



COMMUNITY BRIEFING

January 11, 2022 • 2:00 p.m.

- **Good afternoon, Fowler Family!**
- **COVID UPDATE:**
 - Since Christmas Eve, we have had 26 people at Fowler with confirmed COVID – teammates and residents throughout the campus; contact tracing has not shown this to be from a single incident
 - State surveyors did come last week to review our infection control efforts and review all protocols and policies and found no deficiencies in our processes – KUDOS to our PNCC team
 - We continue to be grateful for vaccines, boosters, masks, and all other forms of infection control – all residents and team members are recovering or have recovered with minimal symptoms – no hospitalizations were warranted
 - Continue to be vigilant in our Love Your Neighbor Basics
 - One of managers who has severe autoimmune deficiencies shared this morning that she is grateful she got her booster – she knows that it boosted her immune system and protected her during moments of exposure
 - If you are not vaccinated or boosted, call our local CVS and schedule today
- **FOWLER UPDATES:**
 - Last Friday we announced that Gentry Harper will be leaving her position as Chief Operating Officer to focus her immediate and extended family needs.
 - We are grateful for all Gentry accomplished during her nine years of service at Fowler. As our “Covid Commander”, she helped implement scores of policies and protocols to keep all of us safe and set up vaccine clinics.
 - As the I’m Still Here Champion, she impacted our philosophy of care community wide and changed the world for our residents living with dementia and for their family and friends.
 - Most recently, Gentry was involved in developing The Peak, our newest development that will be ready for occupancy in Fall 2022, providing housing for seniors with limited to moderate income.
 - Also, Gentry’s love for all holidays was evident in the Twelve Days of Christmas Celebrations held throughout December.
 - I ask that you keep Gentry in your prayers as she assesses her next steps professionally
 - Congratulations to the FCA team on their recent accomplishment: last week, FCA III scored a 93 [out of 100] on the REAC inspection; FCA II REAC inspection will be Feb. 2nd
 - Two trailers have appeared in the parking lot between PNCC, FCA and JLC! What are they for?
 - We have rented two trailers for temporary kitchen space while we renovate our current kitchen – one for cooking and one for dishwashing

- Our team is preparing these trailers to be put into service – running electricity, water, stocking with supplies, etc
 - We anticipate the trailers will be here for several months and will be put into service once we receive the building permits for the main kitchen renovation
 - Regarding our weekly Tai Chi class in Means, IL residents are invited into Means for in person Tai Chi classes with two mandates – you must wear a mask and you must social distance
 - As we wrap up 2021, we begin pulling that represent our impact as an organization, a mission
 - We will be defining how many people we serve, number of days care provided, number of hot meals, life enriching hours, number of volunteers – all the components of impact that we report to our donors and to our community
 - I want you to be one of the first to know that we raised \$1,303,000 for our One Heart fund in 2021! Through One Heart, donors provided:
 - benevolence for our older adults and for our youth
 - life enrichment and spiritual life program
 - I’m Still Here dementia care
 - Thank you to all of you who contributed – collectively we are doing great things
- **UPCOMING EVENTS:**
 - This afternoon at 3pm, please tune back to Channel 6 to participate in our quarterly Celebration of Life service – no in person participation in the chapel will be offered. Please join us in honoring the residents who passed away in the last quarter of 2021
- **RESIDENT BIRTHDAYS**
 - 1/13 – Joyce (FCA)
 - 1/16 – Jeanne (FCA)
 - No PNCC or JLC Birthdays
- **RESIDENT MOVE-IN ANNIVERSARIES:**
 - 1 year – Cheryl (FCA)
 - No JLC or PNCC Anniversaries
- **TEAMMATE TUESDAY!**
 - Happy birthday to Fabian Garcia! His birthday was on Jan 9.
 - Happy birthday to the chaplain, Venessa Harmel! Her birthday was on Jan 10.
 - On Jan 14 it will be Denise Marzillier Birthday, Happy Birthday Denise
 - On Jan 15 it will be Teresia Ndungu and Vanessa Patterson’s birthday. Happy birthday, to you both!
 - Wishing Augustina Dor a happy 3-year anniversary and Joan Kiconco a happy 2 year anniversary! Both celebrated their Fowlerversaries on Jan 9.
 - Happy work anniversary to Sanurette Shelley who celebrated 15 years at Fowler on yesterday, Jan 10.
 - Happy work anniversary to Linda Henry, who will be celebrating 18 years at Fowler on Jan 13.
 - Sending a shout-out to Raquel Harper at FCA. Raquel stepped in as the Manager on Duty last Saturday when a fellow MOD needed coverage for her shift due to an emergency. Way to Make A Difference. I’m sure we have several teammates who have stepped up

and we would love to hear about it. If there is someone that has or is demonstrating our core values: Love People, Make A Difference, Pursue Excellence, then we want to hear their story. Please send those to Erin Mason by email or interoffice

- **DIVERSITY, EQUITY and INCLUSION:**

- **January is Poverty in America Awareness Month**

- Poverty in the United States of America refers to people who lack sufficient income or material possessions for their needs. Although the US is a fairly wealthy country by international standards, poverty has consistently been present throughout the United States, along with efforts to alleviate it, from New Deal-era legislation during the Great Depression to the national War on Poverty in the 1960s to poverty alleviation efforts during the 2008 Great Recession. The U.S. federal government uses two measures to measure poverty: the poverty thresholds set by the U.S. Census Bureau, used for statistical purposes, and the poverty guidelines issued by the Department of Health and Human Services, which are used for administrative purposes. Poverty thresholds, which recognize poverty as a lack of those goods and services which are commonly taken for granted by some in society, consist of income levels. On the other hand, poverty guidelines are simpler guidelines that are used to determine eligibility for federal programs such as Head Start which provides early childhood education, health and nutrition; designed to foster stability in the home along with food stamps, referred to as SNAP are used as a supplemental nutrition assistance program.https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Poverty_in_the_United_States-cite_note-4
- The 2020 assessment by the U.S. Census Bureau showed the percentage of Americans living in poverty for 2019 (before the pandemic) had fallen to some of the lowest levels ever recorded due to the record-long economic growth period.

What do we do? Opportunities are sometimes closer than we think. Fowler has programs to assist residents. Let's all do our part to enhance and better the lives of our community and the residents we serve here at Fowler.

- **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