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Merry Christmas

**Who's Who
at Brookestone**

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Lacie- Director Of Nursing
Danielle-Asst. Director of Nurs.
Jonna- AL/IL Coordinator
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Tammy- Life Enrichment
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Dear Residents and Families,

As 2023 comes to an end and we reflect on the past year, there have been quite a few things to celebrate at Brookestone Gardens. Of course, the most obvious thing is the end of the Federal COVID-19 Public Health Emergency and with that, many of the regulations that were put in place to mitigate the worst parts of COVID-19. We are grateful that we did not have near the number of illness in residents and team members as some others and are grateful that residents, team members and visitors were diligent in following the guidelines. We are so happy to be able to have visitors come in the building for meals and go to activities with their loved ones, and we realize that the residents are even more happy than we are!

This year Brookestone Gardens received the Bronze Award from the American Health Care Association. The AHCA/NCAL National Quality Award Program is a rigorous three-level process that evaluates long term care organizations capabilities against nationally recognized standards for excellence.

Our skilled nursing unit(Violet and Daisy wings) also had a week long survey by the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services in October and found NO DEFICIENCIES! The surveyors were very complimentary in their exit interview of the care that the residents at Brookestone Gardens receive.

Another thing that we are very proud of is that we no longer have any agency based staff working in our building. All of our team members are permanent Brookestone Gardens employees that live our Mission, Vision and Values everyday to care for our residents.

We hope that you all have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We look forward to seeing you in the New Year!

Brookestone Gardens Leadership Team



Yanney Park Light Festival
Dec 6 -16th



HOLIDAY BLESSINGS FROM OUR HOME TO YOURS

HOLIDAY DECORATING

For our new families and a reminder for the rest of us, here are some of our regulations regarding Christmas decorations that you may bring in for your loved ones. A couple things to keep in mind:

- We cannot have LIVE items such as live Christmas trees, wreaths, or garlands. These are fire hazards and we have to follow our fire codes. If you wish to provide a small (4' or under) fake tree, please bring it in its box, as our regulations do not allow us to use a tree if we don't have the original box to verify if it is flame retardant. Poinsettias **ARE** okay to bring.
- We cannot use extension cords in rooms, again fire code regulations. Lights that are battery operated would be best if possible.
- Loved ones and staff must have enough room to still get around safely while still being able to operate all appropriate equipment. We do not want anything to become a tripping hazard and cause a fall.

Reminder! Holiday Hours

During the holidays, we observe special holiday hours at the guest relations desk. The desk is staffed and doors are unlocked from 8 to 8pm on weekdays and from 10 to 5pm on weekends and holidays. After hours you are still able to visit at any time by pressing the button on the pad in the vestibule and the nurses will let you in. If you need out, please use the keypad on the left side of the doors to open from the inside. There is a card you can swipe in the small wooden box on the wall to the left of the double doors.



UNK Health Sciences Club came to make Christmas ornaments with all of the residents.





Just a Reminder!!

If you bring pets inside of the building for visits, make sure that we have the updated vaccination records before you bring them in. You can give them to the person at guest relations to make a copy for you if need to. Thank You!!!

Cold and Flu Season is HERE!



Heidi (Infection Control Nurse) and Lacie (Director of Nursing) are asking that people refrain from visiting if you have any symptoms such as: coughing, sore throat,

fever, body aches, etc. Also, it is best practice to stay out of the facility for 10 days if they are COVID positive. Please report it to one of us if you have visited within 48 hours of the onset of COVID. Please avoid visiting if you have been around anyone that has had COVID.

We are happy that families have the opportunity to eat together with their loved ones, either in the dining room if table space is available or any of our many rooms. Guest meals are \$5.00 and tickets can be purchased at the guest relations desk. The meal ticket is then given to the dietary staff taking the order at the table. You may bring in food as well.

We are in the process of making changes to the readily available menu that is used in both the skilled unit and in the assisted/independent living unit. We have added some things and taken out others but will send out a note to all primary contacts and to all residents prior to implementation.

Please tell a nurse if you bring gifts to your loved ones so that they can be added on to their inventory. If you bring clothing as gifts to residents on the skilled side, please be sure that you let the nurses know so they get their names marked on them by the laundry department.

Thank you!

