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ENRICHING LIVES THROUGH QUALITY SERVICES AND CHRISTIAN CARE



A note from the Administrator- Jayna

This past year, I promised to share information about the different departments that are needed to make Divine Providence a home. My focus this month is on Nursing which is the largest department. Currently we have about 40 staff that are either Registered Nurses (RN), Licensed Practical Nurses (LPN), Trained Medication Aides (TMA), Certified Nursing Assistants (CNA) or nursing assistants in training. Agency staff is utilized to fill in the gaps and prevent burn-out. The leader of this department is the Director of Nursing (DON), Shelly Augustin.

Nursing is the only department that is staffed 24/7. We are required to have at least 8 hours of RN coverage a day. Except for some weekends, we typically have around 40 hours of RN coverage a day. An RN is always on call if we do not have one in the building and a licensed nurse either RN or LPN is always working.

While some tasks such as assessments, admissions/discharges, passing meds, dressing changes, and treatments can only be performed by an RN, LPN, or TMA the entire department works as a team and often shares tasks if it is within their scope of practice. Typically, the CNAs help the most with personal hygiene duties such as brushing teeth, bathing, hair styling, makeup, shaving, and dressing. Bathroom needs, meal time assistance, and exercise such as walking are also carried out, but of course everyone pitches in when needed.

Caregivers are always monitoring and watching for any resident changes that need to be reported to the charge nurse for further follow-up. Helping the resident every day, caregivers immediately notice even small changes in their residents. Nurses will report these changes to the family and coordinate care with their physician if needed. Keeping residents safe is a priority. Sometimes one on one is provided to prevent falls or elopement.

One thing abundant in this department is walking. Nursing staff are on their feet and moving most of the day. If you are familiar with our building, then you understand all the walking it takes to get residents to and from the dining room or delivering meals to residents that choose to eat in their room. Daily mass also requires a wheelchair push or walking assistance to the chapel which is located on the other end of the building. Thankfully, volunteers, often Lake Villa Maria tenants, help with chapel transporting. Documenting in computer charts all the care that has been provided and any resident changes is as important as providing the care and does provide an opportunity to get off their feet.

Nursing is so much more than answering call lights. Most caregivers already know which menu item their resident will choose before a meal. The bond that develops between the caregivers and the resident is like a family. Spending so much time together, nursing learns the resident's history and understands their life before they needed nursing home care. This learning goes both ways with the resident getting to know the caregiver too. It is a wonderful opportunity for both resident and caregiver to support each other socially and emotionally. Thanks to our entire Nursing Department for sharing their love and caregiving skills with our Grandfriends and each other.

Divine Providence's Auxiliary

Annual Fall Bazaar

Sunday November 3rd, 2024



Coffee & Rolls 7:30-10:00 am



Roast Beef Dinner starting at 10:30 am



Booths open at 8:30

Country Store



- Handmade Quilts
- Embroidered Dish Towels
- Crafts
- Homemade Baked Goods
- Fresh Garden Produce

Wine Pull



Caramel Rolls

KC Donuts



Raffle- \$1.00 per ticket

Grand Prize: Handmade Quilt by Patty Haala

2nd Prize: \$200.00 Cash

3rd-6th Prizes: \$100.00 Cash

If you haven't received tickets, contact the Business Office
at Divine Providence to purchase tickets 507-794-3011

This fundraiser greatly benefits the Divine Providence Auxiliary. Proceeds will be used for new lifts for the residents, the resident's monthly extended cable TV package, and for entertainment in the Activities Department.

Please join us!

thankyou

- Marge Freking & Loren Meinert for clothing donations
- Bob Zinniel's Family for sharing beautiful funeral flower arrangements
- Georgette Schumacher for the donated Halloween treats
- Chris Rosenhamer donating beautiful zinnias
- Mrs. Christensen, Mrs. Windschitl, St. Mary's Seniors & Volleyball team, and Helen Desmarais & Lisa Pelzel for helping our Grandfriends be a part of the Divine Mercy Chaplet with the students at St. Mary's Church
- Lucy Schmit and Macy Wagner for their help decorating our piñata
- Donna Schmitz's Family for donated American Flag

Memorial Received In Memory of Myrna Roiger:

- Gary & Candy Roiger

Memorial Received In Memory of Veronica Helget:

- Neil & Rose Mangan

Divine Providence extends our heartfelt sympathies to the family and friends of 3 wonderful ladies this month.



Mary Beth Sehr

A New Ulm native, wife, and mother of 4, Mary Beth enjoyed her role as mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. She was a member of the New Ulm Junior Pioneers, Cathedral of the Holy Trinity and the Christian Mother's in New Ulm.

A farm wife and mother of 3, Veronica and her husband raised their family on the farm southeast of Sleepy Eye. She was an avid gardener known for canning the best pickles, and baking the best bread and buns, making sure everyone had plenty to eat!



Veronica Helget

As a faithful mother of 8 and raising her family with her husband on their dairy and crop farm, Evie was a busy lady. A crafter, canner, baker, bookkeeper of the farm, and church choir member just to name a few, Evie wore many hats! Most importantly, Evie's strong faith carried her through life's trials.



Evie Thelemann



Lucille, Gladys



Marie

Fresh picks of the season!

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

Elizabeth Molin

Housekeeping/Laundry



How long have you worked here? Almost 10 years

What does your job entail? Cleaning resident rooms and laundry, and making the resident's beds each morning.

In terms of success, which accomplishments are you most proud of? Being able to work with my Mom until her passing. My mom, Vicky Kloos worked as a CNA here at Divine Providence.

What's your favorite memory while working at Divine Providence? On Halloween last year, Tina Hornick and I won the Halloween contest dressed up as Trouble 1 & Trouble 2

What is the best part about working at Divine? Being able to see everyone

About your family: I have 3 sisters and 2 brothers

A fun fact about yourself most people don't know:

I took a trip to Austria to see my little sister who teaches there