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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 December 4th, 2023

Together We Shine

Pharmacy Team provides a prescription for Harmony

If you regularly work with the Pharmacy team, you already know they are a detail-oriented bunch. What is also true, is that this team of 7 talented folks are fun, caring and understand how to work in harmony as they impact the lives of the individuals we serve.

Each week, the team processes and tracks 2,000+ orders. This includes routine prescriptions and prescriptions filled on request. This translates to over 42,000 weekly individually administered dosages that have in some manner, passed review and efforts by this dedicated team.

Now add in medication ordering, monitoring of controlled substances, compliance records, and ongoing clinical reviews. And don't forget stocking of the afterhours DocuMed, custom packaging for off campus events and vaccine storage and maintenance and you get a great view of their responsibility to keep the individuals safe.

The talented team includes Pharmacy Technicians **Kimberly Arnett**, **Dana Baird** and **Derek Presnell**, Pharmacists **Carl James** and **Richard Templeton**, Clinical Pharmacist **Paige Hays** and led by Pharmacy Director **Kimberly Villajuana**. Ms. Villajuana states about her team *"we're like a small family...watching out for each other."* And when asked about what motivates her each day, she quickly notes *"It's the team that makes it a nice place to work"*.

Thank you, **Pharmacy Team** for going above and beyond each-and-every day. We are grateful for your consistent attention to quality care.



Tuesday, 12/5 @ 2pm

AbSSLC Chapel

AbSSLC Food Pantry

Thanks to the Family Association and Volunteer Services Council (and many generous donations), AbSSLC has a **Food Pantry** available on-campus 24/7. This is great for those times when you may be working extra unexpectedly and didn't bring a meal or just need something a little extra to get you through the day.

The Food Pantry is located in B534 (RCCs/Glenda's 2nd Edition) and is available by contacting the RCCs.

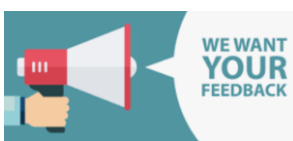
Quality Improvement Modules

Don't forget to work on your QI Modules to ensure **all** CY2023 modules are completed by 12.31.2023. These are found in iLearn.

We will likely see a few more QI modules in 2024 but not monthly as we did this year.

Christmas Lane 2023

Christmas Lane 2023 is underway! Please remember that **gates close @ 530pm** each night and plan your routes around campus accordingly. We know this is disruptive to several areas (especially 6480 Mimosa!) but this event is loved by many around town and a huge tradition for lots of families. Your understanding makes it work.



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!



Shout Outs!

Thank you to **Pam Huffman** for always going above and beyond to help do anything and everything! She's the BEST "mail lady" and everything in between. I'm so thankful for HER!

Big shout out to **Terry & the Locksmith Department**. I've always gotten working key copies and very high-quality work order completion from Terry and the whole Department!

Shout Out to the nurses @ 5971 Service Avenue! **Chelsey Cunningham, RN** works very hard for the Individuals at the home. She goes above and beyond each day she is at work. Recently, one person was having some issues with a device they used and she worked to all day to figure out how to fix the issue. This is how she is for everyone she serves. She is a true Nurse to the bone, and she is here to serve. She is not just here for the individuals she is here for the staff as well. She is very understanding and compassionate with all the staff that she works with along with the individuals she serves. She tries create a positive environment for everyone she encounters on the home daily. It is important to her have that positive environment for those we serve daily. Everyone on the home appreciates all that she does!

Genalyn Bag-Ao, RN floats between 5971 & 5972 Service Avenue. Everyday that she is at work she has a smile on her face and something positive to say. All the staff and individual's love her. She brightens the day for everyone on both homes. She is a very valuable part of the home's day to day work!

Shout Out to the **entire crew** putting together Christmas Lane! Each year is more impressive on what they accomplish in such a short timeframe. One example is the light tunnel. It was erected from scratch a few years ago by the facilities team, and continues to evolve to create a colorful display of lights. These hard-working folks make the campus more beautiful at Christmas and reminds us what a great place to work.

A special Shout Out to **Maintenance, Building Systems, Behavior Services** and **Recreation**. Due to issues occurring on campus, some huge moves have had to be made and in a very short timeframe. This not only affected several areas but also required a large amount of work from Maintenance & Building Systems + the departments to get things ready. The true **teamwork** seen in the planning & implementation of the moves has been amazing. There isn't grumbling about the work or the changes involved but instead it's an attitude of "can do / will do" to make it a success for everyone involved. This is (yet another) great example of what AbSSLC Spirit really is.

Big thankful SHOUT OUT to **Jo-lee Turner** who works at 6760 Circle Drive & 6370 7th Street for helping troubleshoot an issue with one of the Individual's hearing aids. She went out of her way to examine the hearing aid and describe what was wrong and gave valuable information about the individual's use of the hearing aid. Jo-lee definitely knows the ladies well and is an asset to their home. Thank you again Ms. Jo-lee.

Shout Out to **Aaron Roberts, RN @ 5971 Service Avenue!** We love you and so appreciate the work you do for those that live at the home!

We made the Friday Photos!

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Administrative Assistant Shanna Barron drives Director Linda Hinshaw in the recent Veteran's Day Parade.

Shout Out to your co-workers! Email jeff.goza@hhs.texas.gov or text to 325.370.4525