



This message is going to associates, and to residents and family members on our community distribution list.

October 16, 2020

Dear Residents, Family Members & Associates,

One thing is for certain throughout this pandemic: we've had to handle many curveballs. That's the reality, and we're comfortable in knowing that our response to any challenge we face has to be fluid -- we have to be willing to adjust both on a daily basis, and for the long term.

It is more than fair to say that here at Asbury Place Kingsport, we've moved beyond the "push through it" phase to "making it happen." We're not fighting the reality of the environment we're operating in; in fact, we're embracing these opportunities to think differently in how we serve, and how to best keep those who live and work here safe, and, ultimately, to continue living out our mission of doing all the good we can.

Booker T. Washington once said, "Success is to be measured not so much by the position that one has reached in life as by the obstacles which he has overcome."

Together, as a larger community of residents, family members and associates we continue our work to not only overcome, but also to make happen whatever is needed for those we serve. Thank you for choosing Kingsport, and for your partnership and teamwork. We are indeed #AsburyStrong.

Updates and reminders

Please note that these updates and reminders are also included on our community operations site, [Asbury.org/asbury-place-kingsport/resources-events/family-friends](https://www.asbury.org/asbury-place-kingsport/resources-events/family-friends):

- **Our campus visitation is being guided by public health and state and local guidelines.** These include Governor Lee's thresholds for visitation to senior communities, which are set at no more than 10 new cases per 100,000 people in

the county. See [Tennessee's Epicurves page](#) for current county information. More details can be found in the Campus Reopening section on our [Friends & Family page](#).

- **Communications Update:** For the past several months we have delivered this community newsletter to you on a bi-weekly basis. Moving forward, we'll transition to a monthly newsletter. But rest assured, that if anything comes up that needs to be communicated between scheduled newsletters, we'll share with you via email in a timely manner.
 - Want to add a family member to our email distribution list? [Click here!](#)
- **As a reminder, all COVID-19 data is updated daily on the Asbury COVID-19 Response and Communication webpage at [Asbury.org/COVID19](https://www.asbury.org/COVID19).** You can find the daily status charts in the first blue button on the side bar.

Show us Your Pumpkin!



Calling all pumpkins! For the second year, we are kicking off our annual Show Us Your Pumpkins event. This year, we're asking residents to display their pumpkins by their doors, on their balconies, etc. We'll be photographing them and posting them on our Community Board. Residents Wendell and Joyce Skinner, pictured above, went all out this year for Show Us Your Pumpkins! Their yard is decorated with friendly skeletons, ghosts, and spiders. *Can you spot the spider on Wendell's head?*

Making Plans to Vote?

Election season is in full swing, and if you'd like to vote by mail, make plans now (if you haven't already) to get your absentee ballot request in. The last day to complete and submit the request is October 27. Ballots must be mailed; they cannot be submitted in

person. Please view the [Sullivan County election page here](#) or the [Hawkins County election page here](#) for more information.

Here's a GEM!



All across the Asbury system, we lift up associates with GEMs, which stands for associates who Go the Extra Mile! GEMs are given for a job well done from associate-to-associate. So far this year we have had dozens and dozens of GEMs given at our community and today we want to lift up a special one for nursing team associate **Lisa Simmons**:

"Accountability. Caring. Civility/Respect. Customer Service. Fairness. Integrity. Responsibility. Lisa fits all of the above. She is always willing to help & always very knowledgeable about the job." - Brittany Castle, Nurse Supervisor LPN