



## COMMUNITY BRIEFING

*January 10, 2023 • 2 p.m.*

- **Good afternoon, Fowler Family!**
  - Nicole is on vacation this week
  - Jennifer Garland, Director of Jackson Living Center, provided the Briefing
- **FOWLER UPDATES:**
  - Covid is still a part of our lives – Dallas County has posted our risk level as “Proceed Carefully”.
  - There is a new COVID variant, XBB 1.5, which is the most transmissible yet
    - Recent studies suggest that 80% of Americans will contract COVID whether vaccinated or not. The vaccination will not prevent you from getting COVID, but it will probably keep you from serious illness which is great news.
    - The reports also state that like the more recent variants, this one is a descendant of Omicron, which they see as good news – this is a variant we know and the similar properties will maintain the effectiveness of the boosters and vaccines against critical illness in most people
    - As always, high risk people will continue to be high risk for more serious illness for COVID – please use your good judgment about wearing masks, sanitizing and being in crowded environments.
  - As a reminder:
    - Everyone must wear mask in the Carroll skilled nursing neighborhood – at a minimum a surgical mask - even if you are not with residents. This regulation remains in effect for skilled nursing.
    - Masks are optional in other areas of Fowler
  - We have had questions about the questions on the Accushield Visitor Management System at the entrances.
    - While we would like to remove all of the COVID related questions, we will not be doing so any time soon
    - Our regulations for our licensed areas still require screening questions and temperature checks.
    - As we are one community with many programs and buildings, we are unable to tailor the questions per building.
    - Thank you for your continued observance of this Visitor system so that we can maintain accurate records of all who come and go at Fowler
    - Please remember to encourage visitors to sign in and wear a name tag

- Chaplain Venessa arrived safely in Danville Indiana to begin her new position as the Senior Pastor of Danville Christian Church. She has preached 2 sermons and is actively meeting her members. The Fowler Family sent altar flowers to celebrate her ministry -



see pic. You can also hear her first sermon on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jSc08Y7KDdo> – you might want to follow Danville Christian Church YouTube page and Facebook page to keep up with Ve and hear more of her sermons!

Today is Ve’s birthday and she is celebrating with committee meetings and the emptying of a few more boxes. She is very happy and sends her love to all.

- Our 2022 goal for the One Heart Fund was \$1.1 million and we are thrilled to share we exceeded that goal! We are grateful for the generosity of the many donors who supported Fowler in 2022 which includes the teammates who are members of the Joy Team and many of our residents and families.

- We are blessed by the generosity of so many residents, family members, teammates, volunteers, churches, and community members who choose to support Fowler with their financial gifts.
- If you have not read our recent Impact Report, be sure to pick up a copy or go online to our website to see how your donations are working at Fowler.

- **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- Today, January 10, we transition to our new Pharmacy – Infinity Pharmacy
  - The new pharmacy has done all the preparation work to transition pharmacy orders so that it will be seamless for you – please notify Lori Rice if you have any questions

- **RESIDENT BIRTHDAYS:**

- 1/19 Susan M. [JLC] and Gay Van Wart [JLC]
- 1/20 Frances M. [PNCC]
- 1/22 Jackie F. [PNCC] and Hope Parker [JLC]

- **RESIDENT MOVE IN ANNIVERSARIES**

- Barbara Mu. [PNCC] 1 year
- Marjorie R. {PNCC} 4 years
- John and Francis M., 3 years
- Edith R., 6 years

- **NEW RESIDENT WELCOME**

- We have a LOT of new residents at Fowler and will have a long list of your new neighbors in the next briefing for your to meet

- **TEAMMATE TUESDAY – Erin Mason, Director of Human Resources**

- Happy birthday on Jan 9 to Fabian Garcia!
- Beth Gardiner’s birthday is Jan 14. Happy birthday, Beth!
- Wishing Teresa Ndungu, a happy birthday on Jan 15!
- Nadine Wilson’s birthday is Jan 18. Happy birthday, Nadine!
- Happy 4-year anniversary to Augustina Dor on Jan 9!
- Sanurette Shelley’s 16-year anniversary is today! Happy anniversary, San!

