

Holiday Connections

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Celebrating the Season: Festive Moments Across Our Campuses

This holiday season was all about making cherished memories across all our campuses. Residents, staff, family, and friends came together to celebrate with a variety of special events, from festive 'Mingle & Jingle' happy hours and elegant dinners to lively holiday dances and joyful gatherings. The season was truly one to remember! Thank you to our Activities & Dietary staff on all of our campuses for making these events so special! Throughout this issue, you'll find photo collages from all the campus holiday gatherings and stories from the holiday season.



Happy New Year!



I would like to take this opportunity to thank our campus staff, visitors, and volunteers who helped make the Holiday Season memorable for residents. We thank our residents, families, and Board of Directors for your ongoing support and loyalty to UMH. I hope you enjoy reading this new special edition of our newsletter focused on the spirit of the holidays, traditions, friendship, and camaraderie in our communities. May you all have a healthy and prosperous New Year!

In appreciation,

Brian Picchini, President & CEO



Celebrating Awards & Recognition

US News & World Reports Best Nursing Homes of 2025

- James G. Johnston - Best Short-Term Rehab Facility
- Wesley Village - Best Short-Term Rehab Facility

Sunday Dispatch & Times Leader - NEPA Best Places To Work

- Wesley Village Campus - Platinum Winner

Press & Sun - The Official Community's Choice Awards

- Hilltop Campus - Best Assisted/Senior Living Community

Sunday Dispatch & Times Leader - Best of the Best Readers Choice Awards

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Brooks Estates Holiday Party





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Highlands Holiday Party



A Season of Giving

The Hilltop Campus was alive with music and community spirit on November 18, as we hosted a CHOW Fundraiser to support local families in need. The event featured an outstanding live performance by Brothers & Friends, whose toe-tapping tunes set the perfect tone for an evening of giving. Thanks to the generosity of our fantastic community, we collected an abundance of donations just in time for Thanksgiving, helping CHOW deliver joy and nourishment during the holiday season. We couldn't have done it without the amazing Brothers & Friends, who graciously took time from their busy schedule to support this wonderful cause.

The spirit of giving didn't stop there! UMH Complete Care Management team partnered with Catholic Charities of Broome County to spread holiday cheer by providing Thanksgiving meals to 25 members and their families.

In addition to those donations, residents and staff from both the Hilltop Campus and the Highlands joined forces to collect a variety of gifts for Toys for Tots. This heartwarming effort is a testament to our shared commitment to helping those in need, bringing smiles to children and families this holiday season. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this wonderful cause!

Thank you to everyone who attended, donated, and supported these meaningful causes! These efforts highlight our mission of Caring, Connecting, Community—a commitment to making a difference, one act of kindness at a time.





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Elizabeth Church Holiday Party



Friendsgiving at the Highlands

Before Thanksgiving, The Highlands was alive with joy and gratitude during our special Friendsgiving celebration. Residents gathered for an afternoon filled with laughter, delicious food, and heartfelt moments that highlighted the strong bonds within our community.

The festivities were made even more special as we celebrated the birthdays of one of our beloved residents, Dennis, and our four-legged friend, Big Ben. Their milestones added an extra layer of warmth and joy to an already wonderful day.

Our talented dining team prepared a festive feast that delighted everyone's taste buds while residents shared stories, memories, and plenty of smiles around the table. It was a truly heartwarming way to kick off the holiday season, reflecting the spirit of gratitude and connection that defines our community.

We are so thankful for the joy, kindness, and friendships that make The Highlands feel like family. Events like Friendsgiving remind us how special it is to come together and celebrate the moments that matter most.



A Heartwarming Holiday Shopping Trip to Country Additions

Residents of the Elizabeth Church Campus recently enjoyed a festive outing to Country Additions, a beloved local gift shop owned by Cindy Fetish. Since its opening in 1999, Cindy and her mother, Joan, have delighted the community with their charming store, offering unique treasures and heartfelt hospitality.

This trip was particularly special, as Joan, now a resident of ECM, joined Cindy at the register for the day. It was a heartwarming moment as Joan reminisced about the store's early days and shared fond memories with everyone.



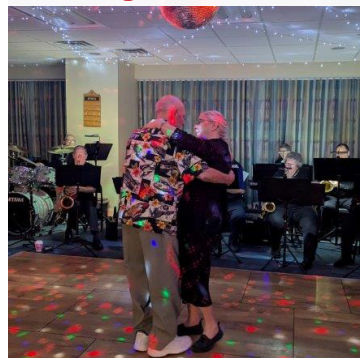
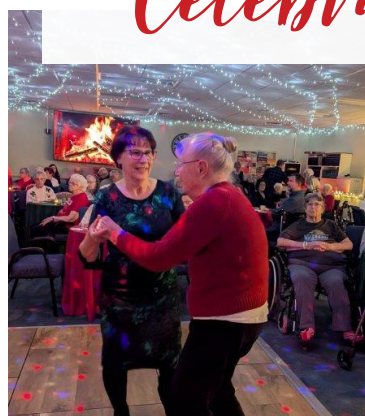
Residents indulged in holiday shopping, sipping on hot cocoa and savoring delicious treats as they explored the store's delightful offerings. Cindy's exceptional gift-wrapping skills added an extra sparkle to the experience, with beautifully wrapped packages adorned with festive paper, ribbons, and bows. Each package was crafted with care and love, making every gift even more meaningful.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to Cindy and Country Additions for creating such a joyful and memorable holiday shopping experience. Your kindness and attention to detail truly made the season brighter for our residents.





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Hilltop Holiday Dance & Holiday Dinner





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Brooks Estates Resident Association Holiday Party



Myers Manor Mingle & Jingle





Decking the Halls & spreading Holiday Joy Throughout UMH!

Our vibrant communities were glowing with holiday cheer, thanks to the incredible efforts of our staff and resident volunteers. Together, they transformed our halls with twinkling lights, beautifully trimmed trees, festive garlands, decorated office doors, and magical touches that make UMH feel like home for the holidays.



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Hilltop & The Highlands

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Myers Manor & Anderson

A Heartfelt Thank You



We are incredibly grateful to our staff, residents, local schools, businesses, and talented musicians who helped make this holiday season so special for our residents. Thanks to the generosity of our employees and Independent Living residents, gifts were shared throughout our communities. The local Chewy factory brought joy to Partridge-Tippett Nursing Home with thoughtful presents, while musical performers from across Broome County filled Hilltop with festive melodies. At James G. Johnston, residents had a delightful time decorating holiday cookies with students from the Johnson City High School Hello Club. Your kindness and holiday spirit made this season truly magical—thank you!



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