

A Message from the Executive Director

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.

I think it is more than fair to say that here at Asbury Solomons, 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 Solomons, 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-solomons/resources-events/family-friends](https://www.asbury.org/asbury-solomons/resources-events/family-friends):

- **Campus Visitation Update:** I announced yesterday that we will be reopening the Health Care Center neighborhood on Monday, Oct. 19, for in-person visits, as well as expanding wellness opportunities and reopening dining areas for those

who would like to enjoy the dining room experience. [Please click here to view the original communication.](#)

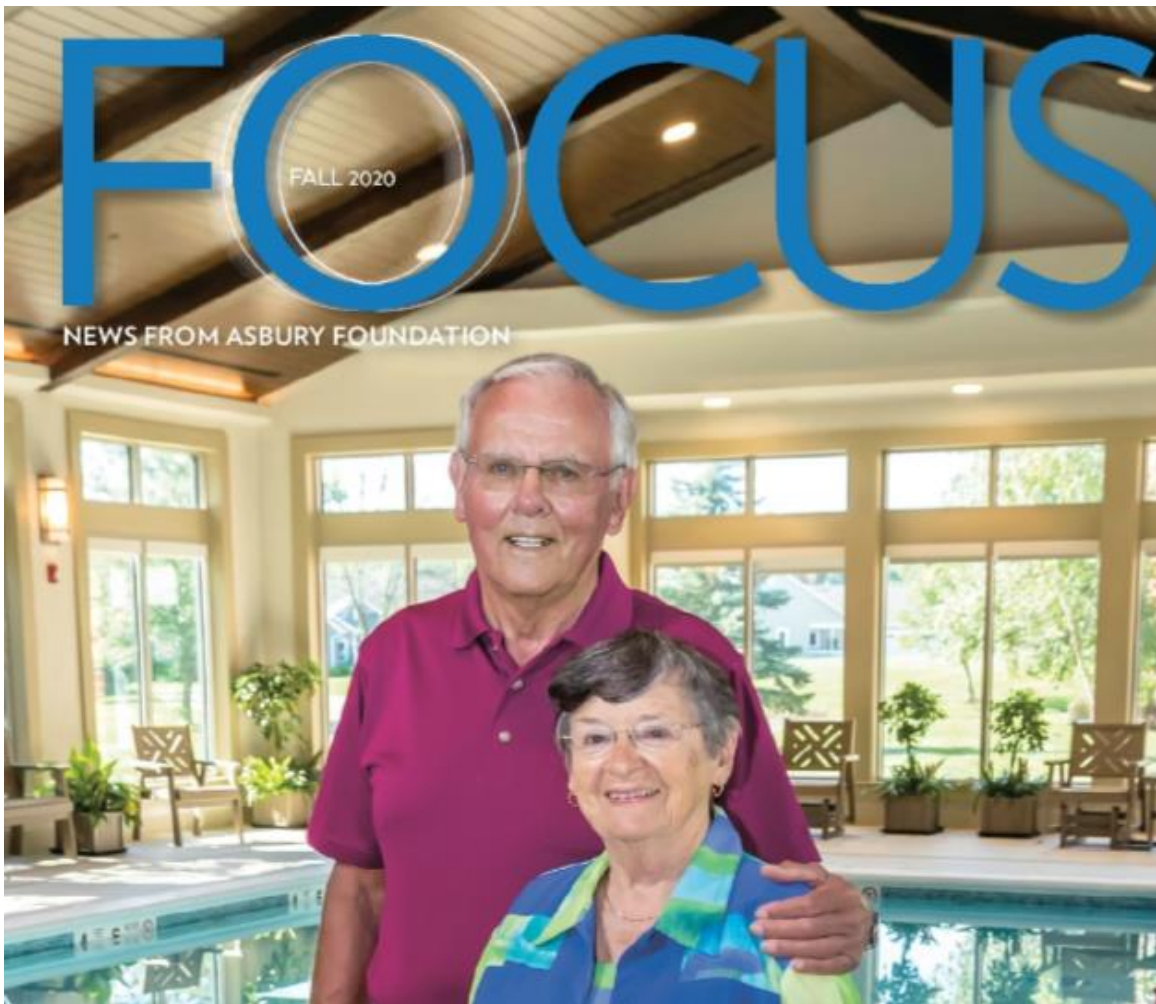
- **Communications Update:** For the past several months we have delivered this community newsletter to you on a bi-weekly basis. Moving forward, we'll transition to a monthly newsletter. But rest assured, that if anything comes up that needs to be communicated between scheduled newsletters, we'll share 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.

Commemorating 24 Years at Asbury Solomons



Associates and residents commemorated 24 years at Asbury Solomons during the first weekend of October. While physical distancing measures prevented an in-person celebration, associates worked tirelessly to reimagine the event and feature virtual broadcasts with live music. The special meal served as part of the event was nothing short of spectacular, with the Solomons' top-notch Dining team delivering over 300 meals. [To read more about the anniversary, click here!](#)

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. So far this year we have had dozens and dozens of GEMs given at our community and today I want to lift up a special one given to nursing team associate **Brenda Russell**.

"Brenda made Halloween decorations for the health care (neighborhood) on her own time! They are beautiful and the residents and (associates) love them!!!!" - Mary Feeney, Certified Medical Aide/Tech

A Note of Appreciation

I'm happy to share this note of appreciation we recently received from a resident:

"This thank-you goes far and wide. We are in the phase we are due to all the good decisions and hard work everyone has put in. Thank you all so much for caring as much as you all do. We are so happy we made the decision to move here seven years ago."

If you'd like to share a note of thanks, please click [here](#) to launch a form where you can type in your note of appreciation. We will take your submissions and find creative ways to share with associates. Thank you!

Thank you to all visitors for so carefully following all elements of our visitation policy. We hope to see you soon. We are all in this together. Thank you for your continued understanding and cooperation. We are #AsburyStrong!

Sincerely,

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