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

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# **Emerald Gardens News**



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## Ways to Give Back This **Holiday Season**

The holiday season is the perfect time to embrace feelings of warmth and joy with loved ones. It's also a wonderful time of year to help give love and care toward the greater community.

This year, consider compassionate actions you can take to help those around you. In turn you may even help yourself! Studies show that giving back boosts happiness, health, self-esteem, and gives a greater sense of purpose.

#### Find Causes That Speak to You

If you're looking for a place to figure out how you could give your time or talent in the world, check out VolunteerMatch.org where you can select areas of interest in your vicinity. There are thousands of opportunities there.

#### Support Area Food Banks

Contact a local food bank and see what support they are seeking. Typical volunteer experiences include: sorting and packing food delivering meals, assisting at drive-thru pantries, and garden harvesting. A resource to start with is: www.feedingamerica.org/take-action/ volunteer

#### **Donate for Meaningful Causes**

Before getting rid of items you no longer want, receiving mail. Consider sending some heartlook online to see where you could make donations to make a difference in others' lives. websites online that orchestrate mail to our Habitat For Humanity which helps provide homes across the world is one example. They accept building materials, furniture, and appliances at Habitat ReStores.



#### **Buy from Local Businesses**

From heading to the farmers' market for local produce to checking out a new local artisan or coffee house, support the small businesses in your area. If you have relatives who you'll be sending holiday gifts to, consider buying from a unique local business.

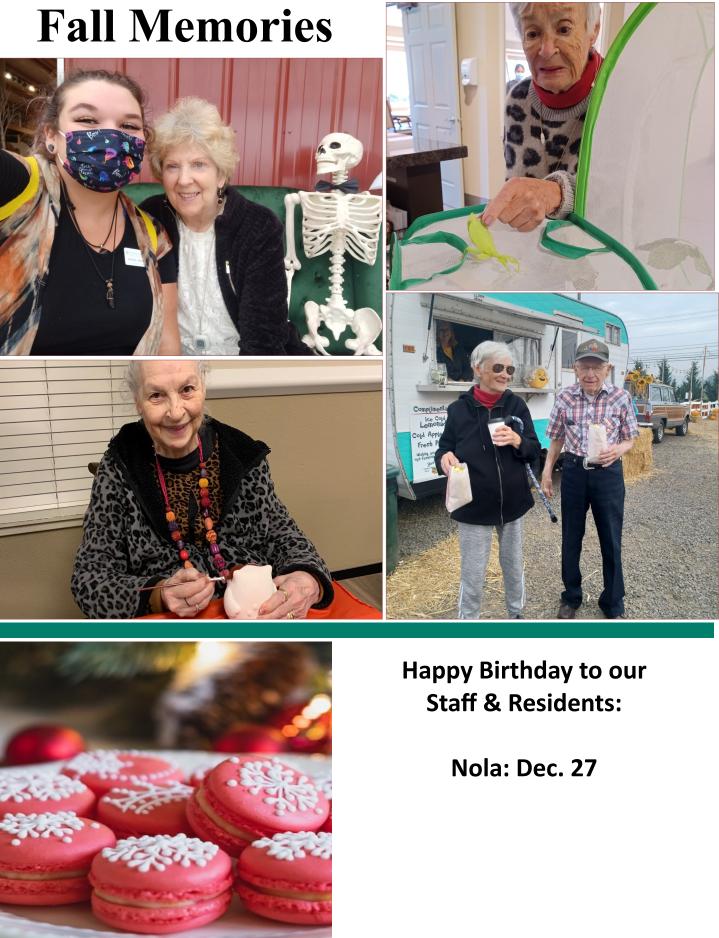
#### **Give Your Time & Talent**

If you have a skillset you could use to help in the community, teach others or provide entertainment, you would be enriching others' lives. Try contacting local recreation/senior centers, schools, community theatre programs, the library, or senior living communities to see where volunteers/ entertainers may be needed. We welcome volunteers at our community! Contact our Life Enrichment Team for volunteer information.

#### **Put Pen to Paper**

Throughout the year, and especially during the holidays, it brightens' people's hearts felt cards to soldiers abroad! There are various troops. Operation Gratitude is one to try.

We hope these ideas spark inspiration toward giving. Let us know of great ideas you have beyond this list on our facebook on the 1st.



## **Sharing Some Halloween Spirit**



On Veteran's Day, November 11th, we had a Pinning Ceremony celebrate our Vet's here at Emerald Gardens! It was a good to celebration and a great way to honor those who have served.



## **Celebrating Our Veterans**

### We are thankful for all our Veterans!

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