



## COMMUNITY BRIEFING

March 22, 2022 • 2 p.m.

- **Good afternoon, Fowler Family!**
- **COVID UPDATE:**
  - Based on the reduced COVID numbers, Judge Clay Jenkins has lowered the Dallas County risk level to yellow which means “proceed with caution.”
  - The health department continues to recommend vaccines, boosters, masking, physical distancing, and good hand hygiene for your personal safety. It is particularly important to employ these strategies with individuals who are
    - immunocompromised despite being up to date with their vaccinations, or
    - unvaccinated or not up-to-date, such as children under 5
    - or live with individuals at high-risk for COVID-19. Individuals 62+ continue to be considered at high-risk for COVID
  - We are participating in a call tomorrow that may provide updated guidance for our protocols at Fowler. Either way, communication with our current protocols will be provided to residents, families and team members.
- **FOWLER UPDATES:**
  - Last week’s talent show at Jackson Living Center was wildly successful!
    - We had 9 acts of singing, dancing, piano playing, poetry reading and a skit
    - The winners of this year’s talent show are
      - Bob S won first place for singing Old Man River
      - Nicole Gann won 2<sup>nd</sup> place for singing Oh Danny Boy
      - Norma and Bill M won 3<sup>rd</sup> place for their musical renditions
  - Last week, our mission advancement team kicked off our Joy Team campaign
    - Joy Team is our voluntary teammate giving program and this campaign kicks off our annual recommitment to our mission
    - This year’s theme is based on the movie “UP” and reminds us that each of us has a role in lifting-up Fowler – together we can further the mission of love and relationships at Fowler
  - We want to update you on a recent transportation challenge
    - The catalytic converter on our bus was stolen!
    - Apparently, thieves can sell catalytic converters for a lot of money
    - This has impacted primarily our grocery runs; please be patient as we work towards securing a new part; residents are encouraged to find alternative transportation to the grocery store – please let your service coordinator know if you are impacted or have any difficulty securing groceries
    - We do have an emergency food pantry available to residents as well
  - We have several positions posted for new team members – receptionists, CNA, CMA, staff accountant, and an additional fulltime member of our Spiritual Life team – we are excited to be planning for our future that includes an additional 144 new residents!

- If you know if individuals who are looking for positions and who have the Fowler Family heart, please have them review our job postings on the website and reach out to Erin Mason
    - We are offering a Fowler Family Finder’s Fee to any team member, resident, or family member who helps us fill open positions - \$1000 for a part-time position and \$2000 for a full-time position. For details contact HR Director, Erin Mason at [erinm@fowlercommunities.org](mailto:erinm@fowlercommunities.org)
  - Last week Nicole asked for feedback regarding your interest in our Tuesday Briefing
    - I received two comments from family members who appreciate the communication
    - We will have a Briefing next Tuesday, February 29 and then starting April 5, we will move to every other week
    - We hope you will continue to make this time a priority for securing pertinent information about Fowler
- **UPCOMING EVENTS:**
  - This Thursday we will host members from AWARE and the Dallas Foundation for a site visit. Site visits are a common part of securing grant money and this one is very important. We will be touring the Worth Memory Care neighborhood – thank you to Ken, Lori, Tina, Laura and members of our facilities team who are planning and sprucing up the neighborhood for our visitors
  - Next week is Social Worker appreciation week – we celebrate our dynamic social work team – Jennifer Garland, Lisa Mumford, Angela Jemente, Kelly Westenburg, Dwight Ausbrooks and Jeana Smith
  - The Artful Awakenings Art Show will be held April 2, 2-330pm in the Chapel Reception area in PNCC.
    - The featured works were created by resident artists of Worth Neighborhood through the art program hosted by the Junior League of Dallas
    - All are invited!
  - Lisa Mumford will be hosting a gathering of Grandparents Raising Grandchildren on April 13, 1-230pm, please reach out to Lisa with questions at [lisam@fowlercommunities.org](mailto:lisam@fowlercommunities.org)
- **RESIDENT UPDATES:**
  - FCA resident Charlene F sent photos of a garden she and Vicki are tending behind the AB Building. She shared “I love my home here and appreciate all Fowler does for us.” Charlene and Vicky, thank you for the beautiful garden and we love that you live here
- **RESIDENT BIRTHDAYS**
  - 3/22- Florence W (PNCC)
  - 3/24 – Maggie F (FCA)
  - 3/25 – Bill W (FCA)
  - No JLC Birthdays
- **RESIDENT MOVE-IN ANNIVERSARIES:**
  - 1 Year- Hope P (JLC)

