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Holiday 2019

Residents from Traceway & Wesley Meadows Retirement Communities shared an adventure to Branson, MO.



METHODIST SENIOR SERVICES

Counting Our Blessings

& SHARING OUR JOYS!

SERVING OLDER ADULTS IN THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTIAN LOVE

As I write this, people all over are beginning to prepare for the holidays. First up is Thanksgiving. And before you know it - Christmas is here! As the season of Thanksgiving approaches, like many, I begin to think of the blessings we enjoy.

Here at Mississippi Methodist Senior Services, there are many. First of course, are the elders who we are fortunate to serve - those whose shoulders we stand on, who sacrificed for us, taught us (and still teach!), and showed us the way. We are thankful, too, for the many employees who recognized their sacred, holy work in serving the elders. Family members, too, are such a blessing. Not only do they teach us about their loved ones, they help us by their presence in the elders' lives and ours too. And they give us the gifts of reminding us when we fall short in our calling.

Certainly the many volunteers who help us with our mission, who serve on our boards, and who share their financial blessings with us are to be remembered. It is not wrong to say that we really couldn't exist without them!

So, to all who are reading this, you are part of our circle of life and we thank God for you each day, but especially at this time of the year!

Happy Seasons!

Merry
Christmas

& HAPPY NEW YEAR

Steve McAlilly

PRESIDENT & CEO

Senior Services Statistics

Number of Units: 1436
% of Occupancy: 92.6%
Total Residents: 1400
Sunday Fund Recipients: 29
September SF Assistance: \$28,801
Gov't Rent Assistance Residents: 478
Outreach Service Recipients: 157
Total Served by Senior Services: 1557
Total Employees: 1072

Our Mission:
*To Serve Older Adults in the Spirit
of Christian Love*

Our Core Values:

- *Servant Ministry*
- *The Dignity of Elders*
- *Compassion for Those We Serve*
- *Operational Excellence*
- *Innovative Service*

Our Vision:
*To make Mississippi the best place in
the country to grow old!*

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MSS Launches the Beth and Henry Brevard Celebration of Leadership Program



BETH &
HENRY BREVARD
Celebration of Leadership

October 8-10, 2019, Methodist Senior Services launched the Beth and Henry Brevard Celebration of Leadership Program for MSS employees. The inaugural class was held in Tupelo, Mississippi, at the Home Office with instruction provided by Michele Holleran of Holleran Consulting and Michelle Daniel, VP for Philanthropy and Leadership Development for MSS.

The newly-designed Mississippi Methodist Senior Services leadership program aims to provide the next important steps in the leadership journey for MSS employees. This development experience has been customized and created by a team of MMSS volunteers to provide

meaningful leadership and growth opportunities which emphasize the vital importance of relationship building, emotional intelligence and servant leadership skills. The name “Celebration of Leadership” was chosen to honor our namesakes, Beth and Henry Brevard, who embody the spirit of servant leadership.

Through a variety of modalities, including readings, site visits, group and one-on-one discussions, coaching, self-assessments, and an enrichment project chosen by each team, participants will experience a learning environment like no other. The goal of the program is to help individuals discover their own leadership gifts and leverage those gifts for personal and professional development, as well as the overall good of the organization they serve. The program steps beyond the classroom and is designed so participants will have a lot of fun and celebration on this journey together! Instructors anticipate that members will be forming deep bonds with other leaders from other parts of the state. Activities are designed to encourage interaction among the group during this 9-month adventure, as well as interacting closely throughout the year with the member’s assigned coach.



The group will meet four times throughout the year, and each session follows a particular leadership theme: Servant Leadership, Excellence & Innovation, Empowerment & Engagement, and Vision & Hope. Each session includes an interactive site visit to local innovators in Mississippi. During the first session, participants toured the Toyota Manufacturing Plant in Blue Springs, Mississippi where they discussed their “One Team” approach to leadership. Future site visits will include trips to the Infinity Space Center, the MAX (Mississippi’s Arts + Entertainment Experience), and the BB King Museum.

