

August 2, 2024

Dear Residents, Families and Staff:

LeadingAge PA proudly announces the awarding of 33 scholarships totaling \$40,000 through its 2024 Professional Development Scholarship program. These scholarships are granted to staff members of LeadingAge PA member organizations statewide and support their pursuit of various degrees, certifications and continuing education credits. The selection process, overseen by a LeadingAge PA member and staff task force, focused on submitted personal statements, professional references and a demonstrated commitment to advancing careers within aging services. "These scholarships not only empower individuals but also fortify our collective ability to innovate and meet the evolving needs of older adults," said LeadingAge PA President and CEO Garry Pezzano. "These professionals are the future, and it is our desire to work alongside our member communities and their staff to make it bright." To qualify, candidates were required to be accepted or enrolled in their chosen program, whether it be nursing-related or non-nursing fields. "There are abundant opportunities in aging services beyond nursing, encompassing diverse fields such as food service, therapy, social work, engineering, administration and others," said Erin McDermott, director of member engagement and workforce solutions. "This scholarship program reflects our commitment to nurturing talent across all sectors critical to senior care."

We are so proud to share that Dunwoody's own Sheila Petit, LPN in skilled nursing and Lindsay Sokorai, waitstaff member in Dining, are among the 33 scholarship winners. Please join me in sharing our heartfelt congratulations!

Telecommunications

On Wednesday, July 31st, we were performing planned network maintenance on our IT equipment. This maintenance required us to take our IT network and phone system down. The planned equipment replacement was successful; however, when the network maintenance on the IT system was complete, we became aware that not all phone service returned to normal. We worked throughout the day with our external telecommunication and IT partners to have the system operation restored by approximately 7:00 PM that same evening. Residents living in the Village, the Country Homes and Penrose were not impacted by the outage. Each neighborhood in skilled nursing and personal care had cell phones available for residents to make outgoing calls and to receive incoming calls during this time. We apologize for the inconvenience.

Fox Den

On Monday, August 5th from 4:00pm – 5:00pm Administration will be hosting a cocktail hour in the *Fox Den* for our Leadership Team and our new residents who have been invited to the meet and greet. The *Fox Den* will be closed for general use at that time but will reopen at 5:00pm.

Infection Control

Three Residential and three Care Center residents tested positive for COVID and are on quarantine. Four staff members are positive and at home on isolation.

Best regards,
Maureen Casey