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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

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Week of August 28th, 2023

Together We Shine spotlights 25 years of Good Cooking!

Food Service Director Shelia Nance recently reached an honored milestone - 25 years in Food Service at AbSSLC! Shelia started as a Food Service Worker and impressed people along the way as a Cook, Cook II, Food Service Manager and for the past several years, as our Director of Food Service.



Part of the FS Team!

As any chef will tell you, the end product of any recipe is the result of dedicated behind-the-scenes work. The Food Service team of over 90 dedicated staff is no exception. Shelia and her team oversee the advance ordering, delivery, and stocking of shipments of fresh fruit and veggies, dry goods, dairy and breads. They also clean on a massive scale with rows of ovens, extra-large pots, blenders, grinders, slicers, choppers all of which are kept in spotless condition. Additionally, racks of food trays are delivered to our homes by a fleet of trucks and drivers. It's an impressive operation from an early start to a late finish each day.

The results speak for themselves. Shelia and her team provide an average of 12000+ meals per month. This includes dozens of special dietary menus and careful attention to required food textures. Add in scheduled events such as the Family Day Picnic and dances at the Gym and you have one busy team!

When asked what motivates her each day, Shelia turned the focus to others. *"It's the people who live and the people who work here"* and added *"the individuals are counting on us every day, and we are in a way, their employees."*

Thank you, Shelia (and your team) for your inspiration and continued dedication. We are grateful for your above and beyond efforts!

Food Truck Friday!



Friday, September 1st

11:30am-1:30pm

3rd Street – East of the Chapel

Due to fiscal
year-end, the
(World Famous)



5th Street Diner & Lone Star
Coffee & Tea House will not
be able to accept

Debit/Credit Cards on

August 30th & August 31st

Cash Only both days!

Bring us your next co-worker & earn a
free day off! As your Supervisor
for details.



We want to hear from you! Click the [link](#) or scan the code to let us know your questions or tell us your ideas and thoughts to make AbSSLC an even better place to live & work!



See Something – Say Something – You Make the Difference!

Shout Outs!

Shout out to **James Swink, LVN** for thinking of the Pharmacy and bringing us a treat!!

I would like to recognize and give a grand Shout Out to **Keisha Miller** from 6500 Plum for her great communication efforts with an individual new to the home. She is paying attention to his manual signs, body language, and facial expression changes and building great rapport with him. She recognized signs that he did not feel well and shared this information. She expressed kind and caring thoughts about this new individual. Thank you, Keisha, for providing welcoming interactions and sharing information!

Big Shout Out to **Suzanne Whittemore**, 6330 3rd Stret Direct Care RN, for providing specific information about one of an individual's medications. She took the time to look up the medication and then explained that the MAR information was the place to look up most current information on a medication and gave directions on how to access it. Thank you very much Suzanne for being willing to take the time to help educate a co-worker.

We would like to thank **Jeff Goza, Keith Wakefield, Todd Flint, Ladd Faries, Edward Dixon** and **Jesse Pedroza** for taking care of a project in a timely and professional manner. Your work does not go unnoticed, and we appreciate you!

I want to Shout Out to **Breana Huggins** from Recreation. She floated to 6720 Circle Drive last Friday and does an amazing job helping out! Thank you Breana!

I want to make a shout out for **Johntay Foreman** at 6510 Peach. She is a great staff - she's always early and eager to help. She heard me talking about going and checking for expired products like the lotions and soaps and before I knew it she knew she was already going through both closets! She's awesome and passionate about her job!

Big thankyou SHOUT OUT for **Bobby Early** at 6480 Mimosa who went the extra mile to locate some specific bathing supports for an individual and even came out of the home after I had left and was getting into my car to show me had found them! That is TEAMWORK! Thanks Bobby!

Shout Out to **Kayla, Ryan, Colin, Andrew & Jarrod** from FCT/D. I truly am amazed at the teamwork that everyone demonstrated these last two days. The way that the Vocational Services refreshers and NEPT were handled when both sets required at least 2 to 4 instructors was exceptional. Each of you all handled yourselves professionally and were on top of it all ensuring that both sets were trained to competency but still had fun. Thank you for all the hard work not just these past two days but all the time!

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The May Farm petting zoo recently visited, bringing animals for staff and residents to pet and feed. Pictured from left are Recreation Department members Crystal Rowden, Brittany Smith, Justin Rivera, Sarah Cleary and Teresa Strand.



At left, Sarah Cleary helps a resident feed a llama during the May Farm visit.

From the Friday Photos!

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!