

May 15, 2020

It was truly a wonderful afternoon here at St. Ann's on Mother's Day- thanks to all of you for participating in the parade. The residents had a great time- despite the cold & wind- afterwards we came in to a variety of hot teas with cookies and petit fours. We saw so many smiling faces on our residents as a result of this event- so again we thank you so much for all your efforts.

An update regarding COVID testing- as I noted last week- the staff were all tested on May 7th- while a few had to be re-tested –the results are in and we are all NEGATIVE. This truly demonstrates the hard work put in here on a day to day basis to keep it out of our facility but also the commitment of our amazing staff to continue to practice safe measures when out in the community with good hand hygiene and wearing face masks.

We are anticipating the testing swabs to show up next week so we can begin testing the residents. The testing here will be done by our nursing staff and will consist of a nasal swab in each nostril. Testing kits will be provided and results will be given to us from the New Hampshire Department of Health & Human Services (NH DHHS).

Again, we will continue to communicate things happening here at the facility on a weekly basis, but we will also be informing you of any outbreak or positive cases we may encounter as we move through this pandemic with any continued testing. Should your loved one result in a positive test result, we will notify the Guardians and/or DPOAs.

The St. Ann Website (https://stannrehabcenter.org/covid-19-update/) is also now set up to provide you with facility specific COVID-19 updates. This information should represent a repeat of what is shared with you via these email communications.

This week the staff welcomed special treats- a delivery of assorted chocolates, cupcakes & cookies AND a donation of 5 trees that were planted in the White Mountains National Forest to reflect 5 attributes of the St. Ann Staff:

- 1. Caring, empathetic, selfless and loving nature
- 2. Competence
- 3. Responsiveness
- 4. Attentiveness
- 5. Patience

We are so honored to for this dedication.

Life Enrichment/ Activities update- it is with sad news that I must report that the candidate we had selected to join our team as Life Enrichment Manager has decided to withdrawal his acceptance of the position. We are of course saddened by this news, but know at times things happen for a reason. Our hunt continues.

Activities this past week included: Sunday prayers with Joyce (announced over the loud speaker),

morning mass via live streaming of pre-recorded mass, BINGO, yoga, word games and trivia. In honor of Nursing Home Week with a theme of Sharing your Wisdom

- Monday: we made beaded eye glass straps
- Tuesday: we held a fashion show with many of the staff participating
- Wednesday: we did some arts & crafts creating a wise owl from pine cones and Wayne, our Culinary Services Manager, did a cooking show creating special treats including arancini balls and cherries jubilee for the residents
- Thursday: we had more crafts with the painting/decorating of terra cots pots for a gardening project
- Friday: we baked chocolate chip cookies and are having a Chocolate Chip Recipe bake off.

If you are interested in taking part in a Family Council, please reach out to Jesse Tayler, Director of Social Services and Admissions at sta.swdir@nh-cc.org..

Please continue to come do window visits with your loved ones and don't forget about the Google Duo/Video Chat option. Please reach out to Jesse Tayler sta.swdir@nh-cc.org to coordinate a visit.

Thank you & stay safe! See you Sunday!

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