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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

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Week of July 17th, 2023

Town Hall Meeting



Tuesday, July 18th @ 2pm – AbSSLC Chapel
Service Awards will also be given out!

Have questions for the Town Hall meeting?

Ask away @

<https://forms.office.com/r/vsUgJu7GbM>



Courtesy of the Abilene VSC!

July 17th, 18th or 19th

7:30pm-9:30pm each night

All of the tickets have been spoken for and there is a waiting list. If you cannot go as planned, or have more tickets than you will use, **please** return them to Community Relations (B501) for others to enjoy!

Food Truck Monday & Snow Cone Friday!

Tacolote

Monday – 11:30am-1:30pm



Show Cones

Friday – Friday 1pm-4pm



Both will be at the Bill Cain Pavilion on 3rd



Congratulations to our Graduates of the Air Force Leadership Academy on July 12, 2023. There were 15 that graduated with 5 of those being AbSSLC employees (**Sarah Chavarria, Aaliyah Carter, Marty Underwood, Amber Burkhead and Dannie Sims**). These 5 attended 10 weeks of training classes after their regular work hours. Along with the classes they also attended weekly meetings with Kayla Saucedo to discuss what they had learned in the class for that week. The dedication they displayed to achieve this accomplishment is tremendous and shows their desire to be the future Leaders for AbSSLC.

Distracted Driving

It is against both facility policy and State Law to talk on your phone while driving unless you are using a handsfree device. In other words, you cannot be holding your phone while talking & driving. It is also illegal to text & drive - the vehicle must be stopped before you can text. Security will be stopping & ticketing drivers on campus doing this.

Shout Outs!

I want to express my appreciation to everyone who was working on 7/8. As AOD, I had the opportunity to visit several homes, and I was thoroughly impressed by the responsiveness at each one. Without skipping a beat, every home answered all my questions. It was truly uplifting to witness the different atmospheres in the homes: the sound of laughter from both residents and staff greeted me as I entered one, music filled the air in most, residents watched movies alongside staff and peers with smiles and laughter in a few, a chess competition between residents and staff took place with arts and crafts activities in between, and the residents' enthusiasm was contagious when staff organized a water day for the home - I could even hear their laughter from down the road. I commend the staff for their exceptional skills in de-escalating a situation and fostering a calm environment, while also encouraging collaboration among all parties involved. It was a GREAT Saturday and all staff.

I would like to send a shout out to **Food Service Kitchen Staff**, our drivers **Casey** and **Sal** always go above and beyond they're great - thank you guys!

Thanks to the **Grounds Crew** and **Transportation Staff** who work out in the heat every day.

Thanks to **Sarah Cleary** who is constantly water the Sensory Garden and plants over the Sr. Citizens program areas. The plants look great!

The 2-10 staff at 6480 Mimosa would like to shout to **Maggie** our housekeeper. She is awesome and does such a great job for us!

Shout out to the **staff at 5972 Service Avenue**: they work very hard and do the little "extra" things to make people look nice and feel special. Also, **Genalyn** from Nursing is a charm to have on our Team. She doesn't hesitate to go the extra mile to help the people we take care of ... even if it's not in her timeframe to do it, she'll still do it with a smile. We are blessed with hard working staff and nurses ♡

I would like to give a shout out to **Shelia Nance**! Shelia is an amazing Lady, when I say she does it all I mean she does it all for the people we serve. She does the interviews and hiring for everyone in Food Service. As a supervisor you would think the first place to look for her would be in her office but you would be wrong! You can find her everywhere working

in the kitchen, at the Diner or in the big food trucks, yes you heard me right she even drives those huge food trucks when she is short drivers. I don't know how she has enough time in her office to interview and hire staff but she does, because she has filled almost all of her vacancies - maybe that is why she doesn't take vacations or at least not that I know of. I want to say how much we appreciate you Shelia for all you do in the Food Service Department. You are a HUGE ASSET to us!

Shout Out to **Cyndi Carter**! Thanks to her vision and work, there is now a new area for future employees to visit with a coffee/water bar along with more room & better seating. It's an awesome look that puts us above the rest. We want to thank her for putting it together and help potential employees feel welcome. And ... if you ever wonder how our office is always so decorated for every Holiday Season (big or small), you only two words **CYNDI CARTER**! We appreciate you Cyndi!

I feel like **Melissa Ramsey** and **Joseph Abeyta** need some major kudos. I work in the Psychiatry department and both of them are always prepared with their information (behavioral numbers and case formulations) for clinics in an extremely timely manner and are very professional and amazing to work with. I never have to ask for information because they always are beyond prepared. They make my job much easier!

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After 35 years of service to the medical staff, Kim Shytles has retired. At her retirement party Shytles passed the baton to new Administrative Assistant Marisa Morales, whose mother, Shonica Tatum, is a nurse at Abilene. Pictured from left are Shytles, Dr. Kamdin Poorkiyani and Morales.

Kim's Retirement made the Friday Photos!

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