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Health and Human  
Services

Abilene State Supported Living Center

**OUR MISSION:**  
To empower people to make choices  
that result in a life of dignity and  
increased independence.

**AbSSLC News**

Abilene SSLC

Week of September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020

## Calling in Sick

- If you are calling in for any kind of illness, you **MUST** call the Nursing Hotline **FIRST**. If you or anyone in your household is tested for COVID-19 you must call the Nursing Hotline immediately. You can reach this line by dialing **INFO (x4636)** from any campus phone or by calling **692-4053 x4636** from off-campus.
- **Please watch for calls from the Hotline after you leave a message! The call will come from a "795-3xxx" number** or a Cell Phone number you likely don't know. Nursing **will** return your call but many times they do not get an answer and/or your voicemail is not setup.
- **You must report being tested for COVID-19 (and then report your results if applicable) immediately to the Nursing hotline. Failure to do so will result in disciplinary action.**

## Staff makes virtual school a real success for students at Abilene State Supported Living Center

School is looking different this fall because of the Coronavirus. Instead of students sitting in the classroom with their teacher and engaging with each other, they are learning virtually with their teacher on the other side of the screen.

At Abilene State Supported Living Center, the staff is working hard to make virtual learning a fun experience for the students.

With three rooms dedicated for virtual learning, the activity center staff decorated each room to make it feel like a classroom. Each room has a different theme: space, sports and travel.

"Overall, they do miss going to school, but they have adjusted well," said Susan Kilpatrick, director of education and training. "They always talk about their classmates that they see in the video."

Each student has their own computer to work on that they were able to get just for their school work. The students were also given cameras to connect to the computers and a wireless printer.

Each student has a different schedule with different class times and different teachers. Their teachers have a daily lesson plan for each of them, but it doesn't take up the whole school day. The staff helps them with their school work and plans arts and crafts, physical activities and helps them with their job skills during any spare time during the school day.

"They are getting more interaction than they would at school and they are definitely enjoying that," said Leslie Riggins, the educational liaison.

They will go out for walks and go swimming for their physical activity. The students are also helping Goodwill sort through clothing items as a job skill and will soon make cards for senior citizens.

"It has been a learning experience for everyone involved but it has been fun," said Kilpatrick. "We work on meeting the needs of the students to help make it a good experience for them." Kilpatrick said every day is a learning experience for the staff as well, but they are doing everything they can for the students.

## Another Winner!



Calvin Anderson (Behavior Services) was the winner of \$100 courtesy of Scott Schalchlin – Associate Commissioner for SSLCs. Sign-up for Scott's texting line by texting **AbSSLC** to **797979**.

## Reminders ...

- The facility remains closed to most visitors. There are some visits being allowed for family and those deemed to be Essential Care Givers.
- Personal deliveries (food, flowers, etc.) are not allowed. We continue to see this attempted periodically.
- The speed limit on both Lakeside & South 21<sup>st</sup> is **30mph**. The city has placed signed on both roads.

# Shout Outs!

Kudos to all the folks making our campus brighter and planting all the new plants and trees! All the homes and facilities painted and updated are so nice – Many thanks to everyone involved!

I want to shout out **Destany Farris** (5972 Service Avenue) for being compassionate and putting our individuals first. She greets them every day with so much love. She spends time with each and every Individual throughout the shift. She's got the biggest heart. One of a kind.

Shout out to **Jay Connell** (Transportation) for going out his way on a daily basis to ensure everyone is smiling and having a good day and giving you a good laugh, even though it's a Monday. LOL.

**Kennedy Barnes** (6330 3<sup>rd</sup> Street) does a great job with the men that live there. She does active treatment and encourages them all to get involved.

Shout out to the **Grounds Crew** for keeping our campus looking beautiful! Everything is so green and looks SO pretty! Thank y'all!

Thanks to, **Sheri Olmed** and **Ruth Torres** for doing such a great job with the individuals. Your observations and suggestions are so very important to the individuals medical and psychological health!

Thanks to Jessica DelaCruz for going above and beyond by researching logs to find the documentation necessary for the health and wellbeing of the individuals! Your observations and recommendations are greatly appreciated.

You all are such a great team on 6760!

Shout out to the **6-2 staff at 6360 B** for their willingness to help the HAB ladies get the residents ready for and to help motivate them to participate with therapy.

Thank You to the **Nursing crew** that made COVID testing so organized, simple, and painless (for the most part)! Y'all are AwEsOmE!!! Thank YOU!

## Shout Out!

Have you seen someone do the above & beyond or just want to recognize great work? Please "Reply" to any of the update texts you receive through the AskAdmin Text Group or email Jeff Goza with their name and your comments.

Let's **Shout Out** and recognize others!