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THE Community MONITOR



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In 2025!

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August 20 - September 10

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Community Member Blog



Nancy S.

“I just love to get out and about. I really enjoy shopping and the scenery along the way. My favorite store to go to is Value Village on half-price days. I used to shop there almost every weekend. You never know what you’re going to find!”



Family Picnic 2025



Core Value Award



Kurstyn Gordon
AL Lead Caregiver

Compassion - Understanding and having concern for others

How long have you worked at St. Monica's?

"I have worked at St. Monica's for 1 year and 6 months."

What do you like to do in your spare time? "I love spending time with my sons, as well as my fiancé, mother, and grandfather. I also enjoy trying new foods."

What do you like most about working at St. Monica's?

"What I like most about working at St. Monica's are the daily interactions with our wonderful community members."

What are some things on your bucket list?

"Things on my bucket list include buying a house so my family has a permanent home and taking my family to Disney World."

Community Member of the Month

Family: "I have two children that live on the east coast, in Maine and Boston."

Early Years & Hobbies: "I was in a lot of choral groups for singing. I love community theater and have been active in community theater my entire life. I'm very active in the art scene in Racine. I've given thousands of dollars in scholarships for people going into art. I became one of the founding members of the American Association of Community Theater. I also helped start the Starving Artists Fair in Racine."

Former Career: "I worked as a medical assistant for an ophthalmologist. I was a flight attendant with TWA for a couple of years and was based in Newark, LaGuardia and Chicago. I also worked at Modine in the HR department, as well as Blue Cross and Blue Shield for a while."

Fondest Memory: "My fondest memory probably is traveling. I traveled with a group to an international theater festival in Brussels, Belgium."

While I was there, I met a group that were from the country of Georgia. They didn't speak any English but they were talented dancers and singers. I wrote a letter to Moscow inviting them to Racine. About 35 of them came and we put them up in peoples' homes in Racine. They only spoke Georgian. They performed at the Racine Theater Guild, were so lovely and very interesting."



Jo Nissen

What's Happening?

ASSISTED LIVING WEEK 8-14



Monday, September 8th - Memory Lane Monday

Tuesday, September 9th - Talent Show Tuesday

Wednesday, September 10th - Wellness Wednesday

Thursday, September 11th - Trivia Thursday, Wear red, white, & blue

Friday, September 12th - Elvis will be in the building @ 2:30pm & we will be serving Root Beer floats

Fall Fest



Please join us at 2:30 pm on Monday, September 22nd for a special Fall Fest performance by Brandon Covelli in the Party Room.

Grandparents Day

On Sunday, September 7th, at 10:30 am, we will be serving Kringle and coffee in the Game Room in honor of Grandparents Day. Please be sure to join us!



NATIONAL ASSISTED LIVING WEEK

From September 8 - 14, we celebrate National Assisted Living week. The week-long celebration honors Assisted Living residents and the amazing staff that serve them across the country. It gives all of us a chance to reflect on the increasing importance of Assisted Living as a long-term care option. National Assisted Living Week was created jointly by the American Health care Association (AHCA) and the National Center for Assisted Living (NCAL) more than four decades ago, so it's appropriate that this year's theme is "Ageless Adventure."

HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH SEPT. 15TH - OCT. 15TH

On September 17th, 1968, Congress passed public law 90-48, officially authorizing and requesting the President to issue annual proclamations declaring September 15th - October 15th to mark the beginning of National Hispanic Heritage Month and called upon the "people of the United States especially the educational community, to observe such a week with appropriate ceremonies and activities." President Lyndon B. Johnson issued the first Hispanic Heritage Week Presidential Proclamation the same day.

OAK LANE

NEWSLETTER



Goodbye Summer

"It's toward the end of summer
There's a change in the air
It's really quite subtle, however
The weather is still rather fair

But everything is at its peak
And starting to change a bit
It was a perfect summer though
To me it was quite a hit

Flower blooms are getting less & less
The vegetable garden is spent
My herb garden is overflowing
The basil, thyme, and the mint


I'm ready now for the next season
For the fall with all its changes
A pallet of reds, yellows and browns
As Mother Nature rearranges!"




Know Your Rights

Right to not be required by the CBRF to perform labor that is of any financial benefit to the CBRF. The CBRF may require personal housekeeping of the resident without compensation if it is for therapeutic purposes and is part of, and clearly identified in the resident's individual service plan.


September Birthdays



Rondaija Perry 2nd (S)
Sally Cooke 3rd (CM)
Julie Pasteur 3rd (CM)
Jolene Koker 3rd (S)
Geraldine Baumbblatt 4th (CM)
Judy McGuire 4th (CM)
Loretta Parise 8th (CM)
Steven Andrasic 10th (S)
Sandra Meier 12th (S)
Nancy Scharding 15th (CM)
Jean Ferraro 17th (CM)
Carolyn Johnson 20th (CM)
Howard Wirtz 24th (CM)
Dana Hall 25th (S)
Jeff Domer 27th (CM)
Nancy Larsen 29th (CM)
Belinda Robinson 29th (S)
James Jankowski 30th (CM)
Community Member (CM) Staff (S)



Staff Anniversaries



Virginia Dziedzic 7 years
Charisse English 6 years
Valeria Hines 5 years
Julia Reynoso 5 years
Kelly Wheatley 4 years
Judy Dorval 3 years
Sehnia Gray 2 years
Frances Hastings 2 years
Jennifer Ford 2 years
Arreal Ramirez 1 year
Nicole Moses 1 year

FALL WORD SEARCH PUZZLE

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TURKEY	HARVEST	COLORFUL	HAYRIDE	SCARECROW
THANKSGIVING	NOVEMBER	HALLOWEEN	GOURDS	AUTUMN
ACORNS	PUMPKINS	APPLES	SCENERY	FALL FOLIAGE
NIPPY	FROST	COOL NIGHTS	JACKETS	SWEATERS
BOOTS	TREES	LEAVES	BROWNS	FALL



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