

"Kindness is like snow - it beautifies everything it covers."  
-Kahlil Gibran

December 2021

# What's Growing On...

in Hillcrest Health & Rehab's  
Magnolia & Azalea neighborhoods

## Hillcrest Holiday Food Drive to Spread Cheer Throughout Our Communities

Hillcrest is preparing for a spirited seasonal community service project that has become a happy holiday tradition throughout our communities. We will hold our sixth-annual Holiday Food Drive, Monday, Dec. 6 through Friday, Dec. 17, to collect food and other items. Donation boxes will be placed near the entrance of each Hillcrest location. Items donated will benefit area food pantries.

While all non-perishable food donations are welcome, each pantry has a list of most-needed items:

- **Bellevue Food Pantry** (Bellevue Hillcrest locations) - canned chicken, tuna or salmon (boneless); pasta or pasta sauce; instant sides (rice, pasta, potato); jelly; syrup.
- **Tri-City Food Pantry** (Papillon/Omaha Hillcrest locations) - canned tuna; canned vegetables; laundry or dish soap; cat or dog food; instant sides (rice, pasta, potato).
- **Gretna Neighbors** (Hillcrest Silver Ridge) - canned ham or beef; small packages of coffee, creamer or sugar; peanut butter; jelly; laundry soap, fabric softener sheets or bleach.

The team is always eager to support our local communities, and these efforts are especially heartfelt during the holidays. Last year, Hillcrest donated more than 3,000 pounds of food and other items to assist community members in need.

We hope you will consider making even a small donation. Your generosity will spread holiday cheer by helping to fill the pantries and bellies of those in our communities who most need our help. Thank you for your support!

For additional information and more comprehensive lists of most-needed items, visit [hillcresthealth.com/fooddrive](http://hillcresthealth.com/fooddrive).

## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Dec. 1: Pat G.  
Dec. 16: Shirley P.  
Dec. 28: Sheryl M.  
Dec. 28: Jimmy P.  
Dec. 29: Dorothy U.

## WELCOME NEW RESIDENTS!

Bruce D.  
Jimmy P.

## MEET THE LEADERSHIP TEAM

### ADMINISTRATOR:

Tammy Weston, (402) 682-4229

### DIRECTOR OF TRANSITION SERVICES:

Angie Wallace, (402) 682-4250

### DIRECTOR OF RECREATION:

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### REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR:

Derrick DeFino, (402) 934-2333

## ARE YOU ON THE LIST?

Each month, we distribute the newsletter via email. If you'd like to be included on the newsletter distribution list, get us your email address, and we'll keep you posted!



## DECEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

Dec. 2: Pet Therapy: Scatter Joy Acres, 10 a.m.  
Dec. 3: Entertainment by Wayne Miller, 2:30 p.m.  
Dec. 13: Entertainment by Grand Ole Players, 2 p.m.  
Dec. 16: Entertainment by Billy Troy, 2 p.m.  
Dec. 17: Entertainment by Tim Javorski, 10:30 a.m.  
TBD: Christmas Lights Outings

## WORSHIP SERVICES

### Catholic Communion

Third Wednesday, 6:30 p.m., Chapel

### Christian Service with Pastor Rountree

Third Sunday, 2 p.m., Chapel

### Non-Denominational Services with Pastor Jerry

Mondays, 9:30/10 a.m., Magnolia

Tuesdays, 1:15 p.m., Chapel

Thursdays, 11 a.m., Chapel

## FEATURED EVENT

### Holiday Celebration

Wednesday,  
December 22

Magnolia - 9:30 a.m.

Azalea/LTC Ivy - 1:30 p.m.

Join us for a Holiday Social,  
including a visit from Santa!



## Tammy's Take



For this month's team member spotlight, I'd like to recognize Rebecca Henry. Rebecca is the Recreation Leader primarily for our Magnolia Neighborhood, but you can find her helping any guest or resident. She and her husband

met in the Air Force and have two children, who were both here as VolunTEENS this past summer. Her husband Blake is a Chief Master Sergeant at Offutt; unfortunately, he is being transferred next June to Florida. Even though Rebecca will be leaving us sometime next year, her high energy will be missed not only by other team members but also by residents. She is a very compassionate, charismatic person who enjoys working with our residents. Outside of work, she enjoys reading and being with her family. We are so blessed to have her!



On behalf of the entire Hillcrest Health & Rehab team, we hope you have a happy holiday season!

-Tammy Weston, Administrator

## RESIDENTS IN ACTION

This month, the recreation team is looking forward to bringing holiday cheer to residents through good music and fun activities. We'll enjoy carolers, Santa visits, outings to view Christmas lights, presents, holiday crafts and Christmas cookies, just to name a few. The recreation team is looking forward to making this season brighter than last year!

-Mary Johnson, Director of Recreation



## Honoring Our Vets

Doug receives a pin in recognition of his service during our Veterans Day Ceremony.

## A MONTH IN REVIEW

After the trick-or-treaters came and left, the recreation team brought the casino to town with games of chance. The Jaycees volunteered their time. They also brought some yummy treats for residents, and the response was overwhelmingly positive!

The recreation team is thankful for all of our residents. We enjoy interacting with them, seeing them laughing and having a good time.

-Mary Johnson, Director of Recreation

## Casino Day

Right: Dorothy and Marie enjoy Texas Hold'em.

Far Right: The Magnolia group gathers around the roulette wheel.

Below Right: June and Ruthie place their bets.

Bottom: Lois, Mary and David play Blackjack.



## Tricks & Treats

It seems our building was over-run by witches during our Halloween festivities.

Far Left: Doris shows off her witch hat.

Left: Connor enjoys trunk-or-treating.

Below Left: June and Doris enjoy a mild day outdoors.

Below: Leona and Juanita spend some time together.

