



COMMUNITY BRIEFING

December 21, 2021 • 2:00 p.m.

- **Good afternoon Fowler Family!**

- **COVID UPDATE:**

- The news has been filled with the Omicron variant
- By all accounts it appears to be more contagious – in just 3 weeks, Omicron has overtaken Delta as the top dog in the COVID arena – 80% of all new diagnosis' are the omicron variant.
- While hospitalizations are rising, the majority of those hospitalized are unvaccinated.
 - Vaccinations offer an additional line of defense
 - Vaccines are going to protect you against severe disease, hospitalization and death
- If you have not been vaccinated, its time
- If you have not been boosted, its time
- Meanwhile, all of us should continue to be mindful of the Love Your Neighborhood Basics as we head into the holidays
 - Wash hands frequently
 - Masks are encouraged
 - Maintaining a comfortable distance is recommended
 - The weather will be beautiful this weekend and outdoor celebrations are safer than indoor
- This weekend will probably bring a lot of visitors into our buildings
 - Please help us encourage all to be screened through Accushield and wear a name badge
 - If someone is flagged during the screening as being at risk for COVID, a name badge will not print – AND THEY SHOULD NOT ENTER OUR BUILDING

- **FOWLER UPDATES:**

- Today after the briefing at 3pm, is our Blue Christmas Service
- This Friday is Christmas Eve and services are at 1pm.
 - Reminder, residents coming into PNCC for chapel services must screen in using Accushield; when you enter PNCC, you in essence are a visitor and must follow the regulations for visitor screening
 - All visitors in PNCC must wear a mask – even in worship
- We have had lots of fun parties and celebrations throughout the community
- One of the community traditions is the FCA Door Decorating Contest and I am thrilled to announce the winners
 - 1st place is Joy P
 - 2nd place is Preddy P
- FCA also celebrated with an Ugly Christmas Sweater Contest

- 1st place is Liz B
- 2nd place is Barbara B

- **RESIDENT BIRTHDAYS**

- 12/21- Dorothy (PNCC)
- 12/22 – Jan (FCA)
- 12/24- Norma (PNCC), Kathleen (FCA)
- 12/26 – Beth (FCA), Robin (FCA)
- No JLC Birthdays