Each participant has required reading prior to each session and thought provoking activities to complete before the next session. The reading includes some of the top books on servant leadership and decision making to industry articles that provide insight and examples of daily leaders in action.

The leadership academy was made possible through a generous donation from the David Brevard family. We look forward to watching the progress of this first class as they journey through the state, learning together and working to find their own unique leadership style.

MEALS 
WHEELS
OF LEE COUNTY

Last August both Tupelo Walmart locations participated in the MOW Boston Butt Fundraiser earning volunteer hours & making them eligible to apply for a Hunger Grant up to \$5,000/ea to donate to Meals on Wheels. We are pleased to announce both grants were awarded and have furthered the work of MOW!

Walmart 
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The Wesley Meadows Retirement Community Green House® Campaign Receives Major Grants and Gifts From Local Foundations

On October 7, 2019, the Maddox Foundation, in association with the Community Foundation of Northwest Mississippi, announced a \$1 Million Matching Grant to build and maintain a Green House® Home at the Wesley Meadows Retirement Community in Hernando, Mississippi.

After almost 23 years of service in DeSoto County, Wesley Meadows has identified a growing community need for a compassionate approach to living with forgetfulness. With a new Green House® Home, memory support assisted living at Wesley Meadows Retirement Community will be unlike any other offered in DeSoto County.



The Maddox Foundation's vision of harnessing the power of dreams to make Mississippi a better place to live uniquely aligns with the MSS vision of making Mississippi the best place in the nation to grow old. The Green House® Home is a transformational architectural and philosophical approach to elder living that provides long-term, intensive, specialized support. MSS constructed the nation's first Green House® Home and continues to operate on the leading edge of this concept. Today, MSS has 19 Green House® Homes at its retirement communities located around Mississippi. Wesley Meadows will be home to the first Green House® Home in North Mississippi specifically for elders living with forgetfulness. The house will be named the "Margaret and Dan Maddox Green House" and will offer Memory Support in a small home designed for 10 elders with private rooms and baths, all surrounding a common living space for dining, socializing and engaging others.

Wesley Meadows embarked on a \$1.5 Million fundraising goal to construct this Green House®. On the date of the announcement, over \$786,000 had been raised in support of this endeavour. The ambitious Matching Grant ensures that community donations made after October 1, 2019, will be matched, up to \$500,000. An additional match of \$500,000 has been offered by the Maddox Foundation to fund a Maintenance Endowment for continued support of the home once constructed. That endowment will be administered and invested by the Community Foundation of Northwest Mississippi.

Steve McAlilly, MSS President/CEO said, "We are more than honored that the Maddox Foundation would collaborate with us by this generous support! It exemplifies that the Maddox Foundation leadership recognizes that how a community treats its elders helps define the quality of life in that community."

"This is a Signature Investment of the Maddox Foundation," states Robin Hurdle, President and CEO of Maddox Foundation. "It will create an indelible legacy of Margaret and Dan Maddox for many years to come. We are confident that The Margaret and Dan Maddox Green House will have a dramatic impact in the lives of the elders being served, their families, the team members who serve them, and our community where this house will be located."

The Maddox Foundation was founded in 1968. It was Margaret and Dan Maddox's intent to serve the broadest possible charitable purposes, and to meet needs close to their hearts whenever and wherever found. Today, Margaret and Dan Maddox's vision and legacy live on through the Maddox Foundation. The Foundation worked with local community leaders to establish the



Community Foundation of Northwest Mississippi, and made a \$10 Million signature investment to grow endowments and support its operations. The generous matching grant made to the Wesley Meadows Green House® Campaign is a major commitment to meet the critical need for memory support in DeSoto County and reflective of its ongoing mission to invest in the development of Northwest Mississippi.



