

Holiday Connections



Holiday Joy Across Our Campuses

The holiday season once again brought moments of warmth, laughter, and connection to every one of our campuses. Residents, team members, families, and friends gathered to celebrate through a season filled with meaningful traditions and festive fun. From cozy Mingle & Jingle happy hours and beautifully prepared holiday meals to spirited dances and cheerful get-togethers, each celebration reflected the joy of being together.

We are deeply grateful to our Activities and Dietary teams across all campuses, whose creativity and dedication helped make these moments truly memorable. Throughout this newsletter, you'll find photo collages capturing the magic of our holiday gatherings, along with highlights and stories that made this season so special.



Happy Holidays & A New Year, New Mission!



As we celebrated the holidays together and brought another year to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our campus staff, visitors, and volunteers who helped make not only the Holidays, but the entire year a year filled with fond memories of friendship and camaraderie across our communities. As many of you know, UMH has been undergoing transformation throughout our organization in order to ensure a more sustainable and nimble organization that will position our communities for future growth, expansion, and innovation that will attract residents today, tomorrow, and decades to come.

At the same time, we have renewed our commitment to being a mission-centered organization. At our core, caring for others remains a vital and consistent component of who we are, and as we transform, we must also revitalize and refresh our Mission, Vision, and Values to serve as a compass for our path forward. After a series of workshops with members of our leadership and Board of Directors committee, incorporating employee and resident perspectives as well, we are very excited to unveil our new Mission and Vision, and reintroduce our Values system:

UMH Mission: We help people live well while navigating life's changes with peace of mind, dignity, and connection in caring and vibrant communities!

Vision: Each and every day, we aspire to be the premier community empowering people to live their best lives.

Because caring and connecting remain a vital part of who we are and where we are headed, our new Mission and Vision run parallel to our existing tagline—**Caring. Connecting. Community.**

We are also recommitting to the following Values systems and will refocus our efforts on promoting and living out these core values: **"LIFT"**. Just prior to the pandemic, we launched these values among our employee base, and we are recommitting to these core principles at this time.

What we value most:

Learning - We are always Learning

Integrity - We act with Integrity

Financially Responsible - We use resources wisely

Teamwork - We live and work as One

~Be Extraordinary. Care for Each Other. Make a Difference~

As always, we thank our residents, families, and Board of Directors for your ongoing support and loyalty to UMH. May you all start the new year with a renewed sense of purpose, and may you enjoy a healthy and prosperous year ahead!

Brian Picchini



Celebrating the Season



Brooks Estates Holiday Party

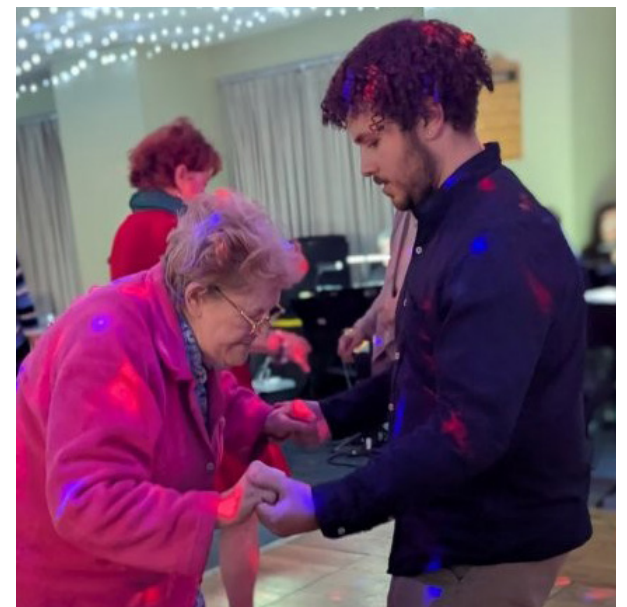




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Hilltop Holiday Dance



The Spirit of the Season in Action

The holidays remind us that the true reason for the season is love, generosity, and caring for one another—and our UMH campuses embraced that spirit in meaningful ways this year.

