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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

Abilene SSLC

Week of October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023



## Did you Know?

Did you know that a **4444/911** must be called for **any complaints of chest pain**?

When a resident complains of chest pain, or pain that can be related to a cardiac event, then 4444/911 must be called **immediately**. If the Treatment Room RN arrives on the scene before EMS, they are to assess the resident and notify the covering PCP.

The covering PCP can make the determination to cancel EMS based on the nursing assessment. Medical Providers are the **ONLY** personnel that can make that determination. If the PCP chooses to cancel EMS, then the operator must be notified.

Other pain/assessment data that can be associated with cardiac events include:

- upper gastric pain
- tingling/pain/numbness of the upper extremities, especially the left arm
- pain in the middle of the mid to upper back
- extreme fatigue
- dizziness/fainting
- shortness of breath

### Life of Pie

Friday, 11.03.23 – 1-3pm  
3<sup>rd</sup> Street by Pavilion



Remember that Name Badges must be **worn & visible** at all times!



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!



## Rock of Ages 2023 Music Festival

**Drama - Rocky Scene – 1<sup>st</sup> Place**

Dalton, Bryan, Patty, Melaine, Michael, Liana, David

**Sign Solo - Don't Speak - 1<sup>st</sup> Place**

Patty

**Dance Ensemble - Jailhouse Rock - 3<sup>rd</sup> Place**

Patty, Dalton, Liana, Bryan, Michael, Melaine, Charlie, David

**Rhythm Band - Banana Boat - 3<sup>rd</sup> Place**

Sharon Culbert, Patty, Dalton, Bryan

**Vocal Solo - Living on a Prayer - Honorable Mention**

Dalton

**Most Outstanding Facility**

Abilene SSLC!



**Congratulations to everyone!**

# Shout Outs!

SHOUT OUT to **Stacey Garrett**, DSP III, who works at 6360 1<sup>st</sup> Street, for demonstrating that she listens to individuals, even when they do not talk like you and I do. She responded to a gentleman's nonverbal communications and helped keep him calm during an interaction with me, a less than familiar staff. And thank you to other **6360 1<sup>st</sup> Street staff** in the area who chimed in with information about the individual and made my job easier!

Thanks to **everyone** who had a hand in making it another FANTASTIC Halloween Carnival! Everyone's booths looked fabulous! Great Job TEAM! Y'all are AWESOME! Thanks to **Rec** for getting everything ready (booth fronts, paper, tape, cotton candy, snow cones, picking up/sorting trinkets and candy, and everything in between)! Thanks to EVERYONE!

We are very thankful for **Mike Horton** - he did a great job at a recent memorial. He always has great scriptures to share and always makes staff and family feel special. Thank you Mike, for words of encouragement - we appreciate you very much and are very thankful you are part of AbSSLC!

Haunted Trails was a HUGE success thanks to those involved in making it happen (even through the soggy nights and mud)! Thank you to **Laundry/Housekeeping, Quality Assurance**, and the **Activity Centers** for decorating cabins. Thank you to **the program areas** that made ALL the cute ghosts and decorations. Haunted Trails would NOT have been possible without the always amazing **Rec Crew** and **Maintenance (Grounds Crew and Electricians)** that decorated the trails from beginning to end (and in advance to undoing all the decorating, after 😊)! THANK YOU to **Jimmy Betcher** and **crew** for coordinating entry/exit and parking for Staff nights! THANK YOU, **Cindy** and **PJ** for always being ready and willing to be a part of and smile through alllllll the shenanigans we get into. You ghouls are THE cutest and best. Special shout out to **Super Dave Payne** (who knew we couldn't make it through a holiday without him) for turning on/off all the lights/décor opening/closing the gate EACH night and for being there anytime we yelled "DAVE"! 😊 Thank you **VSC** and **generous donors** for the décor and your support. And...thanks to everyone who rode thru, walked thru, and volunteered at the trails. YOU helped make the trails fun and sooo "spooky cute"! I am SO blessed and appreciative to work with THE best ghouls and goblins at AbSSLC!

When I was working the Fall Festival last week, **Jorejette Nsengimana** from Recreation and a young lady came to our booth. She was AWESOME with the young lady, she let her touch the bean bags and she explained the game so sweetly. I was very touched by her kindness, she made the young ladie's festival lots of fun.

*The following is a note from our AbSSLC Ombudsman, Jill Antilley related to a phone call she received from a parent. In the interest of privacy, names have been omitted/adjusted.*

I received a phone call earlier this morning from a parent who wanted to give some extra praise to Abilene SSLC. When she started the call, she mentioned a letter and then stated that she wanted to give out a good report and had nothing bad to say. She joked that she is sure we get plenty of negative reports and not many positive reports.

A few months ago, the OIO Central Office sent letters to every LAR and Primary Contact for feedback info on their loved one and the Facility. This parent felt better about calling then writing an email or letter. The AIO's are usually supposed to keep information given to them confidential, but this LAR said the AIO could share the conversation to anyone and everyone.

The call was from a mom who's daughter was admitted when she was 4 years old. The family was told she was not to live past 7 years old. She is currently 52.

Mom said the only way that her daughter has thrived so long is from all the great care that she is receiving here. She gave a shout out to the caring staff, the nursing staff and Doctors meticulously monitoring her health, the constant communication she receives to stay in the know. She stated that yes there have been a couple of ANE cases concerning her daughter, but most of those issues could have happened at home.

She said that she is blessed that her daughter lives here and has never had any major complaints and can't remember any minor complaints.

She wants to Thank Everyone involved in her daughter's care.

## 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!

- 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!