



Living Care

RETIREMENT COMMUNITY

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Dec. 16, 2020

Dear Residents,

Are you counting down the days until Christmas? I know, this is going to be a different kind of Christmas for all of us. We aren't going to have the same kinds of family gatherings and fanfare that is customary for this season. However, this year more than ever I am prone to think of the humility of the first Christmas. I think of the baby in a manger, wrapped in swaddling clothes. I think of Mary and Joseph fleeing to Egypt to spare baby Jesus' life. When I think of and wonder at the Savior humbly coming to earth as a babe to be the Light of the World, Emmanuel, God with us ... it helps me put into perspective the difficulty of the season we are all living through. I can still find joy in this season. It's not the same. There are lots of things I am missing. However, the meaning of Christmas and my joy in my Savior is just as strong this season as ever. I hope and pray that you also are able to reflect on the humility of that first Christmas and find joy even in Christmas 2020.

As we go into this Christmas holiday season, we know that our residents often want to show their appreciation for staff in some way. As much as we appreciate your heart and desire to say thank you, I do find it necessary to remind you that staff are not allowed to accept gifts from residents. During a year that has been as stressful and difficult on all of us as this last year, your words of encouragement in the form of a card are much appreciated and truly are sufficient. In past years, we've accepted items that could be shared by a group of staff (such as a plate of homemade cookies). However, this year, as much as we love your home baked goodies, we'd prefer that you simply appreciate staff with greeting cards. The reason for this comes down to sanitation protocols – we don't want multiple staff reaching onto the same plate for goodies. We are working so hard to keep from spreading COVID on this campus or in our homes, and this is a small sacrifice we can all make this year.

On that note, I do need to inform you that on Tuesday of this week we learned that we have 1 resident who is COVID+ from our apartments, specifically Living View. We believe and pray that this is an isolated incident so we are not going to make big changes today, just 2 days after opening the salon and opening up to two visitors per day. However, if we have one more case we likely will need to close back down. You may see some heightened protocols with staff around campus. This is just another reminder of how we need to continue to wear our masks, keep socially distant when talking with others and wash our hands thoroughly and frequently.

We will continue to keep you updated as much as we are able.

Sincerely,

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