- **RESIDENT MOVE-IN ANNIVERSARIES:**

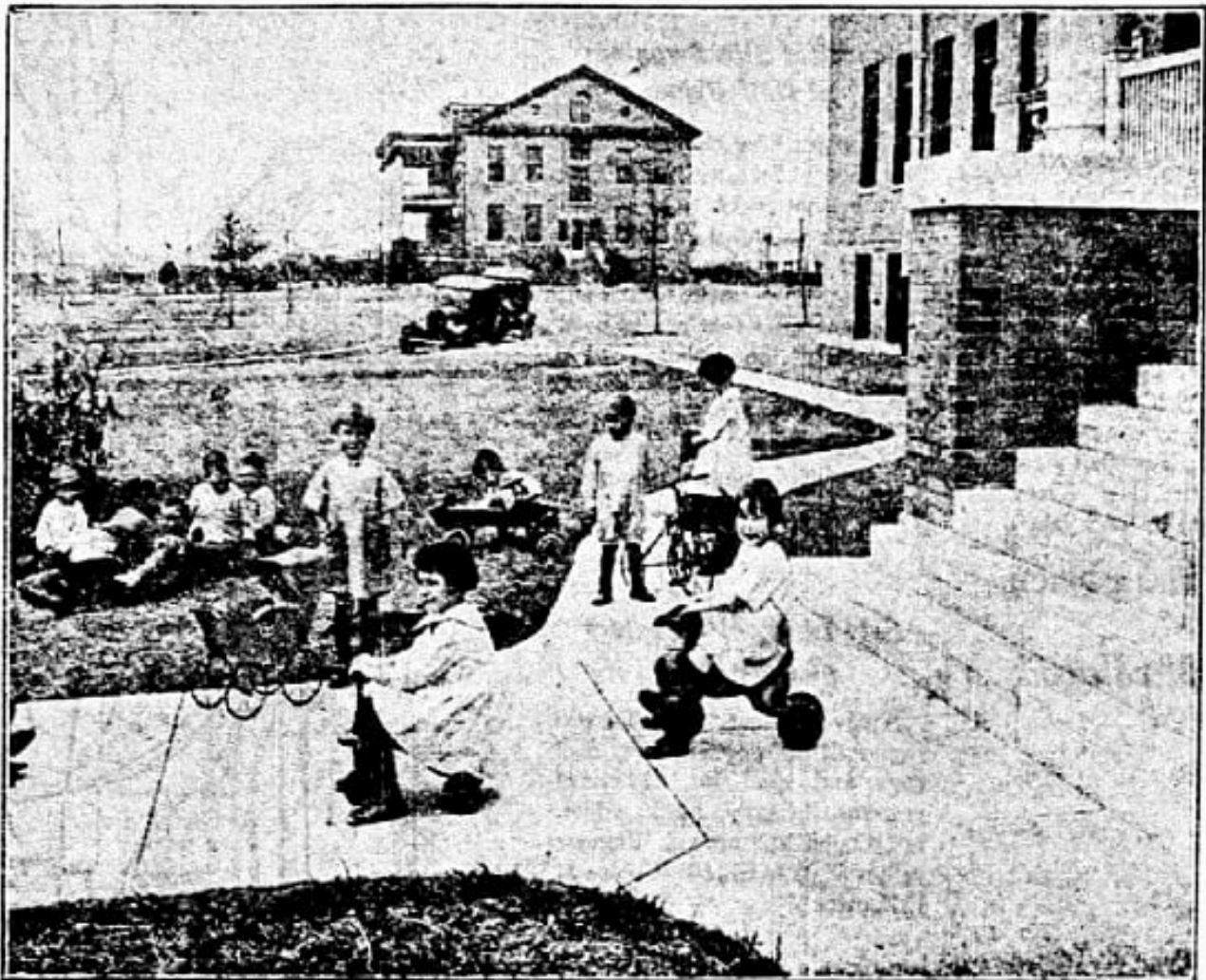
- No PNCC Anniversaries
- 4 years – Genie (FCA)
- 5 years – Ouida (FCA)
- 7 years – Chestine (FCA), Ann (FCA)

- **FOWLER CHRISTMAS STORY**

- I want to close with a Fowler Christmas story
- This past week on the Dallas History Facebook page, Teresa Musgrove Judd shared a story about Fowler! Teresa is currently writing a book about the history of Lakewood. She found this story in the Dallas Morning News! Her story reads:
- The year was 1915.
 - Imagine what the area looked like in 1915. These places were in existence:
 - White Rock Lake
 - Lakewood Country Club (first clubhouse and golf course)
 - David Crockett Elementary School
 - Most of Munger Place and some of Junius Heights
 - Juliette Fowler Home for the Aged and Home for Orphans
- The rest of the Lakewood area was farmland, undeveloped creek areas, and heavily treed acres. The Lakewood Country Club, White Rock Lake, and Juliette Fowler Homes were outside the city limits.
- In the fall of 1915, a scarlet fever epidemic spread through Dallas. Scarlet fever, related to strep throat, was a highly contagious bacterial disease which mainly affected children, sometimes resulting in death.
- The illness is rare today, due to antibiotics. But in 1915, there was no cure, and the small residents of the Fowler Home came down with the infection, leading to a quarantine, which lasted for 10 weeks. All 45 of the Juliette Fowler children contracted the illness, and all 45 survived. By mid-December, only four were still sick, recuperating in the third-floor infirmary.
- On December 24, the children anxiously looked out of the windows of the home, hoping desperately that Santa Claus could get past the quarantine warning. They watched as horse drawn delivery wagons drove up to the home, the delivery men hopped out and dropped packages at the front stoop, and then hurried away.
- At 7:30 p.m. on Christmas Eve, the children heard jingling bells and several notes played on a trumpet. They rushed into the playroom to see Santa Claus, greeting them with “ho ho ho!” Delighted, the boys and girls eagerly received packages from Santa, including gifts of candy, nuts, fruit, mittens, and socks. The Dallas Morning News

reported that the Board of Health had given Santa permission to cross the scarlet fever quarantine line.

