



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

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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 Maryville, 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 Maryville, 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-maryville/resources-events/family-friends](https://www.asbury.org/asbury-place-maryville/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. Our

current visitation details are listed 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.** You can find the daily status charts in the first blue button on the side bar.

Honoring a Veteran and Beloved Resident for his 99th Birthday



Resident and Navy veteran William Darrell "W.D." Phelps was honored recently for his 99th birthday. He received a Quilt of Valor for his service from a local organization. His three children, sons Bill Phelps and Gene Phelps, and daughter, Rosalie Mikles, worked with associates to organize this event. Bill told attendees about his father's incredible U.S. Navy service, which was during World War II, his induction into the Naval Armed Guard Service. You can read more about the celebration in this article from *The Daily Times*.

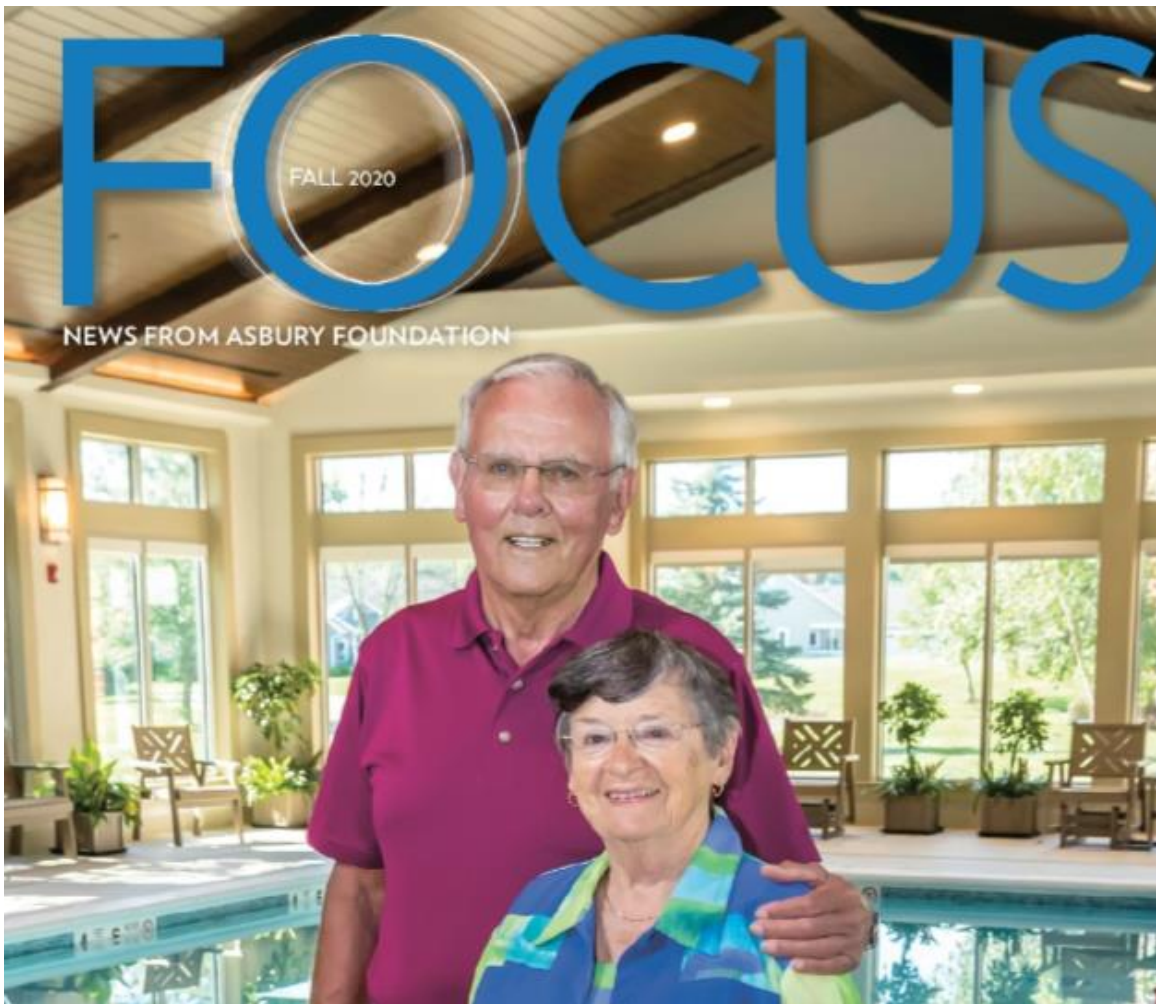
These "Little Piggies" Know How to Rack Up BIG Smiles



Talk about originality! At Asbury Place Maryville, these associates tapped into their creative side for this one! Wellness Coordinator Rebekah Roberts, Wellness Director Erin Butler and Chaplain Bruce Farrant are known to put on inflatable pig costumes from time to time to bring laughs to all those at the community. The trio began teaming up as the "three little pigs" in the spring and the idea has taken off since.

"It's one of those funny things, the three of us, when we put our pig suits on, we just start laughing like crazy," Bruce said. "We don't even have to do anything and we start cracking up." [Click here to read more about this trio and the fun they've brought to Maryville.](#)

Focus on the Asbury Foundation



In the latest issue of the Asbury Foundation's Focus magazine, there are plenty of heartwarming and inspiring stories to check out that focus on all the good carried out throughout the year across the Asbury system. From healing retreats to associate scholarships, associates and residents are committed to spreading joy and wellness.

[Click here to view the publication.](#)

Here's a GEM!



GEM

Thank You For **G**oing The **E**xtra **M**ile!

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 **Lori Tucker, Assistant Director of Nursing:**

**"Thank you for your ongoing leadership as a top-notch Infection Preventionist for your team in Maryville and for your contributions to the system as a whole. I am so proud of your accomplishments. From today's call it was evident in the work you have done to help prepare your team as you all came together with a swift response to ensure the safety of your residents and associates, all while remaining calm and confident. It is a pleasure to have you as a colleague and know we have a GEM like you supporting our efforts during this pandemic.
" -- Martha Gurzick, Director of Clinical Education, Asbury Communities**

If you'd like to submit a GEM for one of our associates, please click [here](#) to do so!