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Our mission is to create and sustain comfortable, caring environments for those who depend on us.



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Breast Cancer Awareness Month is Here!

Note: This is for informational purposes and should not be mistaken for medical advice. Please consult a physician or other medical professional or specialist for all health matters.

October observes Breast Cancer Awareness! It's a month for wearing pink, promoting knowledge, raising research funds, supporting those in and through the cancer fight, and taking steps to help detect the disease in early stages.

This October, increase your awareness with some breast cancer facts and early detection information. Your knowledge could help a loved one, friend, or yourself.

What is Breast Cancer?

Cells are tissue building blocks and are where cancer starts. During cell growth, sometimes new cells that are not needed form and mutate, and old or damaged cells do not die as they ought to. In the breast, when these cells spread to surrounding tissues, breast cancer occurs. This process is often slow. If a lump can be felt, it may have been growing for years. Finding a lump in the breast does not necessarily mean one has cancer, though if one is found, seeing a physician for a clinical breast exam is recommended.

Breast cancer may occur in men or women, but affects women more often than men. According to the National Breast Cancer Foundation, Inc., (NCBFI) in 2022, 287,500 estimated new cases of breast cancer will have been diagnosed in women in the U.S., as well as 51,400 new cases of noninvasive breast cancer. For men in the U.S. in 2022, 2,710 men will have been diagnosed with breast cancer.

Early Detection is Key

There are ways to detect breast cancer early, such as regular self-examinations and clinical



Did you know? 1 in 8 women in the U.S. will be diagnosed with breast cancer in their lifetime. There is hope though: There are more than 3.8 million U.S. breast cancer survivors. (NBCFI)

screenings. Clinical screenings include mammograms (breast x-rays); clinical breast exams (where a trained provider feels for abnormalities); and in certain cases, breast MRIs (usually in addition to a screening mammogram). Learn more on screening options at cancer.org.

Men at high risk for breast cancer should discuss managing their risk with their doctor. Women should be familiar with how their breasts normally look and report changes to a medical provider. Women at average risk for breast cancer between 40-44 have the option to start annual mammograms. The American Cancer Society recommends average-risk women ages 45-54 get annual mammograms, earlier for those who are high-risk for breast cancer. Those 55+ can switch to every other year if in good health. Learn more about risk level at cancer.org.

Some Positive News

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Death rates from breast cancer have been on the decline since 1990 due to better screening, early detection, increased awareness, and improved treatments. In addition, for women over 50 and older, in recent years breast cancer incidence rates have decreased. (NCBFI)

This month and in those to follow, we hope to encourage breast cancer awareness and continued learning. We welcome your feedback on this article on our Facebook page on the 1st.





Happy **Birthday!**

Those born in October are Libras (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) or Scorpios (Oct. 23-Nov. 21). Their birthstones are opals & tourmaline. Their birth flower is the Calendula. More American presidents have October birthdays than any other month!

Staff Kimberly: Oct. 17









Residents Sue H: Oct. 22 Terry: Oct. 29

October 2022 Highlights

October observes Breast Cancer Awareness, Dental Hygiene, Emotional Wellness, Financial Planning, Physical Therapy, and Protecting Hearing. It Celebrates: Apples, Arts, Humanities, Baking, Books, Caramel, Chili, Cookies, Pasta, Pizza, Sausage, Seafood, Stamp Collecting, Pears, Pineapples, Spinach, and Vegetarianism.

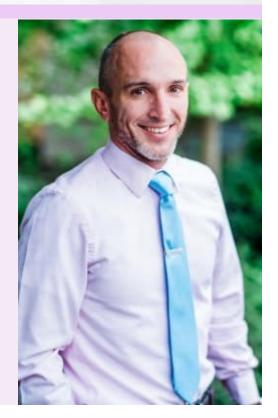
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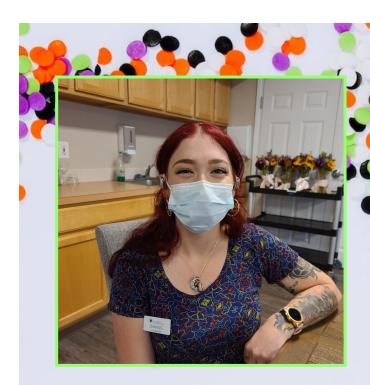
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Our Executive Director's Corner

Dear residents, family members, and friends,

I want to take a moment to introduce your new Executive Director. His name is Jeff Hendrickson. He has been with the company since 2014 and has most recently been the ED for our community in Lake Stevens. I will miss you all and I have cherished the last 5 years with all of you. I also know I have left you in good hands and I haven't gone far. I will see you soon. Love, Christina James





Staff Spotlight: Diamante

Diamante was born in Tucson, Az. She traveled much of her school life attending many schools. Diamante received a degree in liberal arts from the college of Pima Arizona. She went on and got her CAN license and her EMT license. Her hobbies include backpacking, hiking, reading, knitting and crocheting. Her dream is to one day own a retirement assisted living facility. Diamante has such a passion for the people here at the Inn.

Keep up the good work!



Resident Spotlight: Jannette

Jannette was born in Ione Washington. She went to Ione School right through graduation. Jannette started the React Club which included CB radio and channel 9. Jannette married the love of her life and had four wonderful children. Between the four, they gave her seven grandkids! Jannette and her husband always loved to travel and see different parts of the country together. Reading and walking are some of the other hobbies she enjoys.

We are so happy you are here, Jannette!

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