The Community Foundation manages 237 donor-established funds and has disbursed over \$22 million to support more than 700 charitable organizations and activities recommended by its donors, as well as charitable programs established by the foundation. Established in 2002 with a generous grant from the Maddox Foundation, the Community Foundation is an independent 501(c)3 charitable organization. The

Foundation serves Bolivar, Coahoma, DeSoto, Leflore, Marshall, Panola, Quitman, Sunflower, Tallahatchie, Tate, and Tunica counties. A board of 19 volunteer civic leaders governs the Community Foundation.

Quick on the heels of the Matching Grant announcement, The Homer Skelton Charitable Foundation stepped forward on October 17, 2019, and announced a gift of \$450,000 to Wesley Meadows for construction of the Memory Support Green House®. The matching funds doubled the Skelton gift, netting \$900,000 to Wesley Meadows for construction of the Memory Support Green House® Home.

Skelton's daughter, Michelle Chapman, credits Mayor Tom Ferguson for shining a light on this specialized need in DeSoto County. "Marsha (*Brasher, Executive Director at Wesley Meadows*), did a great job explaining the project to us, but it was Mayor Ferguson who brought it to our attention. Without him we would not have known about how special Wesley Meadows is and what they are trying to do here."

"We are in awe of such a generous gift," said McAlilly. "It warms our heart to see outstanding people like the Skelton Family join us in securing the future of eldercare in North Mississippi. This project will ensure that those who live with forgetfulness have a home where they will be treated with respect and dignity all of their days."



And while the Wesley Meadows Green House® Capital Campaign is nearing its original goal, fundraising will continue with matching funds being granted by the Maddox Foundation.

"We believe raising enough to receive the full matching grant for the endowment will be important for our future success," said Michelle Daniel, Vice-President of Philanthropy & Leadership Development. "The endowment is an investment in future services at Wesley Meadows. It will ensure that the Green House Home is well maintained and ready to serve elders for years to come."

If you would like to join these generous donors in paving the way for premiere memory support services in DeSoto County, we encourage you to donate online at www.mss.org, or fill-out the donor envelope enclosed, and note your gift is for the Wesley Meadows Green House® Campaign.



(Top Left) Robin Hurdle, President/CEO of the Maddox Foundation, announces the \$1 million matching grant. (Bottom Left) The Wesley Meadows Dream Team and other residents turned out to cheer on the announcements and celebrate the growth of their campus. (Top Right) Mayor Tom Ferguson assists Skelton family members, Annabelle Johnson and Rubye Walton in announcing the foundation gift of \$450,000. (Bottom Right) Campaign Co-Chairs, Lee Ashcraft and Joe Frank Lauderdale pose with Mayor Tom Ferguson, Michelle Skelton Chapman, Dot Maki and Sheriff Bill Rasco following the announcement of their gift.

Methodist Senior Services, Traceway Retirement Community and iN2L Celebrated 20 Years of Senior Living Residents Having Fun with Technology

Senior engagement technology company visited Traceway Retirement Community as part of a three-month cross-country road trip

Traceway Retirement Community participated in the It's Never 2 Late® (iN2L) 60/20 tour – a cross-country road trip celebrating 20 years of senior living residents having fun with iN2L technology and the 60th birthday of iN2L co-founder Jack York.

Methodist Senior Services has used iN2L's leading person-centered digital engagement technology since 2008 to bring fun and camaraderie to its residents. With more than 1,400 older adults across its memory care, assisted, and independent living, Methodist Senior Services is dedicated to providing the highest quality of life to its residents.

The 60/20 Tour kicked off on Aug. 5 in Louisville, KY, and will include stops across the U.S. and in Toronto through Nov 5. At Traceway, iN2L held a special event for the residents with iN2L co-founders Jack York and Leslie Sweeney.

From birthday cake and dance parties to games and Cruising and Crooning road-trip karaoke inside iN2L's 60/20 Tour van, it was an exciting, activity-filled day.

