



TEXAS
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 January 2nd, 2023



*Do you have an incredible co-worker?
Is your living center doing great things?
Have you seen wonderful innovation?*

THE HSCS AWARDS

Nominate a colleague, a facility or a program today!

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS



Nurse of the Year:

A nurse who has displayed an extraordinary commitment to their work and the people we serve.

DSP of the Year:

A direct support professional who has displayed an extraordinary commitment to their work and the people we serve.

Unsung Hero of the Year:

An employee who works in support services or business operations who went above and beyond the call of their normal job duties to improve operations and better serve SSLC residents.

Together We Shine Award:

An employee (any classification) who has made a significant contribution to a quality improvement initiative, such as saving resources or improving processes, communication, teamwork or morale.

Leading With Heart Award:

A nonsupervisory employee who is a leader among peers and effects positive change for employees or clients.

Most Involved Employee of the Year:

An employee (any classification) who demonstrates enthusiasm and dedication to our clients by consistently participating in activities outside the scope of their job description.

INNOVATION AWARDS



Most Innovative Client-Care Program of the Year:

A program that brings new ideas to life by using a new or original approach that improves the services provided to our clients, impacting their lives in a positive way.

Most Creative Client-Care Environmental Improvement of the Year:

This award recognizes improvements made to the environment in which our clients are served. It honors creativity and imagination in how staff have made the environment a more safe, therapeutic and enjoyable atmosphere.

SPRIT AWARDS



HSCS vision: Specialized care for all Texans in need so that they can live meaningful, healthy and independent lives.

HSCS mission: Providing hope and healing through compassionate, innovative, individualized care.

SSLC Spirit Award:

An SSLC that has demonstrated the spirit of HSCS' vision and mission.

SSLC Individual Spirit Award:

An SSLC employee (any classification) who embodies the spirit of HSCS' vision and mission.



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Care System

Scan the QR code to
submit a nomination
from Jan. 1-31.



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COVID19 Testing

Round 1 - Tuesday,
January 3rd

Round 2 - Thursday,
January 5th

1st Street Gate Changes

We will begin using the new gate entry/parking stickers this week. You should ensure that the sticker has been correctly placed on the Drivers side of the windshield. You will need either the **sticker** or your **badge** to enter – without one or the other you will be required to pull aside while your supervisor is contacted.

This is part of the overall plan to increase the safety of those living safety of those living & working at AbSSLC. Please don't argue with the gate staff because you are delayed coming in.

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Happy 2023!

Shout Outs!

Shout out to **Amber Stanford!** She worked Christmas day with me to deliver food and take homemade cookies to the guys at 6400 Plum. Her positive spirit made the day all the much more special!

Having helped deliver food for **Food Service** for the past few months, I have grown to appreciate all of the work that these folks do for this facility and the Residents that live here. They have one of the greatest responsibilities among all of the employees. They work 365 days a year ... weekends and holidays included. Whether it's fair weather or icy and cold, they are here meeting the nutritional needs of the Residents that we all have the pleasure to serve. The drivers are out in the weather making their deliveries regardless of the weather conditions. Thanks to the employees of Food Service and all they do for the Residents of AbSSLC.

Thank you **Recreation** for stepping up whenever you see that help is needed! **Ashley Marrow** noticed we were short staffed this morning and sent two employees to help cover Covid Clinic. **Cindy Bowman** reaches out each and every month and provides coverage on a Tuesday. I certainly appreciate the teamwork!

Shout Out to **Victoria**, the new housekeeper at the Infirmary! She has only been here 3 days and I am already impressed. She also went and found a leaf blower from somewhere and was blowing the leaves off the patio area. We appreciate her!

Shout Out!

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

It's easy to do a Shout Out!

- "Reply" to any of the update texts you receive through the AskAdmin Text Group
- Email Jeff Goza with their name and your comments
- Text their name and your comments to 325.370.4525

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

Click the [link](#) or scan the code to let us know your questions or tell us your ideas and thoughts!



WOW ...and just like that ... after 6+++ months of hoping 🙏 for the best, 3 months of actual planning, and 26 days since the kick-off of Christmas Lane 2022, it all comes to an end! 😔

Special shout out to ALL of you that made Christmas Lane a reality this year!

It was so wonderful to have displayers, volunteers, and guests back on campus this year (after 🙌 very long/dark years)!

🌟🌟🌟 So many shout outs....

THANK YOU to **AbSSLC Administration, Abilene Volunteer Services Council, 2022 Displayers (including major sponsor, BCBS), the Recreation Crew** (for always answering calls, popping corn, decorating, and so much more), the **AbSSLC Maintenance Crew** (especially the **Electrical guys** and the **Grounds Crew** that reassembled displays, daily and helped with loading/unloading all the supplies), **AbSSLC Security** (who powered on/off Displays every night for 26 nights), **Volunteers/Groups, AbSSLC staff/departments**, that showed up to fill so many slots, **AbSSLC staff** that were inconvenienced by the closing of streets and parking lots to/from their assigned area, **AbSSLC Risk Management** for installing security cameras, the **AbSSLC Lonestar Coffee Tea House** and **COVID testing crews** for letting us invade their building, **AbSSLC switchboard operators** for answering all the phone calls, those who followed Christmas Lane Abilene/VSC shared posts, visited CL, those who purchased photos and/or items from the concession, and those who dropped donations in the donation boxes. YOUR part in Christmas Lane including your purchases/donations, make smiles bigger and brighter on the faces of the people we love to serve at AbSSLC, by providing the "extras" that make life enjoyable.

👏👏👏 To the "Christmas Lane Crew" (**Bill Gilliland, Cindy Arellano Rivera, PJ, Kerry Belyeu, David Payne, Dennis Mark Burgess, Jeff Goza**) thank you for all YOU did to make Christmas Lane happen every single night AND you deserve a 👑 for putting up with me thru all of it! THANK YOU! 🍪🍪🍪🍪

Planning begins NOW for 2023! 🎄