

Embracing the Season of Giving

Whether you're looking for that special something to give to a loved one or are writing up your own wishlist, here are a few simple – but effective – gift ideas to keep in mind as we head into the holiday season.

The Power of Books and Novels

Who doesn't love getting lost in another world? Send your loved one a physical copy of a tale from their favorite author, or refer them to an E-book about a topic they might have an interest in.

As beneficial to the mind as it is to the soul, reading is proven to help sharpen mental acuity – making it the perfect gift for anyone looking to explore the works of others.

What It Means to Receive a Letter

Reflect on what it is that you love most about that special person in your life. Is it their smile? Their wit? How comfortable you feel



when you're with them? Whatever it is about your loved one that brightens your days, use your voice to put those feelings onto paper and let them know just how much they mean to you.

When it comes to gift giving, it doesn't matter how large or small the gesture is – only that it's coming from you. When your

loved one sees your name written on an envelope, stickered onto a box, or signed at the end of a note, they'll simply be reminded of the joy that you bring into their lives, and how easy it is to have those same feelings about you.

**Happy Holidays from
our family to yours!**

Happy Birthday!

Residents

Kurt S	12/01
John J	12/04
Patsy R	12/08
Ernie K	12/14
Florence W	12/17
Bonnie M	12/23
Edna F	12/26
Arnold T	12/29

Staff

Natalie G	12/03
Rebekah Z	12/04
Andrea M	12/07
Catherine H	12/11
Amy M	12/15
Emberlynn D	12/19
Leishla V	12/20
Samantha S	12/29
Deanna D	12/31

Staff Spotlight

We are so glad to have Elise Van De Steenoven as our new Executive Director. She is looking forward to developing new relationships with our team members, residents, families, and community members!

Theme Weeks

Who doesn't love theme week? We created so many wonderful memories this year. In February, we kicked off our first theme week of the year with the Snowflake Ball, continued with Lucille's Ball and the Captain's Ball, and finished the year off with the Gatsby Gala! Next year we will be "Laughing Through the Decades":

- February – Happy Days
- May – Gilligan's Island
- July – Laverne and Shirley
- October – Golden Girls



Executive Director Corner

Welcome to December!

It's officially the most wonderful

time of the year, which means that every day becomes a merry celebration. This could mean baking a favorite family recipe, creating a decorative holiday wreath, or attending a worship service with our Inspirations program, which meets once weekly. We always strive to honor the traditions that mean so much to those we serve, so ask our Life Enrichment Director about how you can celebrate the holidays your way!

At a time when there's so much joy to be shared with friends and family, we also remember those who may be spending their Christmas worrying about their livelihood. That's why until December 31st, we'll be

continuing to accept donations towards our annual Hope for the Holidays campaign, which supports our local charities throughout the holiday season. If you or a loved one would like to make a donation, be sure to talk to a member of our team!

As 2022 begins to draw to a close, I also wanted to say thank you to each and every one of you for such a fantastic year. From all of our incredible Theme Dinners to our lunch outings, our Happy Hours to our birthday celebrations, there hasn't been a single moment that I would trade to be anywhere else but with you and your families. This year has truly been one for the books.

I hope that you have a great holiday and an unforgettable New Year!

Yours in Service,
Elise Van De Steenoven
Executive Director

THEME WEEK





MORE THEME WEEK PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS...

Live a Dream

Looking to reconnect with old friends or family, celebrate a special birthday or anniversary, participate in a favorite pastime? Contact the Life Enrichment team today to see how these dreams can become a reality!



Volunteers Needed

Volunteers give the gift of time. Families make great volunteers! As a volunteer, you are a part of the Trilogy team. So why volunteer? Here are just a few benefits:

- Personal satisfaction
- Community involvement
- New, meaningful friendships
- Developing new skills
- Utilizing your skills to teach others

Suggested ways to volunteer include are not limited to:

- Assisting with our screening table and welcoming guests
- Leading an activity or teaching a skill, such as leading a Bible study or playing an instrument
- Helping maintain our courtyards for Campus in Color
- Connecting through virtual visits or telephone calls



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Director of Environmental Services

Joy McClimans
Business Office Manager

Jason Crim
Director of Food Services

Sarah Baldes
Therapy Program Director

Jimmy Wilkie
Community Service Representative

Andrea Millard
Director of Social Services

Stay in the Loop

Keep up with latest campus news
and happenings by following
us on your favorite social networks!

*We strive to provide the best customer
service and quality care for our residents.*

*Our Department Leaders are here
to solve any concerns you may have.*

*In the event that you need further
assistance with any unresolved concerns,
we encourage you to call or email
our Compliance Hotline: 800-908-8618,
ext. 2800; or comply@trilogyhs.com*

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Monthly Trivia & Activity Corner

Cut, color, and make a card to give!

*All trivia answers will be printed
in our upcoming month's newsletter!*

Question 1: How many days
of Kwanza are there?

Question 2: What country was
the original St. Nicholas from?

Question 3: How many ghosts are
in the movie *A Christmas Carol*?

Question 4: How do you say
"Merry Christmas" in Spanish?

Question 5: What are the
names of the three reindeer whose
names start with the letter "D"?

*Flip the page for last
month's trivia answers:*

Q1: Who was the first U.S. President to
pardon a turkey? George H.W. Bush
Q2: How many days did the first
Thanksgiving celebration last? Three days
Q3: True or False: Canada also celebrates
Thanksgiving in November. False
Q4: Are pumpkins vegetables or fruits? Fruits
Q5: What popular Christmas song
was originally written to be a
Thanksgiving song? Jingle Bells



Word Search

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BOOK
BRIGHTEN
FEELING
FESTIVE

GESTURE
GIFT
GIVING
HOLIDAY

JOYFUL
LETTER
NOTE
NOVEL

SEASON
SPECIAL
STICKERS
WISHLIST