



Assisted Living #11835



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The Life*

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DEPARTMENT HEADS

Crystal Christian Executive Director, x5105
 Ann St. Hilaire Business Office Director,
 x5103
 Cindy Black Marketing Director, x5102
 Jody Nye Wellness Director, x5112
 Laura Giammona Culinary Services Director,
 x5145
 Dan Avella Maintenance Director, x5136
 Wendy Mills Life Enrichment Director, x5305
 Kitchen x5143

Resident Hotline

By dialing 5000 from your room phone, you can hear the scheduled Activities & Dining Menus of the day. Please utilize your Resident Hotline daily!



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

November 2nd Gay Briggs
 November 2nd Judy Dittrich
 November 7th Joan Melnick
 November 7th Judith Dipirro
 November 20th Marilyn Gulliford
 November 25th James Pechtel
 November 30th Sylvia Benitez

November 2022

TO OUR DESOTO PALMS VETERANS...



Thank You, Veterans

There are more than 20 million veterans in America. Honor those who have served on Veterans Day, Nov. 11.

We honor and celebrate our DeSoto Palms' Veterans and their families for their sacrifices and service!



Resident of the Month



WELCOME HOME Laverne Samec!!!

Laverne Samec was born and raised in Cleveland, Ohio, and is where she lived for most of her life. She met her husband, Milan, when she was 17 and he was 20. They got married a couple of years later and were together for 61 years! Laverne said she met Milan because his aunt married her uncle. She always thought that was a funny story.

She helped her parents run their bakery. It was called Jiriks Bakery. She said her favorite sweet treat was the custard cream puffs. Laverne also donated her time to the Women's Auxiliary at Deaconess Hospital while raising her two children, Diane and David.



Milan worked as an electrician for Ford Motor Company, keeping the automobile assembly running smoothly. Diane is a Financial Real Estate Marketing Director and David graduated West Point as a Lieutenant Colonel. Laverne is so proud of both of her children. She has four, beautiful granddaughters and 3 great-grandchildren.

Laverne learned the Czech language from her grandparents and she found it very helpful when she visited the country. She and Milan also traveled to Hawaii, Austria and Germany, but she fondly remembers loving Czechoslovakia. She also enjoyed crocheting, embroidery, and knitting. Laverne likes to play Bingo, Corn Hole, and enjoys the morning exercise we do here at DeSoto. Laverne says she likes the staff's kindness to her and enjoys many of the DeSoto Palms residents. Welcome Home, Laverne! We are so happy to have you as part of our family!



Just for Fun



**MORNING STRETCH...
COME JOIN THE FUN AT
9:30AM: 2ND FL
ACTIVITY ROOM!**

Employee of the Month



CONGRATULATIONS, Justice Lee!!!

Justice joined the Nursing Department in May of this year as a Resident Aide and now is training to be one of our Medication Technicians. Justice has quickly become a valued member of our team, helping with extra shifts and responsibilities. When I asked Justice what she had to say about DeSoto Palms, this is what she said, "It's different... it's loving and caring here!" Justice, we are so glad you are a part of our DeSoto Palms family! Keep up the great work: you are valued and appreciated!

THANK YOU!

Hurricane Season

**By: Crystal Christian,
Administrator**

I could never express the overwhelming gratitude and appreciation that I have for my DP Hurricane Angels. This amazing team showed up when others wouldn't or couldn't. The level of compassion and empathy that was shown to not only our residents, but to their families, our evacuees and to each other, was truly inspiring. The attentiveness to the holistic needs of all who sheltered in

place with us was unfaltering. This team worked tirelessly and supported each other in a way I have never experienced.

During the storm, there were periods of no power and being on a generator, and losing cable, phones and internet. We could have all lost our minds! As we visited with residents, it was obvious some were struggling more than others. Being as resourceful as we are, we deployed the Kids and Dogs! We sent out the fur babies to do pet therapy visits with the residents. We had the children participate in the activities with the residents and hand out Activity sheets and snacks.

It was heartwarming to see their response and to see some ease, even for a moment.

An experience such as this is never easy and this DP team, and some of their families, came together with the support of Josh, our CFO @ KR Management, and one of our owners, Dr. Rabins. Their efforts could not have been exemplified more in anticipating the expressed and unexpressed needs of each other.

We are truly blessed!

**THANK YOU, DESOTO
PALMS HURRICANE
ANGELS!!!**

Act of Kindness

Crystal Christian

Jody Nye

Dan Avella

Laura Giammona

Ann St. Hilaire

Tracy Romano

Jody Turnquist

Schoene Fashaw

Raniyah Jones

Justice Lee

Jose Zarate

Hortencia Gonzalez

Gabby Medrano

Thank You

No matter how you say it, greet everyone you meet on
World Hello Day, Nov. 21!