“Without the support of the communities, our idea of using technology to engage seniors would not have grown from being a novelty to being part of the highest standard of care for senior living residents,” said Jack York, iN2L's President and Co-Founder. “We've looked forward to every single one of our stops along the 60/20 tour, so we could say thank you in person. It was an amazing way to celebrate these birthday milestones.”

“We have enjoyed our relationship with Jack and the iN2L team over the years,” stated Steve McAlilly, President/CEO of MSS. “It's been a joy to watch the elders dive into new technology and find connection through social, recreational and educational applications. Regardless of your personal experience, everyone can find meaningful engagements through these easy to use programs.”

It's Never 2 Late® (iN2L) is the leading provider of person-centered digital engagement technology to the senior living market, with 3,000 communities in the United States and Canada. Founded in 1999, the company's picture-based, touchscreen interface provides easy access to unparalleled content, regardless of users' physical and cognitive abilities. iN2L's media library offers over 4,000 social, educational, spiritual and gaming content options. For more information, visit www.in2l.com.





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As the year comes to a close, take time to **give.share.care.** by giving to others. The remaining weeks of the year give you a final opportunity to give for 2019! When you give to Methodist Senior Services, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, you receive an income tax deduction.

Your gift can go a long way toward helping elders enjoy a better quality of life. This holiday season, please take a moment and consider the gifts you would like to make. Some of our current needs include Sunday Fund, Endowment, Wesley Meadows Green House® Campaign, Flowers Manor Renovations Campaign as well as your local campus.

Please contact us if we can be of any help as you look at the many **giving options*** available to donors. 662.844.8977

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Gifts can be given by using the enclosed postage-paid envelope, online at www.mss.org or dropped off at any of our twelve campuses across the state.

Seashore Highlands Hosts Alzheimer's Mini-Walk

The First Annual Alzheimer's Mini-Walk at Seashore Highlands, held on November 7th, was a huge success!

The Sadie Jane wreath raffle, bake sale, plus general donations, coupled with Seashore's sponsorship of the regular walk held the following Saturday, raised almost \$2,800 for the Alzheimer's Association! Staff Members and family walked in the Walk To End Alzheimer's Walk at Point Cadet in Biloxi.

Trinity Place Celebrates 40 Years With Resident Party

On September 27, 2019, Trinity Place Retirement Community celebrated its 40th Anniversary with a resident party. Special treats, including custom cookies and a birthday cake, were served while Executive Director Craig Hill recounted the Trinity history and new Community Outreach Coordinator, Rhonda Richardson, sang for the large crowd. Congratulations on 40 years Trinity! Let's make it 40 more!



Wesley Meadows & Traceway Elders Travel To Branson

Personal account written by Renee Reid



After last year's adventure to see the Ark in Kentucky, the Wesley Meadows elders were itching to hit the road again. This time they invited friends to go with them... from Traceway Retirement Community in Tupelo. On Monday, September 30, 2019, residents boarded a travel bus and headed to Branson, Missouri, to enjoy a little sightseeing, entertainment, and of course, lots of good food.

The travel bus was filled with laughter, tall tales, snacks, movies and quite a few corny jokes told by Larry Rushing, our Barkley Travel driver who quickly became a part of the family.

Our first stop was at David's Burgers in North Little Rock and to say the food was wonderful, would be an understatement. But the service, well, it far out-shown even the tasty food. Owner David Bubbus delighted the ladies by personally delivering their meals, sitting and chatting with them and generally treating them all like family. As we loaded up, someone offered that we might just have to come back to David's again.

When we arrived in Branson, we took a quick break to check into our hotel, freshen up and then it was off to Pasghetti's for another delicious meal, some great photos with their giant meatball and then on to Presley's Country Jubilee. After seeing the show, it's certainly understandable why the Presley family has the longest running show in Branson. The show was incredibly funny and the music was fantastic. Many of the elders commented that their favorite part was the Patriotic Salute near the end of the show. To top off a very long and enjoyable day, cast member Devonna Wickizer boarded our bus at the end of the night to personally speak to each elder and thank them for coming to the show.

