

Messages from SMP Health - Maryhill
A Newsletter for Maryhill Families
July 2024

Dear Family and Friends,

We are excited to announce a new partnership that will further elevate the quality of care and support we provide for your loved ones here at Maryhill. Starting July 1st, we will be partnering with Gentell, a leading provider of advanced wound and skin care solutions. Gentell brings over two decades of expertise and innovation in wound care to our facility. Gentell provides robust clinical support and education to our healthcare team in a great collaborative approach. They will be physically onsite each month making rounds and providing additional education to stay well equipped with the latest knowledge and techniques to enhance and deliver exceptional care. They specialize in developing and supplying a comprehensive range of products specifically designed to promote healing and improve outcomes for residents with wounds. From advanced wound dressings to specialized skin care products, Gentell's offerings are tailored to meet the unique needs in long-term care environments like ours. We are excited about the opportunities this partnership with Gentell will bring and look forward to sharing the benefits with you.



Call-light update for Upcoming Project at Maryhill:

We wish to inform you that our call light system is currently undergoing a plan review with the state of North Dakota. This is a standard requirement per regulations. Once this review process is successfully completed and approved, we will proceed with the implementation of the project. Thank you for your understanding and patience as we work through this process. Please feel free to reach out to us if you have any questions or require further information.

Continuous Learning Update:

Recently, our dedicated staff participated in a comprehensive Skills Fair aimed at enhancing their knowledge and skills across various critical areas of caregiving.

The Skills Fair featured a lineup of expert speakers who delved into a wide range of important topics. These included:

- **Infection Control:** Strategies to prevent the spread of infections and ensure a safe environment for our residents.
- **Antibiotic Stewardship:** Best practices for the responsible use of antibiotics to combat antibiotic resistance and promote effective treatment.
- **Transfers:** Techniques and safety protocols for transferring residents safely and comfortably.
- **Insulin Practices:** Guidelines and updates on insulin administration and diabetes management.
- **Bathing Experiences:** Approaches to providing dignified and comfortable bathing experiences for our residents.
- **Approach to Working with Older Adults:** Insights into effective communication, understanding behaviors, and promoting well-being among older adults.

Our staff had the opportunity to learn directly from outside experts who shared their knowledge, experience, and best practices in each respective field. This enriched their understanding and equipped them with valuable tools to enhance the care they provide. By investing in ongoing education and training, we reaffirm our commitment to delivering the highest standards of care to your loved ones. The Skills Fair not only strengthened our team's skills but also reinforced our culture of continuous learning and improvement. The knowledge gained from the Skills Fair translates directly into improved care experiences for our residents. Each session was designed to empower our staff with practical insights and techniques that promote better health outcomes and overall well-being.

We extend our gratitude to you, our valued families, for your continued support as we strive to provide exceptional care for your loved ones. We look forward to continuing to serve your family with compassion and dedication.

Infection Control Update:

Maryhill continues in routine status (COVID Free) from an infection control perspective. Our infection control and disinfectant process is extremely important that we focus on daily to try to keep everyone as healthy as possible. Masking remains optional at this time but please wear a mask if you are symptomatic with any respiratory illness such as runny nose, coughing or sneezing. Masks will continue to be provided at all entrances. **Please continue to check in to obtain a visitor badge prior to entry on the screening machine at the front entrance. Just a friendly reminder that you only need to screen in once a day.**

Stay healthy and God bless,
Bailyn Hildestad, CEO/Administrator



Wishing you a happy and joyful 4th of July!



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