



The Benefits of Volunteering

From April 7th through the 13th, we celebrate National Volunteer Week – a time for us to recognize all of those who are guided by a servant's heart. You might know them as a choir practice leader, a bingo caller, or just a friendly face that stops by to ask you about your day. But how often do you see a volunteer in yourself? How about one of your friends? You might think that volunteering is a young person's game, but this couldn't be further from the truth. Brought to you by the National Institute on Aging, here are some of the ways a senior's life can improve when they are an active member of their community.

Whether you're volunteering or participating in one of our Life Enrichment programs, being involved is great exercise for your brain. You'll be using your intellect to find new, creative ways to tackle the day, which can lower your risk for developing diseases such as dementia. Additionally, a study by the Rush Alzheimer's Disease Center found that "there is a link between higher levels of social connections and participation in social activities with better cognitive function."

Research has shown that we're happier when we believe in what we're doing. When we participate in activities that we find fulfilling,

we're less likely to feel symptoms of depression, and more likely to feel healthy. For example, when a group of seniors volunteered as tutors at their local elementary schools, their cognitive and physical health were shown to have improved. In extreme cases, volunteering has also helped those who are grieving the loss of loved one – providing them with a stronger sense of self and purpose.

At our campus, when someone offers to help you, they'll do so with a smile on their face. When you look at all the positive effects that volunteering can have on one's life, it's no surprise why. Even if you're not in a position

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Happy Birthday!

Residents

Cui T. 4/01

Phyllis H. 4/07

Patsy S. 4/13

Jerry W. 4/18

Charles B. 4/24

Staff

Lorraine B. 4/02

Brandy W. 4/03

Cheree T. 4/05

Ashlyn P. 4/06

Allison O. 4/08

Sondra S. 4/10

Andrea L. 4/10

Alexandra H. 4/14

Andrew M. 4/17

Kenneth G. 4/27

Executive Director Corner

Greetings from West River! It's hard to believe that it's already April, and we can start putting away our coats and jackets in favor of shorts and t-shirts. The warmth of spring might even invigorate you to participate in a cookout or relax with your friends in our courtyard. However you choose to spend your time at West River, there's always something to do and people to enjoy it with – including our volunteers.

April 7th through the 13th is National Volunteer Week, so I wanted to spend some time this month highlighting the many ways in which volunteers serve our community.

We highly encourage our residents to get involved in these activities and meet our volunteers for themselves!

With our *Music to My Ears* program, student music groups, community choirs, and other musical acts come

to our campus to awaken, calm, and encourage with the power of song. If you want to show off some of your own talents, the volunteers of our *Artisans* program are always finding new creative ways for our residents to express themselves. And if you decide to join us for a friendly game of Bingo, there will be a friendly face there ready to read off your winning numbers.

Wherever you may encounter them, you'll instantly feel connected to the volunteers that serve our campus. Thank you to all of those who make the time to be a part of our family. For more information on how to become a volunteer in our community, give us a call today. We'd love to meet you!

Yours in Service,

Ken Graves

LNHA, HFA, MBA
Executive Director

Photo Highlights



Dee celebrating her Birthday!



Warren & his wife enjoying themselves at our Mardi Gras Theme Dinner!

More Photo Highlights



Residents enjoy getting dressed up for the Mardi Gras Theme Dinner.



Mary Lou & Jim are dressed up and ready for Theme Dinner!



Ruth enjoys getting dressed up for the Mardi Gras activities!

LEGACY HAPPENINGS



Agnes S very proud of her Cherry Pin from our Artisans Program.



Ping Pong Thursday still draws a big crowd and brings out our competitive nature.



Making cards for Sarah S, a very special young woman who recently turned Sweet 16! Her sister Katelin B works at our sister campus North River as their Legacy Dir.



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Director of Social Services

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Director of Food Services

Lisa Glahn

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Therapy Program Director

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*We strive to provide the best customer
service and quality care for our residents.*

*Our Department Leaders are here
to solve any concerns you may have.*

*In the event that you need further
assistance with any unresolved concerns,
we encourage you to call or email
our Compliance Hotline: 800-908-8618,
ext. 2800; or comply@trilogyhs.com*

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to act as a volunteer, there
are plenty of ways to get
involved at our campus.
Express yourself with our
Artisans program. Go on a
once-in-a-lifetime vacation
with the *Trilogy Travel Club*.
Take a cooking class hosted
by our campus chefs, then
share the end results with
your family and friends.



Doing what you love at here means leading a happier and healthier lifestyle,
and we're here to assist you every step of the way.

If you're interested in lending a helping hand, or know someone whose
talents are well worth sharing with others, contact our Life Enrichment
Director today!

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