



## COMMUNITY CONNECTION

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The COVID Briefing has now transitioned to a weekly **COMMUNITY CONNECTION** and will continue to provide information of interest to the Fowler Family. We hope you will prioritize Tuesday at 2pm and tune in to Channel 6 as a time of connection, community, and communication.

- **Good afternoon Fowler Family!**
- **COVID UPDATE:**
  - Our 14-day average continues to rise
    - Previous 2 weeks, 235 per day average of new cases
    - Last 14 days – 267 new cases per day average
  - **Today's COVID MYTHBUSTER:**
    - **MYTH:** COVID-19 is no worse than the seasonal flu
    - **THE FACTS:** Throughout the last 14 months, you may have heard that COVID-19 is similar to the flu. It is true both contagious diseases caused by viruses and people with COVID-19 and the flu may share some common symptoms
    - However, after closer comparison, the viruses affect people differently.
      - COVID symptoms appear two to 14 days after exposure which impacts transmission.
      - Flu symptoms usually appear about one to four days after exposure.
    - COVID-19 is more contagious and severe illness may be more frequent with COVID
    - The death rate is higher with COVID than the flu.
      - Prior to the pandemic, the US averaged 61,000 deaths from the flu
      - In contrast, more than 572,000 Americans have died from COVID and while some may question the data of whether a person died with COVID, or from COVID, the fact remains that COVID contributed to their death
    - COVID can cause different complication than the flu
      - Older people and people with many serious medical conditions are the most likely to experience lingering COVID-19 symptoms – these individuals are referred to as Long Haulers – special clinics are now opening to address their chronic needs
      - COVID can permanently impact the heart, lungs and brain
      - COVID can cause blood clots which lead to chronic or life altering stroke, heart attack, kidney damage and liver damage

- We now know that children who contract COVID may develop multisystem inflammatory syndrome which can be deadly
  - Another difference is the flu can be treated with antiviral drugs
  - No antiviral drugs are available to treat COVID; some may only reduce the severity
- If you have not been vaccinated against COVID, we urge you to make that decision - for yourself, and for others – we must stop COVID and it starts with you
- Fowler will continue to advocate for all to be vaccinated
- **FOWLER UPDATES:**
  - Teammates, as you come in contact with visitors periodically, remember that our Love Your Neighbor Basics is your best defense
    - Remember to maintain at least 6 feet of distance between you and the person you are speaking with
    - Wear your mask and feel free to remind them to wear a mask during your conversation as well
  - We have an announcement regarding our bulk trash – Large bulk items are not to be placed by the trash compactor by the PNCC loading dock – that is not a dumping zone
    - Teammates and residents, if you have a large item to dispose of, reach out to your manager – FCA reach out to your service coordinator so that they can assist you
  - Fowler Family:
    - Two years ago, Jennifer Garland joined the Fowler Family full-time after working with us part time, with the intent to seek licensing as a Licensed Nursing Facility Administrator. As a licensed social worker, she has the heart and the experience we were looking for as a leader.
    - After being in this position through a pandemic, Jennifer has decided she no longer wants to be a LNFA and we support Jennifer in her decision.
    - We know God has been with us through this journey and his blessings continue. As one door closes, another door opened.
    - As Jennifer was making this decision, another teammate was also making a tough personal decision.
    - After much prayer, Sarah Floyd, Manager of Jackson Living Center has chosen to stay home after the birth of her baby girl. We rejoice in Sarah’s decision and support her fully!
    - As a result, Jennifer Garland will join the Jackson Living team as the Director
    - We are grateful to utilize Jennifer’s strengths as she continues to love people, pursue excellence and make a difference in the lives of those who live and work at Fowler!
    - As Jennifer often says – This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it!

- Yesterday, John Robinson started at Fowler as the new Director of Healthcare Services. John is an LNFA and has served in east Dallas as the Executive Director at Autumn Leaves and most recently at Prestonwood Rehab.
  - We are thrilled to celebrate John’s new position, Jennifer’s transition, and Sarah’s motherhood
- **This month is Child Abuse Prevention Month**
  - Another one of our programs fighting the effects of child abuse is the new Youth Support Center
  - We received a call from Rescue Her, an agency dedicated to rescuing and advocating for young women who are experiencing sexual exploitation. Within two days, Chelsie, 19 years old, arrived at Fowler and began her journey to healing.
  - In and out of the foster care system, Chelsie had searched for a stable environment – one that would provide her basic needs as well as a place to belong. She found the promise of that online when she quickly became attached to a man who groomed her with patience and promises. Those promises offered her a glimpse of what she was missing.
  - Capitalizing on her yearning for a boyfriend, the man sought more and more intimacy online and earned her trust when he called himself her boyfriend. Once she met the man, it didn’t take long to lure her into a life of drugs. She believed him when he swore he would never harm her or put her in danger.
  - When drug use became a norm, and her “boyfriend” stated she needed to pay her way, it took little convincing to exploit her in return for drugs, food and shelter. Her body became her way to earn her keep. “When he said it, it made sense to me. I knew that life wasn’t free.” In order to cope, drugs and alcohol use became a norm.
  - Thankfully, Chelsie was strong enough to realize the situation was dangerous and she reached out to Rescue Her. After admission into Fowler’s Ebby House, Chelsie took the time to physically heal. She slept. She ate. She obtained medical care and began therapy. She found her way without drugs.
  - She then began her work through the Youth Support Center
  - With support from staff and mentors and of course our donors, Chelsie received counselling, a safe place to stay and eventually reunited with family.
  - Thank you for supporting Chelsie. Her life is on a bright path because of you.
- **RESIDENT BIRTHDAYS!**
  - 5/01- Bobby (FCA)
  - 5/03- Leta (FCA)
- **RESIDENT MOVE-IN ANNIVERSARIES:**
  - 3 Years- Marjorie & Jane (JLC)
  - 8 Years- Bobby (FCA)
  - 6 Years- Ethel and Roger (FCA)
  - 4 Years- Sheila and Suzanne (FCA)
  - 4 Years- Kathleen and Vivian (FCA)
- **TEAMMATE TUESDAY!**
  - Happy 3-year anniversary to Jessica Gonzalez! Her anniversary is today.

- Joie' Thornton celebrates 1 year with us on the 29. Happy anniversary, Joie'!
  - Pauline Fernandez is celebrating her 13-year anniversary on the 30! Happy anniversary, Pauline!
  - Wishing Jackie Means a very happy birthday! Jackie's birthday is May.
  - Jenn shared in a recent email from a family member they closed by saying, "We LOVE-LOVE-LOVE Anita Laroussi"! Way to go Anita, in customer service. I'm sure you love to hear this and so do we.
  - Marion lifted up Carroll neighborhood C.N.A., Dovie Bates for making a huge difference when the pipe burst in the kitchen area ceiling. Marion shared, "Dovie was the first on the scene with the fire extinguisher when the fire alarm sounded!" Marion also stated that EVS teammate Donna Crawnover knew and went to get the water turned off in the electrical room! Thank you Donna for also making a difference!
  - Jenn shared, "there is not a day that goes by that Janet Mitchell does not demonstrate pursuing excellence, making a difference and loving people. Most recently she took it upon herself to set up the furniture in the Carroll neighborhood after the couches were moved over. Thank you, Janet!"
  - Great Places to Work Survey closed on Sunday. We finished at a 91% completion rate! Way to go team!
- **Make it a great day on purpose!**

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