It truly is the most wonderful time of the year here at Hickory Hill with our wonderful residents and staff! This year has been full of hoops and hurdles with the global pandemic, but together we have made the best of the situation. Thank you all for your patience and understanding through this difficult year. We are looking forward to the completion of our expansions in early 2021 and cannot wait to see what the New Year holds!

Love,

Lynn Mann
Executive Director
We are so pleased to announce our December Going the Extra Mile Winner – Kelsea Champion! Kelsea has been working at our facility since February 2020.

In the past she has worked in both retail and the food industry, but caregiving is her passion. Caregiving runs in her family, as both her mother and grandmother were nurses. Her grandmother suffered from dementia, so she holds this position very dear to her heart. She always goes above and beyond for our residents while maintaining a good, positive attitude! She is an excellent team player and is willing to come in to cover a night or evening shift at last minute’s notice. She participates in our themed days by dressing up and adds a little cheer to our residents’ nights.

Kelsea truly enjoys her job and says that our team and sweet residents make her work not feel like a job. Kelsea will go the extra mile and help residents with their hair to make them feel good about themselves. She loves seeing the residents smile and is always there with a comforting hand.

Congratulations, Kelsea! We are glad to have you on our team!

Extra Mile Winner

Kelsea Champion

DECEMBER
Highlights

1st: 2:00 PM - Hot Cocoa Bar

Hot cocoa and all the fixings to make a perfect start to the Christmas season!

8th: 2:00 PM - Build a Snowman

Who says it has to snow to build a snowman?

11th: 3:30 PM - Grinch Party!

We will be watching The Grinch, enjoying Grinch punch, and playing games!

15th: 2:30 PM - December Birthday Celebration

16th: 10:00 AM - Tacky Sweater Fashion Show

You WILL NOT want to miss this!! Staff and residents will dress in their tackiest Christmas attire as they walk down the catwalk to some holly jolly tunes. Tackiest outfit wins a prize!

Monthly Puzzler

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Life @ The Harbor

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Chaplain’s CORNER

We have zipped through my favorite month of the year. I have eaten enough turkey to fill my turkey quota for the year.

And now we zoom toward the celebration of Christmas. What a year it has been!

The Harbor experienced unimaginable challenges. Construction and COVID-19 at the same time has created stress and anxiety about our future. But God has already spoken of the future - “I know the plans I have for you.” - words recorded by Jeremiah some six hundred years before the birth of Jesus.

We look back some two thousand years and remember the greatest story ever told. Jeremiah’s future was then our future is yet to be seen. As Jeremiah looked ahead to Christ we look back at Christ and know that he has made provision for each of us.

Without the birth of Christ, we would have no hope. With the birth of Christ, we have endless hope. “Be not anxious about anything but in everything pray.”

Robert Sandifer
Chaplain
Resident of the Month

Brenda “Gaynell” Johnson

Ms. Brenda “Gaynell” Johnson is a fun spirited, good-time-having, lovely woman! She was born in Tallassee, Alabama and over the years has lived in many places! Her father worked for SH Kress and they moved all over the country – from Mississippi, to Louisiana, to Kansas, and even Texas. While living in New Orleans, Louisiana she rode the tallest roller coaster, even though mother said “No!” – Her aunt talked her into it, and they had the time of their life!

Gaynell is a music lover and enjoys country music and pretty much everything else except Opera. Having gone to only one concert in her life so far, it was the best one. She saw THE KING, ELVIS PRESLEY!! The next time you sing karaoke she would love for you to sing “Who Let the Dogs Out” or “Chicken Fried.” Ms. Johnson was a dancer and could dance to “Proud Mary” without skipping a beat like it was nobody’s business!

Along with music and dancing, she also loves crafting and indulging in some Mexican or Chinese food. We love you Gaynell!!

DECEMBER Highlights

21st: 2:00 PM - Gift Wrapping Workshop

Need something from the General Store gift wrapped for a dear friend or family member? Come hang out as we sing carols and wrap gifts together, we may even learn some new techniques!

24th: 3:30 PM - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Christmas Eve service by candlelight will include prayers, readings, and hymns to celebrate the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ.

25th: 12:00 PM - Christmas Lunch

Baked ham, mashed potatoes, deviled eggs, cranberry sauce, green beans, corn casserole, rolls, and red velvet cake.

31st: 3:00 PM - New Year’s Eve Toast

Sparkling white grape juice toast and celebration of the New Year.

A Walk Down Memory Lane

Sandra Melendon

What is your favorite Christmas Tradition?

I love gathering with my family and all of the good food we eat together. I really enjoy watching all the little toddlers running around and playing!

Do you prefer a real or artificial Christmas tree?

I have always had artificial trees with colored lights and lots of beautiful ornaments.

Does your family hang Christmas lights outside?

We would hang so many lights at our house that families would drive by just to see them! My husband and I would dress up as Santa and Mrs. Claus and sit out in the yard. Children would hang out the windows waving to Santa. It was a lot of hard work to set up all the lights each year, but it was well worth it to see all the kids’ faces light up with joy!

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