- The Fowler Home staff also decorated a Christmas tree, which added to the little ones' happiness. On Christmas Day, everyone was treated to a turkey dinner, presented by teacher J.H. Jones, who remained in quarantine with the children so that they would not get behind in their studies.
- The photo below is from 1921 of children playing outside the Juliette Fowler Home for Orphans
- When you look at the picture, and to orient yourself, Harwood Hall, the original home for the Aged stood is in the background – this is where Jackson Living Center is today. Pearl Nordan Care Center stands where the Home for Children once stood.
 - Look closely in the picture and you will see our trees – the magnificent trees in front of Pearl and Support Services are in the picture
- May the simple joys of Christmas goodwill bring you all much happiness this week!



—Photo by Raymond.

WHAT A GOOD TIME THE KIDDIES DO HAVE.

- **TEAMMATE TUESDAY!**

- Happy birthday to Rachel Love! Rachel's birthday was on Dec. 19.
- Happy birthday to Shrhonda Ingram! Her birthday is on Dec. 23.
- Dec. 23 is also Suzy Lozano's birthday. Happy birthday, Suzy!
- Wishing Seychelle Jackson and Bert Meadows a very happy 4-year anniversary! Both celebrated their Fowlerversaries on December 20.
- Happy 6-year anniversary to Cynthia Green! Cynthia's anniversary is today!
- Sending a shout out to the FCA team! While San was out the team joined and managed beautifully. Way to pursue excellence FCA team!

- **DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION**

- Juliette Fowler Communities is leading the way as an organization towards improving workplace culture and building on a sense of belonging by working together. On April 29, 2021, Juliette Fowler Communities launched the Diversity and Inclusion committee of ten diverse members who work and serve in various roles across our campus.
- **Diversity & Inclusion Statement**
 - *At Juliette Fowler Communities, we welcome your authentic self in a culture of acceptance, affirmation, and grace. At Fowler, we simply love people. All people. With respect for one another and your diverse voices, we nurture a community where we can be different together. At Fowler, you belong.*
 - **The Purpose:** This committee objective is to develop and promote strategies and best practices within our community. Our Goal is to make the connection with you!
 - In the month of December, we have observed and celebrated the many important days in diversity & Inclusion to holiday celebrations:
 - On December 1 – World AIDS Day
 - December 3 – International Day for People with Disabilities
 - December 10 – International Human Rights Day
 - December 21 – Yule Winter Solstice (Pagan)
 - December 25 – Christmas (Christian)
 - December 26 – Kwanzaa begins
 - **Kwanzaa** is an annual celebration of African-American culture
 - **Observed by:** African Americans
 - **Significance:** Celebrates African heritage, unity
 - **Celebrations:** Unity; Creativity; Faith; Giving gifts
 - An American Maulana Karenga created Kwanzaa, In **1966 during the aftermath of the Watts riots**. From December 26 to January 1, cultivating a community feast and usually held on the 6th day. It is an African harvest festival traditions from various parts of Africa, including West and Southeast Africa.
 - Although it began in initially in its creation in California, Kwanzaa has spread throughout the United States. His goal was to "give blacks an opportunity to celebrate themselves and their history, a major figure in the Black Community of the 1960s and 1970s,

the creation of such holiday gave an identity, purpose, and direction for many people."

- The diversity and inclusion initiative celebrates all people with their family traditions. Merry Christmas and may your day be blessed with renewing your purpose and gifts that God has bestowed upon us all.
- **Make it a great day on purpose!**

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COVID-19 Mental Health Support Line 24 hours a day, 7 days a week toll-free at 833-986-1919