We kicked off Tuesday with a guided tour of the Titanic Museum. As we entered the museum, each elder received a boarding pass of an actual Titanic passenger or crew member. It helped establish a personal connection to the people on the ship as we toured the galleries, where over 400 personal and private artifacts were on display. Our guide offered interesting facts and stories about the ship and its passengers in each gallery. At the end of our tour, we were able to discover the fate of our passenger or crew member in the Titanic Memorial Room where 2,208 names line wall. The elders enjoyed the tour and asked many questions of our guide.





Then it was time to lighten our moods with some nostalgic shopping at Dick's 5 & Dime Store in downtown Branson. And while things are no longer priced at five and ten cents each, there were amazing treasures of yesteryear found there that sparked enthusiasm and vivid conversations among the travelers. The ladies enjoyed strolling the streets of downtown, which overlooks the White River, and taking in other shops and lunch along the way.

After a mid-day break at the hotel, the refreshed elders made their way to the Sight and Sound Theater to take in Samson the Musical. Witnessing a show that was nothing short of Broadway quality, left our hearts full of praise for God. It was moving to watch what it must have been like for a man of God to struggle with his path in a sinful world during the early days. The show's message resonated deeply with the audience and made it clear that every day we make choices about how to serve and worship God and no matter what our flaws or weaknesses are, God can use us for His glory. We closed out the day with another delicious meal at Landry's Fish and Steak House where table conversation lingered on the beauty of the show and the early start the next morning.

Up with the sun on Wednesday, the elders loaded up and headed to Dogwood Canyon Nature Park. Once there we took an open air tram ride which wound its way through the canyon floor, past towering bluffs and waterfalls. We made a stop at the 1800's-style Hope Wedding Chapel where we viewed a beautiful waterfall and took our group photo. Once aboard the tram again, we passed magnificent blue-green pools where the trout were so large and plentiful, you could almost reach out and grab them with your hands. We crossed the Arkansas state line and entered the Bison~Elk pasture where we saw American bison, elk, whitetail deer and Texas longhorn. Dogwood Canyon Mill and Grill, which is built right on Indian Creek, provided the perfect setting for a relaxing lunch as we looked out at the cascading waterfall and churning gristmill.

The group headed back into Branson to attend our last show, The Shoji Tabuchi Show. We had a toe tapping good time listening to the stellar vocals, watching the amazing dancers and enjoying Shoji expertly play the violin in the most fashionable sequin jackets you've ever seen. Our last big meal in Branson was at Fall Creek Steak House where the group ate family style on long tables with hot tossed rolls and yummy entrees of fish and steak. The live entertainment kept the dinner lively and the elders enjoyed chatting about the week's events.



Thursday morning found us savoring our last bites of fluffy waffles at the hotel and harboring thought of sleeping in our own beds that night. As we made our way back toward Mississippi, the bus fell into a sleepy silence while we watched The Unsinkable Molly Brown.

As lunch drew neigh, wouldn't you know it, the David's Burgers sign harkened to us once again. While unloading and getting in line, someone let David know that we had indeed returned. By the time our food was arriving from the kitchen, David walked in with a business associate and they both joined the servers in delivering our food. Again, he sat and charmed the ladies with tall tales and funny jokes. Before we left, David and Larry treated our whole group to the most delicious soft-serve ice cream cones. We were thrilled when David agreed to have his picture made with our group to mark the occasion. I believe that the elders would have packed him up and taken him home with us if they could have. Regardless, we all agree we need a David's Burgers in Mississippi.

We closed the trip with excited chatter from all travelers asking, "Where to next?" Some suggested a cruise. Still others wanted to go back to the Ark Encounter. More still suggested holiday trips or other new destinations. What stood out to me the most was their thirst to continue adventuring, the joy they shared over making new friends from a sister campus (I even believe they are visiting each other over the holidays this year), and their "live life to the fullest" attitude. It was refreshing and rewarding. I caution future volunteers that decide to go with these elders on a trip... eat your Wheaties because these elders are non-stop fun!



