



COMMUNITY BRIEFING

November 23, 2021 • 2:00 p.m.

- **Good afternoon Fowler Family!**
- **COVID UPDATE:**
 - Yesterday Dallas County reported 382 new cases of COVID.
 - Our numbers are slightly increasing
 - The positivity rate of non-vaccinated individuals continues to remain high – this past week 84% of the positive cases were individuals who were un-vaccinated
 - According to the Dallas County COVID website, our 75214 zip code has the highest vaccine rate in the county! Thank you to all of you who contributed to making our neighborhood a safer place
 - As you gather with your family this Thanksgiving, continue to be mindful of the pandemic and of vaccination status of your guests and family
 - Be vigilant about hand washing
 - Cover your mouth and nose when sneezing and coughing
 - Outdoors is best
 - If you are unvaccinated, you should always wear a face covering when around others
 - This is an opportunity for those of us who are vaccinated to encourage others to be vaccinated
- **FOWLER UPDATES:**
 - Last week was a BIG week at Fowler
 - Visionary Women luncheon, our primary fundraising event of the year, was a great success
 - Our theme recognized Alzheimer’s Awareness Month and National Family Caregivers Month
 - Our speaker Leeza Gibbons spoke to both
 - We had pie socials, happy hours and various Thanksgiving themed celebrations
 - Our board was back at Fowler for the first time in 20 months
 - We held a special ceremony at the site of The Peak – Signing of the Beam which will be placed in the building to memorialize the support of our board, donors and community
 - Lumber will be delivered in the next two weeks – we had piles of dirt early on; now we will have piles of lumber
 - Upcoming events:
 - Today at 3:30pm, Ursuline Academy Music Performance group – voices and instruments - will perform on Channel 6

- This Sunday, November 28, is the first Sunday of Advent, the first day of the new church year and the first day we are invited back to the chapel in person!
 - Chaplain Ve has a special service planned that includes Hanging of the Greens, musical guests, and refreshments
 - Advent devotionals are available in the common areas of each building – please pick one up in preparation for our holy season
 - Willis Winters Park will hold their annual Holiday in the Park event on 12/5, 3-5pm, and we are all invited
 - Teammate Christmas Party is on 12/7 – our theme is the Twelve Days of Christmas
 - In and Out Food Truck will be here between 2-3:30pm and you will go to the truck in the parking lot and return to your designated party spot in your building – stay tuned for more info
- **RESIDENT BIRTHDAYS**
 - 11/24 – Pamela (FCA)
 - 11/25- Inge (PNCC) & Prue (PNCC)
 - 11/26- Bill (JLC)
 - 11/27 – Richard (FCA)
 - 11/28 – Cecilia (FCA)
 - 11/29 – Clara (FCA)
- **RESIDENT MOVE-IN ANNIVERSARIES:**
 - 5 years – George (FCA)
 - 16 years – Onecimo & Maria (FCA)
 - No PNCC or JLC anniversaries
- **TEAMMATE TUESDAY!**
 - Happy birthday, Ade Abioye. Ade’s birthday was yesterday, Nov 22.
 - Gwen Thomas’s birthday was also yesterday. Happy birthday Gwen!
 - Zoe Swann’s birthday is tomorrow, Nov 24. Happy birthday, Zoe!
 - Happy birthday Tom Brooks! Tom’s birthday is on Nov 26.
 - Wishing a happy birthday to Keyairria Hatton! Keyairria’s birthday is Nov 27.
 - Billie Collins Fowler anniversary is on Nov 26. Happy 14 year anniversary, Billie!
 - Thank you for pursuing excellence and making a difference to Jamie, Laura, and Ken. Your hard work during and in preparation for the Visionary Women’s Luncheon was amazing. Your strengths and gifts help to make the luncheon a huge success.
 - Ve thank you for your opening prayer at the luncheon. It was lovely and was a great start to a beautiful luncheon.
 - Last week Fowler had several events happening with an off-site Visionary Women's Luncheon, a meet and greet, and a quarterly board meeting on-site, to The Peak - Framing Ceremony, and residents having Thanksgiving festivities across our campus – Wow To Make a Difference, one has to think less of themselves and more about the people in which they serve. You simply have to love people, and in doing that, you can make a difference, and everything that you do, big or small, is impactful to Pursuing Excellence for our community. And last week, Fowler Staff did just that. The following

people demonstrated three most important values at Fowler: Luis Martinez, Sylvia Castaneda, LaKisha Gladney, Keith Summerling, Linda Solis, Sherri Munn, Monesha Beckett, Laura Porting, Janet Mitchell I am sure there are names to add to this list, and so I will leave that up to you in your communities. Thank you!

- Your DE&I committee brings to you:
 - **Native American Heritage Month:**
 - National Native American Heritage Month, otherwise referred to as American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month is recognized in November to honor Native communities in their cultures and rich traditions while raising awareness about Indigenous people's unique historical and present-day struggles in the US. For indigenous youth, balancing culture with the Americanization of life can be difficult. Exploring indigenous culture is a perfect way to celebrate Native American Heritage Month.
 - November was designated “National Native American Heritage Month” in 1990 by President George H.W. Bush. American Indians and Alaska Natives make up about 2 percent of the total US population, approximately 6.9 million in 2019. The states with the highest populations of Indigenous persons are Arizona, California, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Texas, North Carolina, and Alaska.
 - **A Thanksgiving Celebrating All of Us:**
 - November kicks off the fall and holiday season, which means it’s time to turn our minds toward gratitude while enjoying one another.
 - Americans will celebrate Thanksgiving on Nov. 26. Thanksgiving is a federal holiday in the United States, celebrated on the fourth Thursday of November.
 - It originated as a harvest festival, and the centerpiece of Thanksgiving celebrations remains. The Pilgrims celebrated the event that Americans commonly call the “First Thanksgiving” after their first harvest in the New World in October 1621. This feast lasted three days.
 - Thanksgiving dinner is sometimes called American Thanksgiving with turkey, mashed potatoes, dressing/stuffing, green beans, cranberries, pumpkin pie, or sweet potato pie.
 - Other Thanksgiving customs include charitable organizations offering Thanksgiving dinner for the poor, attending religious services, watching parades, and viewing football games.
 - Here in the U.S., we enjoy an array of favorite and celebratory holiday dishes as diverse as our backgrounds, from Eastern European fried latkes and braised purple cabbage to Italian antipasto and manicotti Persian basmati stuffing and labneh salad – the list goes on.
 - How do you celebrate this national holiday? Traditions are an inspiration for Thanksgiving.

- Did you know a Thanksgiving holiday is also celebrated in Canada, Liberia, Brazil, and Santa Lucia (to name a few)? Different holiday traditions abound across the country, but also the globe.
 - The holiday season is a great time to begin your Diversity & Inclusion journey by learning more about other cultures and celebrations.
 - We are a richly diverse nation with so much to celebrate together, especially during difficult times like these. Appreciate the simplicity of Thanksgiving and extend your hand to another.
- **Make it a great day on purpose!**

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