



Parent Letter

April/May 2016

Dear Parent(s) and Guardian(s),

I hope you are all having a fantastic spring! We celebrated Arbor Day last week and we all had a ton of fun! The Elburn Fire Department was in attendance and the clients had an amazing time working with the firefighters to spray hoses on simulated houses. We had a special visit from "Sparky" and everyone enjoyed interacting with him. This year we planted a time capsule in addition to a beautiful cherry blossom tree that was donated by the Dolen family. The clients worked hard to come up with great ideas for our time capsule. We were able to fill the capsule with the following items: a poster completed by all clients, a package of Twinkies, a jump drive with pictures from all of the exciting events that have taken place over the last year, a can of diet coke, and a small sculpture of Donald Trump. Our plan is to dig up our capsule in five years.

At the parent's request, we have generated a new schedule for the 2016 quarterly parent meetings. All upcoming dates and times are listed in the Upcoming Events section of this letter.



Campus Updates:

We are actively planning our Summer Games at this time. We do hope you will be able to join us to celebrate this very special day!

Staffing: Our aggressive effort to hire CNAs is beginning to show fruit. Currently, we are **FULLY** staffed on all of the day shifts on the Geneva campus and are back to our “historical” norms. Currently we have 13 CNA openings.

Upcoming Events:

- May 26, 2016- Marklund's 34th Annual Golf Outing
- June 4, 2016- Parent Meeting @10:00 a.m. Hyde Center
- June 11, 2016- Summer Games, Geneva
- June 12-19, 2016- CNA Appreciation Week
- Sept. 10, 2016- Parent Meeting @10:00 a.m. Hyde Center
- Sept. 17, 2016- Marklund's 6th Annual Pancake Breakfast
- Oct. 23, 2016- Marklund's 4th Annual Run, Walk & Roll

We always have exciting events taking place. Please notify us if you are interested in participating in any activities we have to offer.

We Need Your Help!

We are busy planning for CNA Appreciation Week! The following schedule has been planned at this time:

June 13th: Coffee and Donuts

June 14th: Sundae Bar

June 15th: Lunch for all staff: Taco Bar

June 16th: Employee Car Wash, Barbeque, and a chance to "Dunk the Administrator"

June 17th: Baked goods distributed to the homes and at DT

We are also going to be doing a week-long scavenger hunt for all the staff. Those that choose to participate will have an opportunity to enter their names (at least daily) into a raffle for a gift basket. The drawing will be held on Friday.

At this time, we are asking for donations for gift cards for staff (gas, grocery, Target, or Walmart), not to exceed \$10.00, or your participation with donating baked treats, sundae toppings, or other items for the gift basket(s). If we receive multiple donations, we will put together several baskets for the staff, and have multiple drawings. Please contact me via email or my cell if you wish to provide a donation. Our direct care staff are so incredibly vital to our organization, we really hope to make CNA appreciation week as special for them as possible!

Attachments:

Attached to this letter, please find a consent for MyChart. Delnor Hospital uses this electronic medical record for all of our clients at this time whenever services are rendered at their location. Your acknowledgement of this consent allows for the Nurse Managers/DON to access pertinent medical information through this system to ensure continuity of care for all clients. If you have any questions, please contact Krissy Dolen at 630-593-5156.

Sincerely,

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