

Resident Engagement Idea of the Week

This Week's Idea: "Community Dog"

Several of our Ebenezer sites have adopted community dogs, Apple (pictured on the left) lives at The Pillars of Shorewood Landing and Bear (pictured on the right) lives at The Pillars of White Bear Lake. These dogs have brought great joy to their communities, especially now during this time of isolation, the residents have found great comfort and happiness in having them around. The dogs spend time visiting residents, in activities and can be seen around the community with staff.

Community: The Pillars of Shorewood Landing & The Pillars of White Bear Lake

Instructions:

1. Properly trained dog is acquired through professional program.
2. Director of Active Living and AL team are main caretakers of dog.
3. Other staff as well as residents take turns volunteering to walk, take out, groom, etc.



How It's Going:

Residents, staff and family have all loved having a community dog. Many residents grew up with animals, so the addition of a community dog has brought them great comfort and has completely brightened the atmosphere at these communities.