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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 March 18th, 2024

ABSSSLC TALENT SPECTACULAR!!

We are looking for all different kinds of talent. Come and show us what you've got! Anything from singing, dancing, telling a story or a comedy act.

Deadline: April 5th

Show Day: April 25th
Time: 9:30-11:30, at the GYM

Email or call: Dottie Pacheco, Laura Fuentes
Ext-3239 or 3641

Order your AbSSSLC T-Shirt!



Order your new AbSSSLC T-Shirt Today!

Cost is \$15 for S-XL, \$20 for XXL+
Order forms are available at the Switchboard,
Lone Star Coffee & Tea House &
the **(World Famous) 5th Street Diner!**

Reminder: Dangerous Items

Gate staff continue to report pick-ups coming into campus with a variety of things in the truck bed that could present a danger to those that live and work at the facility. This varies from gas cans, jugs of anti-freeze, oil cans and all varieties of tools or material. When this is seen, the vehicle is not allowed on campus and the driver must either leave or secure the items in the cab of the vehicle.

We want to hear from you!

Click the [link](#) or scan the code to let us know your questions or tell us our ideas and thoughts to make AbSSSLC an even better place to live & work!



See Something – Say Something – ACT!

We have encouraged for years (and still encourage!) that if you see something – you say something. Basically, we need everyone's help to keep the campus safe for those that live and work here. **Anytime** you see something that just doesn't look/feel right, you should contact the Switchboard for assistance - we will take it from there.

Along with See & Say – we want to add **ACT!** If you see something in your travels around campus that looks dangerous, you can immediately contact the Switchboard but if you find something like a brick, pipe, etc. that might be dangerous you can dispose of it if the situation – and item – allows. If you aren't comfortable doing so, we will take care of it but many times you can take care of it immediately!

Are you signed up for the local texting service? Text **AbSSSLCAskAdmin** to **77295** to know what's happening!

Shout Outs!

The memorial service for a young man that recently passed away was an amazing thing. His family were so touched by the 3 staff members who attended. **Joe Rodriguez, Jessica Fiones** and **Joseph Fuentes** came and made the day so special by being there. It was very obvious to all of us that they truly loved the young man. Both men got up and gave some memories of their time spent with him and I wanted to make sure that these people are recognized. Just traveling from Abilene to Snyder is a challenge right now due to road construction. They took their personal time to attend the funeral and by being there they contributed so much to the services for him and the family. We thank each of them for being people who care, come to work and became family to this young man at Abilene State Supported Living Center. My cousin Carl Shroyer is a minister and did the service. Brenda read the obituary. On another note, they also said how much **Mike Horton** was appreciated and he had sent some notes of memories that were also included in the services. Seeing how very much these people care was so greatly appreciated by the family.

Big thankful Shout Out to **Leslie Riggins** (SLPA), **Letty Martinez** (SLP) and **Jocelyn Villaneuva** (SLP) for talking some reluctant boys to come to Audiology for hearing tests! They did what I could not do ... and I am grateful! Letty and Jocelyn even came with them which was an added bonus for everyone involved! It really does take a village, and I am so thankful these three ladies are in my village. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

Shout out to **Kevin Lewis** in housekeeping. This man has been working out here a long time and now that he takes care of the Cinema (along with other buildings), it's always looking neat and clean from top to bottom. He takes pride in his work and always has a smile on his face. Keep up the great work, Kevin!

I want to give a shout out to all the gracious people who let people in line in front of them when entering campus thank you very much. God bless you.

Shout out to **Cheyenne Ramirez** at 6380 7th St. I see her walking a lot with one of the men she serves. She is animated and talks to him nonstop and he responds back to her. It is so nice to see them interacting while they are walking.

HUGE thank YOU and shout out to the "maintenance speed bump builders 😊" (**Tab, Joe, and Joseph** ... and whoever else I might have missed) for redirecting traffic for people to make their way to the BACK of campus so they could shop at Glenda's Second Edition, on Wednesday, 3/13! We appreciate YOU for always going above and beyond!! THANK YOU!

Shout Out to **Alfonzo & Carlos** (Housekeeping), **Mark** (Maintenance) and **Shae** (Community Relations) for helping with the Chapel setup. They made quick work of getting it set back up for services!

A well-deserved Shout Out to those that helped with the flooring @ 5961. **Kerry, Todd, Ladd, Mike, EJ, Aaron & David** worked hard to get it done. It's very tough on your knees and back!

I would like to send a big shout out to the **gate crew** for their pleasant and kindness (waving hello) during my entrance on campus. Just want them to know that they are the first line of how everyone's day will start. Keep up the good work for make us feel special with the smiles and waves.

Shout out to everyone who made the basketball day a success. Thanks to **Emily** and the **Qs** who made sure everyone made it to their events, **Maintenance** on assisting with the wheelchair basketball game, **BST** for organizing a team to play against the Tiger team and being good sports about the modifications. Thanks to everyone who came by and cheered and watched. A big thank you to the **Recreation staff** for all you did. Thanks to the **2 referees** that came for the 5 on 5 unified game.

Let's Shout out and Recognize others! Email your Shout Out to jeff.goza@hhs.texas.gov, text it to 325.370.4525 or use the feedback page @ [Abilene State Supported Living Center - Feedback \(absslc.org\)](http://Abilene State Supported Living Center - Feedback (absslc.org))