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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 November 29th, 2021

COVID19 Testing

Week of 11.29.2021

We are resuming testing 2x for each round.

Round 1

Tuesday, November 30th

0530-1130 & 1300-1500

or

Wednesday, December 1st

0700-1130 & 1300-1500

Round 2

Thursday, December 2nd

0530-1130 & 1300-1500

or

Friday, December 3rd

0700-1130 & 1300-1500

AbSSLC COVID19 Status

As of Friday, 11/26/2021

Number of Individuals Positive	0
Number of Individuals currently in Isolation	0
Number of Staff Positive	5

The Turkey Fund (aka the Christmas Fund)

What is the "Turkey Fund"? Donations specifically for the Turkey Fund are collected until December 15th. Funds are used to purchase gift cards to a local grocery store and will be given to staff (random drawing) to use to purchase "a turkey" (groceries) for Christmas. The gift cards (\$20.00) are always a welcome gift to those who receive one.

How to you donate to the "Turkey Fund"? Bring **CASH** to Community Relations (Building #501- the door closest to FCTD) any time between NOW and DECEMBER 15th if you would like to contribute to this fund!

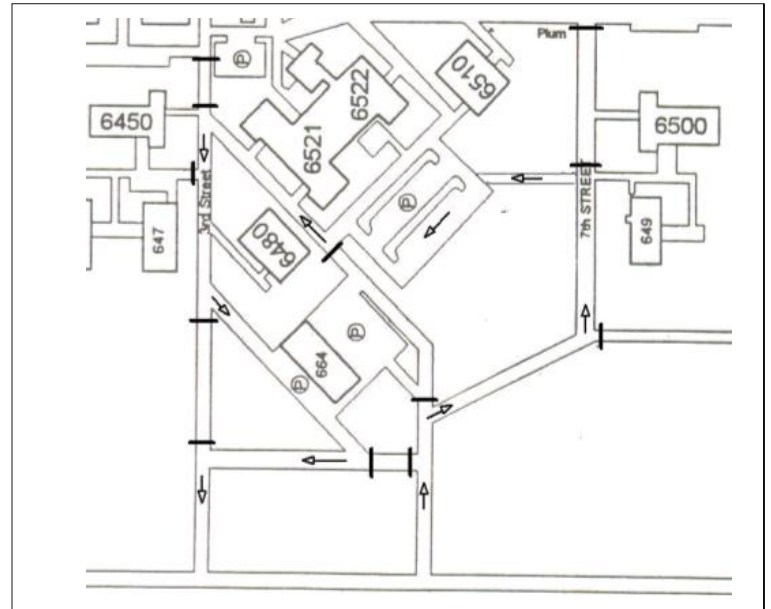
What will we do? When you give to the Turkey Fund we will send a card to the person you want recognized letting them know that you have given to the Turkey Fund in their honor. The money will be collected and kept until gift cards are purchased in December to give out to staff (through random drawing). Administrators will hand out the gift cards near Christmas. The more money we receive for this the more gift cards we can purchase and bless staff with this year!!

Christmas Lane 2021

(December 3rd – December 25th)

AbSSLC will again play host to thousands of visitors this year for Christmas Lane. This is a yearly tradition enjoyed by many but we need your help and understanding to make it work.

From **5:30pm to 10:00pm** each night, access to portions of campus will be strictly limited as traffic is rerouted to accommodate the 110+ displays and our visitors that will be enjoying them.



Calling ALL elves - We need YOUR help!

On **December 2nd** the people who live at AbSSLC will have the opportunity to walk thru Christmas Lane before it opens to the public on 12/3! We need **EMPLOYEE VOLUNTEERS** to help push/walk with people thru Christmas Lane! This is a **GREAT** opportunity to get your department together and spread a little Christmas cheer across campus as we begin this holiday season! Make it fun for your crew and the individuals - Dress in your Christmas sweaters, wear your santa hats, flashing Christmas necklaces, etc!

Date: Thursday, 12/2/2021 - 6:00p-8:00p

Meet/Park at: Shirley's Cinema

Please **contact Cindy Arellano x3386 or by email** and let her know you will be here to help!

Shout Outs!

I would like to give A BIG SHOUT OUT!!! TO THE ENTIRE **Food Service Staff**. I know the whole campus is short. But as Manager in Central kitchen I see everyday how short we are! So I would like to say THANKS to all the **FSWs, Cooks, Drivers & Clerks** in Central Kitchen that keep us going and running every day! Thank you all.

My thanks to all the **Maintenance crew** for their help and assistance in the preparation for the 31st Christmas Lane experience!!

Shout out to the **6-2** and **2-10 staff**, plus **Nursing** and **Behavioral Health** at **6500 Plum** for taking the time out of a very busy day to learn some basic sign language in a short class during shift change. They were eager, entertaining, and good students!! Their willingness to learn more to help them communicate with a deaf individual is to be commended and applauded!!!

Just a note to say Thank You to all the employees of ASSLC! It takes everyone to make an organization like this one run smoothly & efficiently. My family has been blessed by the many friendships made over the years. My sister has been a resident of AbSSLC for 58 years and has always been well cared for. My mom has volunteered at the Second Edition store and loves it and the wonderful people she works with. Hope you all have a blessed holiday and a Happy New Year! ~ Linda

Shout Out to **Kerry Loveland!** She does a very difficult job in a friendly, professional, and calm manner. She tries to answer any question you might have regarding a new admission, and if she does not know, she will find out and call you back. She also keeps you updated with the latest information she has.

Shout Out!

Have you seen someone do the above & beyond or just want to recognize great work?

It's easy to submit your Shout Outs!

- Reply to the "AskAdmin" text
- Text directly to 325.370.4525
- Email jeff.goza@hhs.texas.gov



Come Join us for Christmas on The Farm

7933 US-277, Hawley, TX 79525

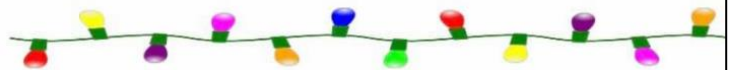
Saturday, December 4th
4pm-9pm

- *Christmas Lights
- *Petting Zoo
- *Cookie decorating station
- *Santa Visits & Photos
- (Donations and Proceeds from Santa Photos will benefit the VSC for those living at Abilene State Supported Living Center)
- *Concession Stand (Thanks to AHS FFA)
- *Hay/Train rides
- *Fire Pit for S'mores
- *Hot Cocoa
- *Live music
- *Much, Much, More

... and Memories that will last a lifetime!



**Donations accepted
for entry**



RN & LVN of the Month – October 2021



Nadia Cox, RN



Lacy Breitbarth, LVN

The nurses nominated by the Nursing Administration Department for Nurse of the Month for October included:

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| MJ Adkins, RN | Juanita Calvillo, LVN |
| Kelly Clemons, RN | George Irwin, LVN |
| Bryhana Ashton, RN | Mariah Burciaga, LVN |
| Dani Pratt, RN | Olivier Munyanziza, LVN |
| Ashley Saunders, RN | Jessica De La Cruz, LVN |

All of these names were put in a hat and the two winning names were drawn. We want to congratulate our winners and all that were nominated. Thank you for your hard work and dedication. We appreciate everything you do!