

NEWSLETTER - DECEMBER 2024

THE BRIGHT STAR OF BETHLEHEM LED THE WISE MEN OF THE EAST TO THEIR KING, THE FAITHFUL STAR GUIDING THEM FOR TWO YEARS. THEY MIGHT HAVE APPEARED FOOLISH TO THE WORLD, BUT THEY WERE SUCCESSFUL IN THEIR LIFE'S PILGRIMAGE. THEIR GIFTS OF GOLD, FRANKINCENSE AND MYRRH SYMBOLIZES THEIR REVALUATION OF GOD. WE CAN GIVE WITHOUT LIVING BUT WE CANNOT LOVE WITHOUT GIVING. AMID FUN AND FROLIC AND SHORT-LIVED CELEBRATIONS MANY COULD FORGET THE REAL PURPOSE OF CHRISTMAS AND GOD'S LOVE TOWARDS AND DEPRIVED AND OPPRESSED. THE MESSAGE OF CHRISTMAS IS THAT WHERE THERE IS HOPE, LOVE, LIGHT AND LIFE, THE PLAN AND PURPOSE OF GOD WILL REACH. WISHING YOU AND YOURS A BLESSED ADVENT AND A MERRY CHRISTMAS!

HOLIDAY DECORATING

STAFF AND RESIDENTS ARE PREPARING FOR HOLIDAY MEALS, ACTIVITIES, AS WELL AS PUTTING UP FESTIVE DECORATIONS AROUND MARYHILL. JUST WANTED TO PROVIDE A COUPLE GOOD SAFETY MEASURES WHEN IT COMES TO HOLIDAY DECORATIONS IF YOU BRING IN SOME DECORATIONS TO MAKE YOUR LOVED ONE'S ROOM FESTIVE.

- USE ONLY UL LISTED HOLIDAY LIGHTS AND WIRING.
- AVOID VISUALLY BLOCKING EGRESSSES, EXIT SIGNAGE, OR ANY FIRE SAFETY EQUIPMENT (PULL STATIONS, FIRE EXTINGUISHERS, AND SPRINKLER HEADS)
- AVOID HANGING DECORATIONS FROM SPRINKLER HEADS.
- INSPECT HOLIDAY LIGHTING FOR FRAYED OR EXPOSED WIRES.

THANK YOU FOR HELPING US KEEP THE HOLIDAY SEASON MERRY AND BRIGHT!

TREE OF LIGHTS 2024

THE AUXILIARY IS EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE THIS YEAR PLANS ARE TO UPGRADE SOME OF OUR ROOMS WITHIN THE FACILITY (FLOORING, RECLINER/FURNITURE). ALL THE MONEY THAT IS RAISED BY OUR FUNDRAISERS IS USED STRICTLY FOR THE ADDED COMFORT AND ENJOYMENT OF OUR RESIDENTS. YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT WILL HELP US CARRY ON OUR MISSION OF HEALING AND FURTHER ENHANCE THE LIVES OF THE RESIDENTS.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE - YOU CAN MAIL A CHECK OR VISIT OUR WEBSITE TO DO IT ONLINE. OUR "TREE OF LIGHTS" WILL BE PROUDLY DISPLAYED IN THE MAIN HALLWAY OF SMP HEALTH - MARYHILL, WITH THE HONORED OR REMEMBERED PERSON'S NAME ATTACHED TO A BULB.

CAREGIVER AWARD NOMINATIONS

Do you want to thank a healthcare worker who changed your life, or the life of someone you love? North Dakota Long-Term Care association provides residents/family members an opportunity to honor and recognize special people at Maryhill who care for you or your loved one. Attached is an application to nominate a caregiver who goes above and beyond to substantially enhance the quality of life for the residents. Applications accepted by the North Dakota Long-Term Care Association until February 7th, 2025.

MARYHILL AUXILIARY IS ALSO PROVIDING FUNDS FOR EACH RESIDENT TO RECEIVE A CHRISTMAS GIFT DURING THIS HOLIDAY SEASON. STAFF AT MARYHILL ARE SIGNING UP TO BE "SANTA'S HELPERS" TO PICK OUT GIFTS FOR YOUR LOVED ONES TO OPEN DURING OUR CHRISTMAS PARTY. WE PLAN TO POST PICTURES ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE OF THE HOLIDAY PARTY.

MARYHILL'S CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE!

 **DATE: THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12TH**

 **TIME: 4 P.M. - 6 P.M.**  **LOCATION: MARYHILL**

 **SANTA VISIT** |  **LIVE ENTERTAINMENT** |

 **DELICIOUS TREATS** |  **FROST FEST ACTIVITIES**

WE CAREFULLY WATCH THE FORECAST AND ROAD CONDITIONS TO ENSURE IT IS SAFE BEFORE WE HIT THE ROAD. PLEASE KNOW THAT APPOINTMENTS THROUGHOUT THE WINTER MIGHT BE POSTPONED. WE WILL CONTINUE TO KEEP YOU UPDATED VIA CLINICONEX ON ANY CHANGES.

GUIDELINES TO MAINTAIN A SECURE ENVIRONMENT

- CONTINUE TO SCREEN IN AND OBTAIN A VISITOR BADGE UPON ENTRY. ALWAYS WEAR THE VISITOR BADGE INSIDE THE BUILDING.
- DO NOT LET ANYONE OUT THE FRONT DOOR UNLESS IT IS CONFIRMED TO BE SAFE. THE GOAL IS TO FACILITATE EASY EXIT FOR VISITORS WHILE KEEPING RESIDENTS SAFE. IF SOMEONE WANTS TO FOLLOW YOU OUT OR REQUESTS THE DOOR TO BE OPENED, SEEK A STAFF MEMBER TO VERIFY SAFETY BEFORE PROCEEDING.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS & HAPPY NEW YEARS