

# **RESIDENT &** ASSOCIATE **BIRTHDAYS**

#### RESIDENTS

Jean Ellis Ann Anderson Mary Stall

#### **ASSOCIATES**

Martin Grice	12/5
Amy-Jose Konan	12/7
Angela Brooks	12/11
John King	12/16
Amy Arellano-Perez	12/21
Michael Clegg	12/24
Uwamusi Ovabor	12/16
Heather Rook	12/26

# Magnolia Dining Room

Please join us Thursday, December 16<sup>th</sup> in the Magnolia Dining Room for our annual Christmas Traditional Dinner.

# Look what happened in November...





12/19

12/24

12/27

FRIENDS & FAMILY REFERRAL PROGRAM!

# \$3,500 RESIDENT REFERRAL BONUS

Have you shared your love for Waltonwood lately? When you refer someone to a Waltonwood community, they'll thank you for it - and then we'll thank you for it too! Ask for details!

# LAKE BOONE CONNECT DECEMBER 2021



# UPCOMING EVENT HIGHLIGHT

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS BUS TOUR TRANS-SIBERIAN ORCHESTRA SHOW BROADCA MUSIC THERAPY WITH RACHEL 'A PLACE AT THE TABLE' OUTING HAYES BARTON HANDBELL CHOIR PERFORMAN CHRISTMAS CAROLERS PERFORMANCE CHRISTMAS! NEW YEARS EVE CELEBRATION

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	12/1 & 12/15
ST	12/7
	12/8 & 12/23
	12/10
ICE	12/12
	12/23
	12/25
	12/31

### COMMUNITY MANAGEMENT

Allison O'Shea **Executive Director** 

Yvette Evita-Gunter Business Office Manager

Alex Baez Culinary Services Manager

John Carr **Environmental Services** Manager

Heather Rook Independent Living Manager

Madison Childs Assisted Living Life Enrichment Manager

Jean McDermott Memory Care Life Enrichment Manager

Shelly Levin Independent Life Enrichment Manager

Chelsea Gray Lauren Higdon Marketing Managers

J'Mi Walker **Resident Care Manager** 

Natalie Dixon Assisted Living Wellness Coordinator

Towana Murrell-James Memory Care Wellness Cordinator

### ASSOCIATE SPOTLIGHT - GENE

Gene, our culinary supervisor, is a shining star at Waltonwood! He first came to us as a cook and quickly was promoted to Culinary Supervisor. Originally from NC, Gene has been living in Tennessee for many years. He had the opportunity to be a private chef for a family and a head cook at a well-known Knoxville restaurant. His love for family brought him back to NC.

Prior to cooking, Gene spent 12 years as a Marine and was stationed in Japan, Afghanistan, Iraq, Philippines, Alaska, and Hawaii. He certainly has seen a lot!

Cooking has been one of his favorite things to do and when he was around 37 years old, a mentor of his encouraged him to get a culinary degree. While he worked full-time, Gene completed his degree from Chef's Academy.

When asked what his favorite dish to cook is, Gene said... "Tell me what you want and describe it. I'll cook anything!" He gets so much joy seeing people enjoy eating the food he prepares.

We thank Gene for all he does for the staff and residents. He keeps our spirits high and our bellies full!

# NOVEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

FOOD BANK OUTING

VETERANS DAY

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18

FRIENDSGIVING SOCIAL AND DINNER

FLEECE BLANKET MAKING

# THE GIFT OF HEALTH









No matter the time of year the gift of heath is always ones that tends to be near the top our list. It's also one of the few gifts that you and only you can give to yourself making it even more personal and special. The foods we eat, the exercise we get, the rest we take and the stress we manage all directly impact our health and wellness. During this holiday season as our days fill with parties and gatherings and our extra time seems to fade, be sure to take some time each day for yourself. Whether it's a daily walk, an afternoon exercise class or just a few quiet minutes reflecting on what we're thankful for, setting aside some "me time" this holiday season can be the best defense against that holiday burnout. From our family to yours wishing you a healthy, happy holiday season!

## Flower of the Month - Holly

December's flower is the heart holly plant. Its bright red berries and glossy, deep green leaves have come to symbolize the winter holiday season, particularly Christmas. Holly also symbolizes truth and protection. It grows in temperate and subtropical climates. Holly berries, which can be red, brown, black, green, or yellow, are slightly toxic to humans but can be eaten by birds. Some types of holly leaves are used to make tea.

# DECEMBER SPECIAL EVENTS

# 1<sup>st</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>

12<sup>th</sup>

17<sup>th</sup>

Holiday Lights Bus Tour

#### Hayes Barton Handbell Choir Performance

14<sup>th</sup>

Santa Social feat. a

# performance by Christian

Sleigh Rides at Portofino

# **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CORNER**

Happy Holidays from your Waltonwood Family,

We are excited to celebrate this month with our residents and families. This past year has made us all appreciate the small things and the valuable time spent with loved ones. I hope this is a sentiment that continues for years to come. We thank you for sticking with us during these most challenging times that not only include the virus, but also the severe staffing challenges and supply shortages. Let's have some fun this month celebrating together. Happy Holidays everyone!

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Allison O'Shea