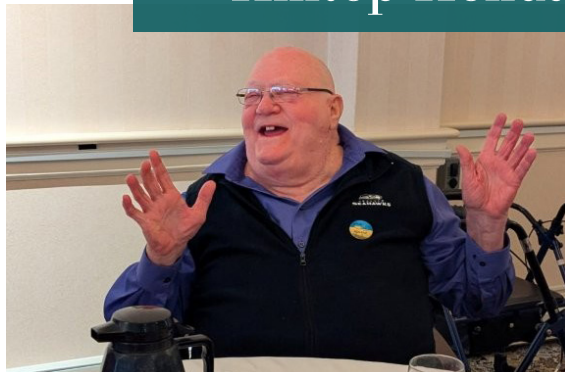
At Wesley, November brought a successful Coat Drive, collecting much-needed coats for local churches serving our surrounding communities. In December, PTNF adopted two families through a local school, providing Christmas gifts and holiday dinners to help make the season brighter for those in need.



At Hilltop, the spirit of giving was equally strong. The campus adopted a family through the Salvation Army, helping ensure a joyful holiday for a local family. In November, Hilltop also collected shoes in honor of Veterans Day, supporting the Honor Flight and showing gratitude to those who have served. These acts of kindness reflect the heart of our mission and the true meaning of the season—sharing compassion, hope, and generosity with our neighbors.



Hilltop Holiday Dinner





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Brooks Estates Resident Association Holiday Party





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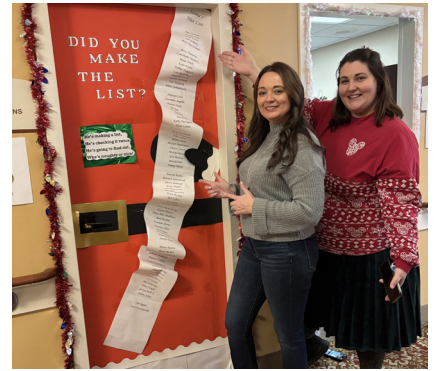


Myers Manor Mingle & Jingle



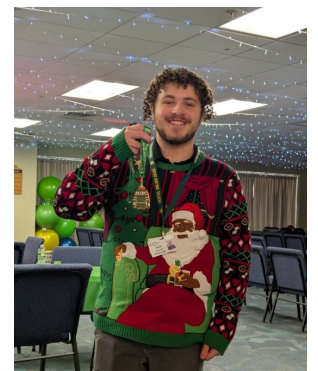
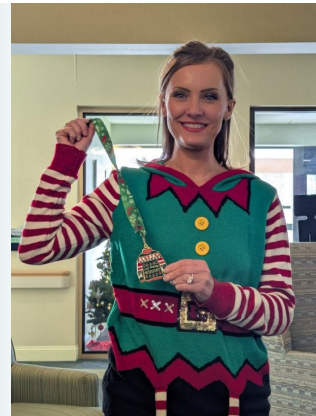
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Decking the Halls & Spreading Holiday Cheer!

Our vibrant communities were truly glowing with holiday cheer this season, thanks to the incredible creativity and teamwork of our staff and resident volunteers. Together, they transformed our halls with twinkling lights, beautifully trimmed trees, festive garlands, and cheerfully decorated office doors. Many even joined in the fun by dressing up themselves and welcoming some playful "Elf on the Shelf" visitors, adding extra magic and smiles along the way. These thoughtful touches turned every corner of UMH into a warm, joyful home for the holidays.



Make An Impact in 2026!

To all of our donors in 2025, thank you for your generosity. We had a successful annual appeal this year. Your contributions made a world of difference for our communities and for the residents we serve! However, our work is not done. As we embrace the New Year, we remain focused on building relationships and creating new opportunities for those with a philanthropic spirit to make a positive impact in 2026. Our major funding initiatives continue to be our benevolent care program, the Resident Support Program, and the UMH Fund, which enables us to distribute funds wherever needed most and can support resident enrichment programs, activities, and wellness programs, as well as capital improvements and renovations. Currently, we have a significant project and capital campaign underway on our Wesley Village campus, which will add a much-needed level of care to our continuum- a secured memory care personal facility- Serenity Gardens. For those who want to support this endeavor and leave a legacy, honor, or memorialize a loved one, should contact **Betsy Vannatta, VP of Marketing & Development at bvannatta@umhwc.org, or call 607-725-7112**. With your help, the opportunities are endless to make an impact that is priceless for those we serve. Again, we thank you for your support.





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Highlands Friendsgiving



Save The Date!

Save the date for a great cause! The UMH Foundation's 7th Annual Golf Tournament is **Thursday, June 25th!** Your participation helps support our Resident Assistance Program, an essential program that reflects the heart of our Foundation's mission—caring for our residents. **More information coming soon!**





We are incredibly grateful to our staff, volunteers, residents, local schools, businesses, and talented musicians who helped make this holiday season so special for our residents. Your kindness and holiday spirit made this season truly magical—thank you!



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