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Nurses Week

Every year, National Nurses Week focuses attention on the many diverse ways the over 3 million nurses in America work to save lives and improve millions of individuals' health. Last year, 2020 was designated the Year of the Nurse. The American Nurse Association (ANA) and the World Health Organization (WHO) have extended that celebration into 2021. It's an incredibly fitting theme for nurses today. Nurses are continuing to step up in leadership throughout the healthcare community, earn higher degrees, take on leadership roles, and redefine healthcare delivery.

Annually, National Nurses Week begins May 6 and ends on May 12, Florence Nightingale's birthday. Our acknowledgment and celebration for Nurses Week this year is a time of reflection, acknowledgment, and gratitude for nurses that work for Milestone Retirement communities and the nurses of our great nation. During our management of COVID-19 to care for our residents, support and train our employees, communicate to our resident families and healthcare practitioners, our nurses have demonstrated skills, compassion, and commitment.

The pandemic has brought out the best in us and has presented us with the humanity of grief for our profession as we pushed through to work tirelessly to respond to residents, employees, and our family members affected by this virus. I am proud to represent the nurses of Milestone and our great nation. Because of the skills and dedication of our licensed nurses and our community employees, we are vigilant with our work practices to care for our residents.

To our nurses, who are heroes in our healthcare industry, this message is a heartfelt thank you for the consistent choice of demonstrating the care of our residents and support for our community teams as your priority. We are better because of you and the invisible cape you wear daily that we nurses call "critical thinking skills." Thank you for being the heroes on the team of community heroes.

Happy 2021 Nurses Week
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