



## LIFE ENRICHMENT MONTHLY NEWS

### **We kicked off the month of December with getting into the "true" spirit of Christmas - giving!**

On the first a group of residents donned their Santa hats, fueled themselves with some hot cocoa and went on a shopping trip to pick up gifts for children. After picking up the gifts, the Santas dropped them off at the Sacred Heart Toy Drive drop-box to be donated to young ones spending the holiday in the hospital. Thanks Sally for coming up with this wonderful idea at our community meeting that spread joy to residents and children alike!

The following day, December 2nd, Chateau joined in our local Springfield Christmas Parade with our van decorated in Christmas and purple swag representing Alzheimer's Awareness. It was a huge success! Lots of love was shown to our Alzheimer's Association volunteers. There was lots of support and many "thank

yous!" out there on the streets of Springfield for our Alzheimer's Association volunteers, as more and more people are being affected by this disease and so many people are on a mission to find a cure. We gave out about 75 pounds of candy, 100 scarves, and dozens of T-shirts! It was great seeing so many resident families and past employees.

This year's Pajama Day residents and staff...and even the dogs stayed in their pajamas ALL day! Rachel, Flea and Rose showed up in matching red and white striped long johns and served everyone doughnuts and discussed Christmas traditions from around the world. We made gingerbread houses in the afternoon and went on a Christmas light drive in the evening.

In preparation for our Christmas party the residents made two batches of fudge. One white chocolate with cranberries and macadamia nuts, the other was

rocky road - dark chocolate with marshmallows and walnuts. They also got to decorate two dozen sugar cookies brought in by June's daughter, Vicky.

### **We had a great family turnout at the Christmas party this year!**

Children, grandchildren, spouses, caregivers and friends all packed into our cozy, tiny living room for time spent with people we love. Even our Administrator, Kim Frederick, caregivers Ashlee and Pam, Maintenance Coordinator Jeremy, and some of our other off-duty staff came with their families just to be part of the fun!

Amy Adams was here to sing Christmas carols and play the piano which gave our celebration a warm spirit that brought everyone together! June of course enjoyed

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*Happy Birthday!*

**RESIDENTS**

January 01

Patsy M.

**WELCOME  
NEW RESIDENTS!**

A very warm welcome to **Theresa E** and **"New Bob"** as well!

## Activity Highlights



Angel outfitted as a Christmas tree



Grace's great grandsons with Santa



Welcome Penny Lane!

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dancing right in the middle of the gathering while the THIRTEEN CHILDREN who came sat in front of the piano to sing along as grandparents watched with warm hearts. Our cook, Robert played the BIG role of Santa and boisterously gave out presents to every good boy, girl and resident! Marsha's gift was addressed to "The Cat Crazy Lady." She was delighted to open it up and find cat printed bed sheets and a Christmas tree cat costume! Our resident artist, Violet, got an art kit, our resident poet, Bob, got a poetry book, and Wild Woman, Diane, got a cute pair of bear slippers and a leopard print Santa hat to go with her leopard fur coat! Many other beautiful and personal gifts were given thanks to our generous and caring staff who know and love our residents! Thank you so much team and families for coming and making the holiday complete and FULFILLING for our residents by bringing love, children, smiles, and laughter to their holiday celebration!

**We were happy to welcome yet again, TWO more fur babies into our community!** Donna is very happy to be reunited with her wonderful cat, Katie Kat! I don't think a better socialized cat has ever existed! Katie doesn't just mind dogs, she likes them! She also likes other cats, all people, and kids! The other new addition is perhaps our tiniest pet resident ever - Penny Lane the Chihuahua! She may be tiny, but her ability to steal hearts is BIG! She was found in a not-so-good circumstance in Portland by Kim Frederick, Administrator. We are happy she found a good, loving home with us just in time before the cold of winter sets in. We'll be sure to keep her ears warm as she warms our hearts! She will get lots of love and cuddles from her many adopted grandparents here at CG!

The Christmas Day meal was prepared by the loving hands of our Dietary Director, Rochelle. She did a great job and the residents especially enjoyed her hand made Baked Alaskan! Our Administrator Kim came to help serve the special meal and give out holiday hugs to staff, residents, and family alike. Thank you to all who joined in the festivities!

