



# COMMUNITY IMPACT DAY - MAY 13TH, 2026

The Kindness Councils from both Independent Living and Memory Care came together alongside 10 community volunteers to support and highlight the council's initiatives focused on building a stronger, more compassionate community. There were nearly 180 volunteers participated and more than 500 projects were completed during this special day of service!



## June Birthdays

- JANE K. - 6/4
- BOB T. - 6/7
- BARBARA M. - 6/13
- LINDA V. - 6/14
- NANCY M. - 6/14
- PEGGY C. - 6/14
- BOB H. 6/16
- BETTY A. - 6/19
- LINDA C. - 6/19
- CONNIE S. - 6/21
- LORRAINE S. - 6/21
- SUSAN F. - 6/26
- MARYLOU R. - 6/28

## SAVE THE DATE!

### Father's Day Dinner

June 17, 2026

First seating is at 4pm | Second Seating is at 6pm  
RSVP at the front desk by June 14, 2026

### Camp Waltonwood | Arcade in the Woods

June 26, 2026

Come join the fun from 4:30pm - 6:30pm  
RSVP by June 12, 2026

## \$3,500 RESIDENTIAL 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!

FAMILY & FRIENDS REFERRAL PROGRAM!

# Twelve Oaks CONNECT

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## COMMUNITY MANAGEMENT

**Joe Whitney**  
Executive Director

**Deanna Hite**  
Business Office Manager

**Justin Will**  
Independent Living Manager

**Jacob Chamberlain**  
Culinary Services Manager

**Heather Laskos**  
Lead Marketing Manager

**Casey Hess**  
Marketing Manager

**Shay McClendon**  
Resident Care Manager

**Priyanka Ghelani**  
Wellness Coordinator

**Tylisha Jones**  
Wellness Coordinator

**Alecia Greenberg**  
Life Enrichment Manager (MC)

## MAY REFLECTION

As we reflect on the month of May, we are reminded of both the challenges and blessings that come with growth and change. This month, we said goodbye to Basma, whose impact on our community will not be forgotten. While her loss has been deeply felt, we are also excited to welcome new energy to our team with Debby joining us as our new Independent Living Life Enrichment Manager, alongside her assistant, Joan. We are looking forward to all the creativity, fun, and connection they will bring to our residents and community.

We would also like to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone for their patience and support of Emily, our Associate Executive Director, as she stepped in to help support the Life Enrichment department during this transition. Your kindness, flexibility, and encouragement have meant so much.

As we head into summer, excitement is building for Camp Waltonwood, and we cannot wait to share all the fun activities and memories ahead! Lastly, thank you to everyone who joined us for our Mother's Day celebration. The incredible turnout made the day truly special, and it was wonderful to celebrate the amazing mothers and mother figures in our community together.

## ALZHEIMER'S AND BRAIN AWARENESS MONTH

June is Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month, an annual observance raising awareness on Alzheimer's disease and other dementias. For years the Waltonwood family has partnered with the Alzheimer's Association to support the mission of a world without Alzheimer's and other dementias. While there still may not be a cure, taking proactive steps and developing healthy lifestyle habits have been shown to slow the onset of the disease and delay its debilitating effects. Much like heart health, cognitive health can benefit greatly from increasing physical activity and exercise, eating a well-balanced nutrient rich diet and effectively managing stress. It's never too early or too late to start taking better care of ourselves and small changes today can help lead to healthy years to come.



## MAY HIGHLIGHTS

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We were so grateful to celebrate the incredible moms in our community during our Mother's Day Brunch. Thank you for sharing your love, wisdom, and stories with us each day. It was a wonderful morning spent honoring and celebrating all of you!



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Down in Torch Lake Pub, you'll now find a brand-new shuffleboard table — and most Wednesday nights, it's home to the Men's Club for some friendly competition and fun!



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Shirley, a member of the Kindness Council, joined Community Impact Day as one of nearly 180 participants who helped complete more than 500 acts of kindness throughout the day.



## JOIN US OUTSIDE OF THE COMMUNITY

Join us for exciting outings beyond Waltonwood Twelve Oaks. We're planning trips to fun restaurants, fascinating museums, charming farms, and other fun local spots. It's a wonderful opportunity to explore new places, enjoy delicious meals, and create lasting memories with friends. Don't miss out on the fun — sign up with the concierge at the front desk today!

## Employee Spotlight

Matthew Morrow is the newest member of our Maintenance Team! He has been with Waltonwood for the past six months, and we are thrilled to have him as part of the team. Matthew is especially grateful to Joe for giving him the opportunity to learn and grow on the job, as well as to Artie and Julius for their guidance and support along the way. Matthew spent much of his younger years in Redford and has been married to his wonderful wife, Jordan, for three years.



Matthew says one of the things he loves most about working at Waltonwood is the strong sense of community and family atmosphere. He shared that it's the first workplace where he has truly felt that kind of connection. In his free time, Matthew enjoys gardening, playing board games with his wife, and cycling.

We are excited to have Matthew's friendly and helpful spirit as part of the Waltonwood family and look forward to many great years ahead!

## JUNE SPECIAL EVENTS

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Join us for Resident Council in the IL Theater. Come share your thoughts, ideas, and updates with the community!

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Residents will enjoy a boat ride and lunch at Kensington Metropark. We're looking forward to a fun and relaxing day together!

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Join us for Cardio Drumming in Singh College! Come get moving, have fun, and enjoy the rhythm together.

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It's movie night in the theater! Join us for Wicked 2 and enjoy a fun evening with friends and popcorn.



## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CORNER

We are excited to welcome two new managers to Waltonwood Twelve Oaks. Marcia Combs will be joining us as the Assisted Living Life Enrichment Manager. Marcia previously worked as a Life Enrichment Assistant in our community many years ago and is now returning to take on this leadership role. We are truly fortunate to have her come back to Twelve Oaks.

We are also pleased to introduce Debby Runnels as our new Independent Living Life Enrichment Manager. Debby brings over 10 years of experience in senior programming and activities. She brings a wonderful combination of energy and creativity that will help elevate and enhance programming in Independent Living.

There are exciting things ahead at Twelve Oaks as we continue to grow and strengthen our Life Enrichment teams.