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Visitation

It is no longer necessary to schedule appointments for visitations. We welcome all visitors in -person. While most restrictions on in -person visits have been lifted we want to remind you that the following restrictions are still in place: *All visitors and volunteers must be screened prior to entry and don a mask and complete hand hygiene. Only staff and residents are permitted in the dining room during meals at this time. Please ring our doorbell when you arrive to alert us that you are here*

Visit our Facebook page ([Oih Nantucket MA](#)) for fun photos and highlights.

October Donations

We thank our island community for the continued donations. Thank you to Friends of Our Island Home for donating an ice cream to every resident and staff from the "Hang Loose" ice cream truck. Thank you to the Nantucket Inquirer and Mirror for donations of the weekly Inquirer and Mirror newspapers. Thank you to Flowers on Chestnut Street for their weekly donations of flowers. Thank you to Terri Dion of Espresso to Go for the continued donations of food for our weekend staff. Thank you to Lori Smith for the beautiful dahlias from her garden to OIH. Thank you, Julie Hilberg-Hunt, and Kenneth Sylvia, for tending and keeping the planters beautiful. Thank you to the Community Foundation of Nantucket for funding Mollie Glazer for a musical performance during our end of the month birthday celebration. Thank you to the Cowell family for donating a weighted doll and a robotic dog used for people with dementia.

Family Council

We invite you to attend the next Family Council meeting *on Wednesday, October 19th, at 10:00 AM* by ZOOM. A link to the meeting will be sent the day prior. If you would like to attend but are unavailable at this time or cannot attend by Zoom, please contact the Family Council Chairperson, Kathy Grieder at kgrieder@gmail.com or (508)228-1399.



Staff member from Hang Loose Ice cream truck.



Alison Forsgren and Francis Karttunen of Friends of Our Island Home.



Resident displaying her completed wreath.

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New Staff

We are excited to announce that Our Island Home has e a new per diem houses keeper, *Ms. Gwendolyn Williams*. Welcome Ms. Gwendolyn.

Volunteers

Our Island Home residents are so very fortunate to have the love and dedication of volunteers. A special 'thank you' to all our volunteers! You make a great difference in the quality of life of our residents. Thank you to Father John and Suzanne Sullivan for Catholic Mass, Steve Watson for giving communion, Vincent DeBaggis for reading the I&M newspaper weekly, Nancy Newhouse for painting nails", Sallyanne Austin for cutting and styling hair, Reverend Georgia Snell for her weekly religious services and story time, Jim Sulzer for his weekly guitar playing, Frances Karttunen for her weekly educational series "Photos with Fran", David Zieff for playing 1:1 games with residents, Susan Richards and Gwen her dog for pet therapy and holding "Book Club" 2x a week, Marylou Warren, Mike Campbell, and Kathy Grieder for calling Bingo, Thank you to Cindy and Tony Cahill and the many pilots (too many to name them all here) of the Wheelers for going on bicycle rides with OIH residents. Thank you to Natalie Mack and Gabe Zinser for their wonderful music performance.

RESOURCES & INFORMATION

If you have questions or concerns regarding evolving COVID-19 regulations and standards, please be aware of the Nursing Home Family Resource Line established by the Baker-Polio Administration. This is a dedicated telephone line that will connect family members of nursing home residents with information and resources they need. The line is staffed from 9am – 5pm, Monday through Friday, and the number is:
1 (617) 660-5399.

We continue to offer the following activities options, daily:

Coloring pages; Puzzles; Word search and trivia worksheets; Video chatting and phone calls with family and other loved ones; independent crafting; Reading letters sent to us from our Nantucket community members; Independent or distance bible study; Spending one-on-one time with staff members for support and comfort; and listening to music.

In addition to the above activities, our residents have been busy using tablets, arts-and-crafts, spending abundant 1:1 time with staff. We have also enjoyed groups such as Book Club, with Susan Richards, bingo, nail painting, gardening, floral arranging and more.



Thank you to HS seniors, Gabe Zinser and Natalie Mack for their stellar musical performance.

Staff Member and Volunteer of the Month

Congratulations to *Carol Matson*, LPN as the resident choice of staff member of the month. Residents chose *Jim Sulzer* as the volunteer of the month. Thank you, Jim, for your dedication and bringing soothing music to OIH.