



Welcome our New Residents!



Desert Peaks Leadership Team
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Aimee Bennett, Administrator
Heather Schwab, Assistant Administrator
Angelica Barela, Receptionist
Gloria Martinez, Registered Nurse
Marissa Ramirez, Memory Care Coordinator
Pete Frias, Maintenance Services Director
Adriana Garcia, Life Enrichment Director
Raymond Craig, Dining Services Director
Kiko Lopez, Transportation Director

October Birthdays!

Residents

Jack Steinberger-10/03
Albert Perez-10/18
Eliza Sanchez-10/28
Donna Helsel-10/31

Staff

Kiko Lopez-10/04
Bernice Montoya-10/22
Christa Munguia-10/29



Paul Powers was born in Albuquerque and raised on the Powers Dairy Farm. He was an industrial contractor and has been married for 69 years! Paul has five children, 3 daughters and 2 sons. He loved flying his own airplane to the Keys and his favorite, Bermuda. He likes Southwest food and made his own chili beans for family & friends. Paul enjoys his coffee which he looks forward to every morning! He loves listening to old Country Western especially Linda Ronstadt!

Clyde Ashcroft was born & raised in Farmington, NM. He served in the Air Force and was a heavy equipment operator. He has lived in Las Cruces for about 10 years. He was married for 63 years to his lovely wife, Aletta. They had 6 children, 4 daughters and 2 sons and too many grandchildren to count! He enjoys spending time with his family, woodworking, reading and western music. He likes a good hot picante sauce!



Jackie and Clyde Pickett have been married for 65 years! During that time, they ran a dairy, a horse motel and raised 3 children; 2 daughters and a son. Jackie was also a 4H Leader for 19 years and went into a 20-year nursing career at the age of 45!

Clyde was a team roper and even rode broncs! He worked over 20 years as a conductor on the Santa Fe Railroad. They both enjoy horses, rodeos, western music and feel they have done just about everything!

True North



DON WHITE

RESIDENT & EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH



MARIA BURCIAGA

Don White is the neighbor you always want. He is friendly and always looks out for others in his own special way. We are happy to have you reside in our Desert Peaks Community Don!

Maria is one of the most complimented staff by our residents, they appreciate her help with their laundry. We appreciate her overall focus on person-centered care. We are fortunate to have her as a companion!

What does it mean to be a True North Elder?

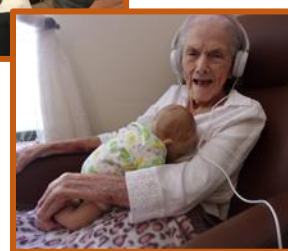
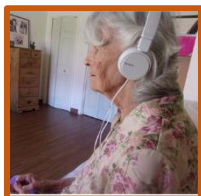
Elders are pushing boundaries and shaking things up every day. Stories are plentiful of elders that are meeting at the gym, playing on basketball teams, or earning their high school diplomas at age 92. They teach us that we as humans can always learn, grow, adapt, and overcome the changes of aging. This is a True North Elder to us.

Connecting with these experienced individuals brings us a sense of joy, love, and feeling of reward that is greater than the money we may earn by caring for them. They become part of our families—not by blood, but by relationship. Maya Angelou once said:

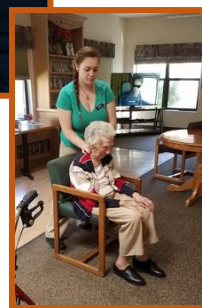
Family isn't always blood, it's the people in your life who want you in theirs: the ones who accept you for who you are, the ones who would do anything to see you smile and who love you no matter what.

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We celebrated our Music Makes Memories Program with a "Music & Mimosas" Brunch!



For more information on how to get a playlist started for your loved ones, or if you would like to start a Music Makes Memories program in your community, contact Adriana Garcia at agarcia@desertpeaksal.com.



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— It is time to Celebrate —

OKTOBERFEST

Thursday, October 19th
5:30–7:30pm
5525 Cottonbloom Court
Las Cruces

Live entertainment by
Veronika Barnes, Accordionist
FREE event

Two large mugs of beer with pretzels.

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