**New Year's is just around the corner and we will be celebrating the same way we do every year....with lots, and LOTS of CONFETTI!** There will also be a countdown, cake, noisemakers, and New Year's resolutions. There is a lot to look forward to in 2018! There will be man, many new, fun, and exciting moments to experience with our community here at Chateau! Cheers to the New Year!



Bonnie and June  
Christmas Shopping



Bonnie and daughter  
Kathy making merry!



Elvis and June  
having a twirl



Connie and new  
furry friend



# Resident of the Month

**June R. has made many friends, spread immeasurable love, and inspired cheer since moving here to Chateau Gardens.** Having her as a neighbor and friend is truly a blessing for our community. But the path of love she leaves trailing behind her didn't start here at Chateau Gardens. She has lived a long life full of fun, love, friends, and joy! The legacy she has made for herself is of love. She has built her family on the lessons of goodwill and kindness. June's friend of 70+ years and fellow high school cheerleader, Helen, wrote a poem about June for her 80th birthday party titled, "Ode to June":

**"J is for Jolly, that's for sure  
U is for unique and that's no folly  
N is for neat right to a pin  
E is for eighty, now that's real datey!  
R is for radiant, she always glows  
O is for old but it never shows  
S is special we all love her so  
E is for edition, a first for sure,  
and very haute couture!"**

**Put them all together and they spell June Rose-my oldest, dearest friend of many decades. This brings back memories of all our "hey daz."**

June likely inherited her friendly spirit from her mother, Alberta. It's said that Alberta has NEVER said an unkind word about anybody! Alberta was also known for her delicious peach pies and homemade breads. Not surprisingly, June wasn't into the bread nearly as much as she was the pie! Her father, Charles, looked after the family farm in Illinois. Her parents were a classic example of a "city girl" who had fallen for a "country boy."

**June has beauty AND brains.** She was an excellent student! In fact, she was the MOST excellent student and won the valedictorian award of her class! She was a popular cheerleader who likely formed friendships with practically her entire class. Since high school she has always loved to dance and has been the life of every party!

Right after high school June attended the University of Illinois and received her nursing degree just in time to get to work during WWII.

She married her first husband, Harry, in 1940 and started a family with him. The two had three beautiful children who could tell you just how loving and caring she was as a mother. Besides loving people, hosting friends, and supporting others, June also loves music, animals, bowling, and ANYTHING sweet!

**June continues to make friends everywhere she goes and she's in the market for more!** So if you haven't made a friend in her yet, be sure to introduce yourself. She has so much to offer people! I'd like to end this article with a few quotes I read about June's character from her family. Granddaughter Cloe writes, "You are by far the most loving and generous person I know. Thanks for taking me in the way you do. You remind everyone to love themselves!" Granddaughter Megan said, "You have been an inspiration to me full of wisdom, grace, and wonder. You have carried me on words of love. I am so proud to have you as my grandma." "Your undying support, love and passion for life means more to me than words can express. Love Evan (grandson) and Leah."

## Activity Highlights ...CONTINUED



James and Sally playing Santa



Patsy modeling staff gifts



Richard and good friend Miranda



Welcome Theresa!



June's great granddaughter Maezy with Flea



Mr. and Mrs. Mima



Violet with 2018 Banner



Welcome Jean!



CG Fun Train



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RN Cortney, Assistant Administrator Miranda, and Administrator Kim are all on call 24/7 for consultation and emergency



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## Short Term Therapy Success



**Robert (fondly referred to as "New Bob")** came to us via his caseworker from living in an apartment alone downtown. He was lost and confused, but has found a wonderful new life here at Chateau! He and Donna became fast friends and really enjoy each other's company. Bob is a sweet man with a kind soul, and attributes this to his strong faith. Bob fit right into Chateau from day one and is such a true gentleman. We are grateful

for his friendship and calm presence! He is also an incredible poet. He is generous with his work and uses it to bless our staff. We are so happy for his quick transition into the CG family.