- Today is Michael Swan's 1 year return anniversary as he worked at Fowler previously. Happy one year back, Michael!
- We celebrate Linda Henry's 19-year anniversary on Jan 13. Happy anniversary, Linda!
- Our sweet **Santos Nuno** retired her full-time position on December 31! Santos has been at Fowler for 19 years. She will remain on our team in a PRN basis, but I know we will miss seeing her smiling face regularly.
  - A **Retirement Celebration will be held on January 20, 2-4pm** in the PNCC Life Enrichment area – please plan to attend!
- Yesterday we welcomed two new teammates.
  - Welcome LaDecia Pree "Pree". Pree is our new Admissions Coordinator at Fowler Christian Apartments. Pree has served in the past at Hickory Manor Senior Community as an Assistant Manager as well as Arioso Apartment Homes as Assistant Manager. Pree was referred to our Community by Deborah Brown.
  - Welcome Tyler Bell! Tyler joins us to serve as Baker. She would like to open her own bakery business one day. Yesterday she shared pictures of dessert gift boxes which she gave her friends and family for the holidays. They were not only delicious looking, but they were creatively presented in adorable gift boxes.
- **DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION SHARED STORY – Erin Mason**
  - Martin Luther King, Jr., (January 15, 1929-April 4, 1968) was born Michael Luther King, Jr., but later had his name changed to Martin. His grandfather began the family's long tenure as pastors of the Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta, serving from 1914 to 1931; his father has served from then until the present, and from 1960 until his death Martin Luther acted as co-pastor. Martin Luther attended segregated public schools in Georgia, graduating from high school at the age of fifteen; he received the B. A. degree in 1948 from Morehouse College, a distinguished Negro institution of Atlanta from which both his father and grandfather had graduated. After three years of theological study at Crozer Theological Seminary in Pennsylvania where he was elected president of a predominantly white senior class, he was awarded the B.D. in 1951. With a fellowship won at Crozer, he enrolled in graduate studies at Boston University, completing his residence for the doctorate in 1953 and receiving the degree in 1955. In Boston he met and married Coretta Scott, a young woman of uncommon intellectual and artistic attainments. Two sons and two daughters were born into the family.
  - In 1954, Martin Luther King became pastor of the Dexter Avenue Baptist Church in Montgomery, Alabama. Always a strong worker for civil rights for members of his race, King was, by this time, a member of the executive committee of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the leading organization of its kind in the nation. He was ready, then, early in December 1955, to accept the leadership of the first great Negro nonviolent demonstration of contemporary times in the United States, the bus boycott described by Gunnar Jahn in his presentation speech in honor of the laureate. The boycott lasted 382 days. On December 21, 1956, after the Supreme Court of the United States had declared unconstitutional the laws requiring segregation on buses, Negroes and whites rode the buses as equals. During

these days of boycott, King was arrested, his home was bombed, he was subjected to personal abuse, but at the same time he emerged as a Negro leader of the first rank.

- In 1957, he was elected president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, an organization formed to provide new leadership for the now burgeoning civil rights movement. The ideals for this organization he took from Christianity, its operational techniques from Gandhi. In the eleven-year period between 1957 and 1968, King traveled over six million miles and spoke over twenty-five hundred times, appearing wherever there was injustice, protest, and action; and meanwhile he wrote five books as well as numerous articles. In these years, he led a massive protest in Birmingham, Alabama, that caught the attention of the entire world, providing what he called a coalition of conscience. and inspiring his “Letter from a Birmingham Jail”, a manifesto of the Negro revolution; he planned the drives in Alabama for the registration of Negroes as voters; he directed the peaceful march on Washington, D.C., of 250,000 people to whom he delivered his address, “I Have a Dream”, he conferred with President John F. Kennedy and campaigned for President Lyndon B. Johnson; he was arrested upwards of twenty times and assaulted at least four times; he was awarded five honorary degrees; was named Man of the Year by *Time* magazine in 1963; and became not only the symbolic leader of American blacks but also a world figure.
- At the age of thirty-five, Martin Luther King, Jr., was the youngest man to have received the Nobel Peace Prize. When notified of his selection, he announced that he would turn over the prize money of \$54,123 to the furtherance of the civil rights movement.
- On the evening of April 4, 1968, while standing on the balcony of his motel room in Memphis, Tennessee, where he was to lead a protest march in sympathy with striking garbage workers of that city, he was assassinated.
- Source: [www.nobelprize.org](http://www.nobelprize.org)

- **PRAYER**

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

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