A Message from the Executive Director

September 4, 2020

Dear Residents & Family Members,

Labor Day is here, and usually our first thought as the holiday approaches is to think about a day off from work to mark the end of summer. This year we have an opportunity to think a little differently. On Monday, I’m suggesting that we all take a moment to reflect on the incredible amount of “labor” we’ve all put in this year, particularly since the beginning of the pandemic.

We are more than seven months into combating COVID-19, and we’ve seen an incredible amount of time and effort put in by the 150 employees here at Normandie Ridge to ensure our community is as safe as possible and that residents are served in unique and different ways. Many residents, family members and those from the greater community have also put in a fair share of work in recent months, whether that be making masks, volunteering in some form or fashion or by simply taking time to encourage others to follow the precautions and measures we have in place.

While Labor Day recognizes the efforts of workers, it does not necessarily mean a holiday off from work. As you know, we operate 24/7, 365 days a year. Many Normandie Ridge employees will be busy going about their sacred work this long weekend, serving residents, families, and each other. If you are one of those working on Monday -- thank you.

It is remarkable what can happen when we come together for a common cause. COVID-19 forced us to collaborate and work together – to embrace our “we’re in this together” attitude. It’s commitments like this that are at the heart of how we fulfill our mission of
We take pride in having the opportunity to serve you. This is not just a job, it is a “labor” of love. Thank you for the opportunity to serve you. Have a wonderful holiday weekend.

Updates and reminders

Please note that many of these updates and reminders are also included on our community operations site: https://www.normandieridge.org/friends-family/

We are pleased to share that we are gradually entering reopening conditions as established by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Having accomplished baseline testing of all residents and staff with all results showing no COVID-19, we have now entered into Step 2 of our Plan for Reopening. We are scheduling in-person visits with your loved ones in the Nursing Care Center. We are also offering families an opportunity to use our “hugging station” if interested. We will continue to schedule window visits and video chats for families who would prefer it. If York County should regress or if we encounter a new case, we would need to revert to previous measures. See our Skilled Nursing Implementation Plan for Reopening In Accordance with the Pennsylvania Department of Health. To schedule a visit, please contact Dave Bell at (717) 718-2912 or Dave.Bell@albrightcare.org.

Planning for a visit to the Nursing Care Center:

- Please do not visit if you are ill – refer to screening form used upon arrival
- Please bring and wear a mask when on campus
- Screen in at the Normandie Ridge front entrance 10 minutes before scheduled visit
- Please limit the number of visitors to 2 per visit
- You will be directed and accompanied by a staff member to the outdoor visiting area: the Nursing Care Main Entrance Breezeway
- Both the resident and visitor must sanitize their hands
- Visitor and resident must remain 6 feet apart for the entire visit
- Visits are 30 minutes in length to allow for cleaning and preparation for the next visit

Memory Care Staff Achieve Certification
Congratulations to these Memory Care staff members who recently completed the Certified Dementia Practitioner Program with Good News Consulting!

- Tracey Reyes
- Amanda Woods
- Bridgette Murray

Have a Great Photo, Painting or Poem to Share?

Pictured above from left: Tracee Reyes, Amanda Woods, Bridgette Murray
Above is one of many great photos we've seen this year of Normandie Ridge in action. It's photos and other great visuals like this that we’re looking for to show off the best of Normandie Ridge in a possible submission for the LeadingAge PA 2021 calendar. The submission process for 2021 begins soon and we need your help! This year, LeadingAge PA is celebrating health care heroes and their accomplishments. The 2021 calendar will feature the lives and experiences of staff and residents who supported one another throughout this unprecedented year. Do you have something you’d like to share for a possible submission? We are asking residents, family members, and associates to submit their artistic interpretations of health care heroes. Submissions can include:

- Paintings
To submit an entry or if you have questions, please contact Graphic Designer Rachel Mitchley at Rachel.Mitchley@albrightcare.org or call her at (570) 522-3859. Submissions are due no later than Tuesday, Sept. 15. Thank you for supporting RiverWoods' health care heroes! LeadingAge PA has been serving non-profit senior service providers as the primary source of advocacy, networking, news and education since 1963.

2020 Albright Golf Challenge Raises $129,292 – WOW!

The weather was perfect as we welcomed our fundraiser and sponsored golfers and guests on August 31 at the Bucknell Golf Club in Lewisburg.

Congratulations to our top fundraiser golfers! Safe distancing is key, and pictured above physically distanced from left are: Rev. Bill Gibson ($3,000.67), Rev. Al Horst ($3,042), Rev. Doug Eberly ($9,041), Rev. Myron Jones ($4,150), Top Fundraiser Normandie Ridge Resident Bob Kuhn ( $9,230.20), and Steve Foust ($3,441).
Also honored were seven fundraisers for reaching milestones in their cumulative totals. Pictured above from left are: Sue Jamison ($50,000 raised since 2006), Dave Bell ($10,000 raised since 2013), Fred Harris ($25,000 raised since 2007), John Kerchner ($10,000 since 2015), Fran Ashby ($10,000 since 2012), Rev. Doug Eberly ($100,000 since 2001), Shaun Smith ($25,000 since 1999). ACS Board Vice-Chair Eric Raski (far right) presented the plaques to the honorees.

Many thanks to all of our sponsors and donors whose generosity made this possible. And many thanks to the Bucknell Golf Club staff who worked hard to accommodate us, given the COVID-19 restrictions.

For a list of all sponsors and fundraiser totals, please visit AlbrightCare.org/golf

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We are all in this together. Thank you for your continued understanding and cooperation. We are #NormandieRidgeStrong!
Sincerely,

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