

5/8/20 Update

Residents/Family/Friends,

#1- We continue to have no known cases of COVID-19 at the facility!

#2- For the residents that The Beechwood Home is the Rep-Payee with Social Security for, stimulus checks have started to trickle in. Please be aware that we have no way of knowing when these funds will be received on behalf of a resident. Additionally, the stimulus checks that are being distributed by paper check could take up to four months to arrive.

After a check arrives for a Resident, our Finance Department will deposit the funds into their Resident Trust Account at the facility. This money is to be spent by the Resident in a manner that they choose. No part of these monies will be calculated into the Patient Liability assigned by Hamilton County Job and Family Services and directed to the facility.

Please be aware that a majority of those residing at the facility utilize Ohio Medicaid as their primary insurance for Long Term Care. As a result, it is important to recognize that in order to maintain eligibility for this program staying below the \$2,000 resource limit is critical. For many, when the stimulus check arrives, it will put them over the allowable threshold. We encourage everyone to be mindful of this situation and spend down the monies ASAP.

Accounts at the facility are monitored monthly and when an account surpasses \$1,700 an over resource warning letter is distributed. If/when you receive this letter, please act as potentially losing the Ohio Medicaid Benefit would not be in the best interest of those who reside here.

#3- Various research organizations are researching the viability of COVID-19 on various surfaces. During this time, we have decided to keep our care package/laundry drop off program in place with no changes except for one request. We ask that anyone who is experiencing sign/symptoms of respiratory illness or is just feeling a little off in general, refrain from dropping off any packages until they have been symptom free for 72 hours to reduce the potential for transmissions of the virus. We appreciate in advance your assistance with continuing to do all that is possible to keep the facility COVID-19 free.

#4- Activities has been conducting routine grocery shopping trips to help Residents obtain desired personal/grocery items during these challenging times. A great aspect of this service is that we can obtain items that family/friends are not able to drop off such as temperature sensitive food items.

If a family member/friend would like to give a resident an item for a special occasion that does not meet our current drop off criteria, please contact Heather to determine if we can help obtain this item on your behalf during one of these trips.

#5- On Tuesday, bartenders Megan and Rob served up margaritas in celebration of Cinco de Mayo which was enjoyed by many.



#6- Mother nature has been kind and provided many sunny days since we opened the porch and courtyard last week.

#7- Keeping Cincy Close contributor Buz who has been sending us daily letters (as mentioned in the update on 4/17/20) and read over the speaker system by Patti each morning has been featured in the local news and the facility was mentioned too.

<https://highlandcountypress.com/Content/In-The-News/Social/Article/Keeping-Cincy-Close-UC-Clermont-instructor-leads-letter-writing-campaign-to-local-nursing-homes/2/74/57169>

Wishing everyone a happy socially distanced Mother's Day this weekend.

As always if you have any questions/comments/concerns, please feel free to contact myself, Scot Harmon (Administrator) sharmon@beechwoodhome.com and/or Patricia Clark (CEO) pclark@beechwoodhome.com.

Sincerely,

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