 1712 on the night of the event and no takeout during the cocktail party. Seating is available in the auditorium and throughout the Lobby & Fox Den.

**Dunwoody Village Board of Trustees**

Three members of the Board will have completed their term in April. We are grateful for their service.

Members completing their term include: Ted Bredikin, Erin Haas, and Stephanie Strid-Davis.

Three new members have been nominated to the Board in March and will begin their terms in April. We are looking forward to welcoming them to Dunwoody Village.

New trustees include: Mike Buongiorno, Ashley Costa, and Kelly Johnson

Best regards,

Maureen