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OUR ISLAND HOME

Monthly Newsletter

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Visitation

In person visits are available without needing an appointment. Resident families are permitted to arrive on site to see their loved one. *Visitors must be screened in before entering the facility. All volunteers must be screened in and tested for Covid-19 prior to entering the building. Please ring our doorbell when you arrive to alert us that you are here. All visitors must always put on a new mask at screening and remain masked during their visitation inside and outside while in the facility.*

Only staff and residents are permitted in the dining room at this time.

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

July Donations

We thank our Island community for the monthly donations. Your donations are greatly appreciated and positively impact the quality of life of our residents. Thank you to Lisa Lothian, Development Assistant of The Nantucket Atheneum for inviting OIH residents to The Nantucket Dance Festival. Thank you to the Juice bar for the strawberry ice cream. Thank you to Lori Smith for the beautiful bouquets of flowers, 'Thank you' to Friends of Our Island Home for the beautiful flowers in the planters, thank you to Julie Hilberg-Hunt and Kenneth Sylvia of Hunt Landscaping for performing their magic and donating their artistic talents in creating out flowerpots. Thank you to Flowers on Chestnut Street for their weekly donations of flowers. Thank you to Terri Dion for the continued donations of food for our weekend staff.

Family Council

We invite you to attend the next Family Council meeting on **Wednesday, August 20th 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.

Our 4th of July cookout was a success. We had a delicious meal provided by OIH kitchen personnel, a stellar performance with Susan Berman and Ray K. Saunders, and the weather was beautiful. What more could we ask for.



Thank you to our amazing kitchen staff for the wonderful 4th of July picnic

Thank you, Susan and Ray for another stellar performance!

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EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

. **ARRON RILEY** WAS RESIDENT CHOICE FOR STAFF OF THE MONTH. RESIDENTS STATED THAT AARON GOES OUT OF HIS WAY TO GREET YOU IN THE MORNING AND BRING YOU CHEER.

Volunteer of the Month

Volunteer of the month goes to **Susan Richards** who reads to residents 2x a week in book club and to her side kick **Gwen** who brings cuddles and kisses to residents.

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.

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 for our residents. Thank you to our student volunteers, Samantha Bramen for assisting with "floral arranging" and Lucy Jimenez for assisting with arts and crafts (2x a week), Nancy Newhouse for painting nails", Sallyanne Austin for cutting and styling hair, Reverend Georgia Snell for weekly religious services, 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, Kathy Grieder, and Mike Campbell for calling Bingo. Thank you to Cindy and Tony Cahill and the many "pilots" from the Wheelers Program for taking residents out on bicycle rides. Thank you to Susan Berman and Ray K. Saunders for giving a stellar performance for our 4th of July Celebration and several other times during the month of July.



Thank you to the Nantucket Atheneum for inviting OIH residents to your "Dance Festival"



Residents showing off their completed projects.



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-Polito 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.