- 7 Years – Julie H (FCA ), Carol G (FCA)
- No PNCC Anniversaries
- **RESIDENT MEMORIAL:**
  - Mary W, an FCA resident who lived in the E building, passed away peacefully yesterday, March 21, 2022. Please share any stories or memories you have of Miss Mary with Rev. Venessa. On April 12<sup>th</sup> we will celebrate her life at Juliette Fowler. Please keep her family in your prayers, may they know of God’s comfort in this difficult time.
  - A graveside memorial will for Elizabeth T will be held Friday, March 25, 2022 at 9:00 am at Restland Cemetery, 13005 Greenville Avenue, Dallas 75243; the family will be in the southeast quadrant of Section Q which is in front of Abbey Chapel, the large mausoleum that backs up to Greenville Avenue.
- **TEAMMATE TUESDAY!**
  - Happy birthday to Hector Aguilar! Hector’s birthday was March 20.
  - Wishing Lawanda Vance a happy birthday! Her birthday was also March 20.
  - Luis Martinez’s birthday is today! Happy birthday, Luis!
  - Janette Boutte’s birthday is March 23. Happy birthday, Janette!
  - Happy birthday to Karin Garcia who has a birthday on March 25!
  - Happy birthday to Latonia Hurth! Latonia’s birthday is March 26.
  - Kathy Woodson’s 10-year anniversary was yesterday, March 21. Happy anniversary, Kathy!
  - Happy one year anniversary to Lin Chavez, who’s anniversary is today!
  - Also today, is Jan Matise’s 12-year anniversary. Happy anniversary, Jan!
  - And finally, today is Armen Tonyan’s one year anniversary. Happy anniversary, Armen!
  - Shout out to Valarie Gray for making a difference! Mrs. Valarie was so kind to spend the last 45 minutes with me to get my system back up and running. She answered my call and stayed on the phone until all was resolved. Thank you, Mrs. Valarie.
  - Shout out to Kisha who came in on Saturday. Kisha wanted to welcome a new resident and her son. She took it upon herself to come in so the paperwork could be completed and to answer any questions. Kisha demonstrated loving people, making a difference and pursuing excellence!
  - Way to rock, Sandy!!! I was on a tour with a family in AL and Sandy had almost every AL resident out of their room and engaging in activities. The family was very pleased with what they saw, and the potential resident said to me, “I can’t wait to live over here so I can enjoy whatever it is they are doing over here”.
  - Kudos to Sylvia and the EVS team at PNCC for keeping the neighborhoods clean and ready. People I gave a tour to noticed it and complimented it.
- **DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION**
  - Yesterday was World Down Syndrome Day! So... What is World Down Syndrome Day?
    - World Down Syndrome Day (WDSD), March 21, is a global awareness day which has been officially observed by the United Nations since 2012. The date for WDSD being the 21st day of the 3rd month, was selected to signify the uniqueness of the triplication (trisomy) of the 21st chromosome which causes

Down syndrome. World Down Syndrome Day promotes inclusion as well as education on what Down Syndrome is.

- What is Down Syndrome?
  - Down syndrome occurs when a baby inherits one extra chromosome at the time of conception. There is no known cause. Down syndrome is not related to race, nationality, religion, or socio-economic status. Down syndrome is not a disease or illness. In the United States, approximately one in every 700 children is born with Down syndrome
- Why Is It Important?
  - On this day, people with Down syndrome and their loved ones all over the world organize and participate in activities and events to raise public awareness and create a single global voice advocating for the rights, inclusion and wellbeing of people with Down syndrome. While exact numbers are not known, it is believed that between 250,000 and 350,000 people in the United States are living with Down syndrome.
- Facts About Down Syndrome
  - There is a wide range in the cognitive abilities and physical development of people with Down syndrome. Early intervention services, including physical, occupational, and speech therapies should be started early in life to optimize a child's development.
  - Up to 50% of babies with Down syndrome are born with a heart defect, and some will require surgery. The vast majority of these heart defects are correctable.
  - Individuals with Down syndrome benefit from loving homes, early intervention, education, appropriate medical care and positive public attitudes.
  - In adulthood, many people with Down syndrome hold jobs, live independently and enjoy community life.
- How Can I Celebrate World Down Syndrome Day?
  - There are many unique and personal ways to celebrate WDS. Many choose to Rock Your Socks by wearing colorful or mismatched socks. This often opens the door to conversation to share with others why you are rocking those silly socks. Others choose to complete random acts of kindness, raise funds for their local Down syndrome organization, present to their child's school, and so much more.

- **Make it a great day on purpose!**

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