Around the State

Aldersgate

We celebrated our Veterans with a US Flag Pinning Ceremony. Our veterans also attended a Veterans recognition at Meridian Community College. Clarkdale High School Seniors came for a special program with 4 WWII veterans who told their stories and then the students asked questions. Our Halloween theme was Mother Goose nursery rhymes with staff dressing up like Little Miss Muffet, Jack and Jill, Itsy Bitsy Spider, and many others. Lawona narrated the show as Mother Goose. Children from the Home Heart Home School came to the party and trick-or-treated with us. We held Armchair travel to Germany with a resident, Isla Bateman, sharing with the group about her home country. Over 50 residents went on an enjoyable fishing trip. First Baptist Church Sunday School Class cooked the fish that were caught and served them with all the fixings. We also took a field trip to all the Lauderdale County Civil War markers. Many said they learned new things they didn't know.



Dugan

Halloween was a treat this year! Rider Clemmons, a resident at the Henry Clay, won the costume contest and his prize was a full bucket of candy which he brought over to Dugan and donated to our staff for all that they do! At Dugan a Trunk or Treat was planned, but rain forced us indoors where a Halloween Hall was set up. Elders and staff made their way throughout the building trick or treating and having a great time. In the evening, we welcomed Trick or Treaters and delighted in having the children come through. On November 12th, we had our first Sweet Potato Festival at the request of one of our elder's family members. We had games, baked goods and all things sweet potato! On November 15th, Dugan hosted the Annual Soup Cookoff. The competition is always fierce and leaves behind a clatter of empty crock pots and crumbles of cornbread, but it sure is tasty.

Flowers Manor

The elders had a fun Halloween party with good food, fellowship, and entertainment. This time of year brings the hustle and bustle of the holidays! The elders are looking forward to annual Christmas Banquet and the different groups who will be coming out to perform for them. Our faithful volunteers from the Mennonite Community will come during the holiday season with different age groups to sing for the elders. There is nothing more sincere than voices singing acapella at Christmas time.

The Henry Clay

The fall season has brought loads of laughter and entertainment to the residents of the Henry Clay. From the senior gatherings every Wednesday to activities throughout the week, there is always something to do! During one of the senior gatherings we painted pumpkins and displayed them in the parlor window for all to see. We also had a Halloween party which was a huge hit amongst the elders, with several games, a costume contest and plenty of food, everyone had a great time. Our youngest elder, Rider, won the costume contest dressed as Dracula! We have also started a new workout program every Tuesday to help keep everyone active, as well as opening a small workout room for the elders to enjoy in their free time.

Martha Coker

Our elders have enjoyed a few cool days out on the pavilion. Each home has been enjoying different social events, birthday parties, painting classes, and of course lots of BINGO. The elders have enjoyed children visits from local churches, which always put a smile on their faces. Halloween was a blast for the elders. Some of them had some cool costumes that the trick or treaters really enjoyed. In honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month we held a PINK OUT social where we honored those suffering from or survived the disease. Our staff was blessed by Rev. Lillian Hyde and her inspirational words of encouragement. She visited our community to bless the hands of all of our staff and to encourage us to keep taking excellent care of our elders and for us to continue to do so with love in our hearts.



Riggs Manor

As we've entered this fall season, our elders have reflected on the four seasons of life including the beauty of the outdoors with the changing of the leaves and changes to the temperature. One of our highlights that went over well during this season was our "Walk Down Memory Lane". Our Elders took a stroll down memory lane sharing precious thoughts and moments from their weddings and memories of what it was to be married to that special person. You know fall is here when team spirits are high such as the case during our "tailgate" party. "Show your team spirit" allowed our Elders and staff alike to enjoy cheering on their favorite team by "sporting" team colors, jerseys or t-shirts of that team as we shared in food, music and good ole game day cheers! We also held our annual Harvest Festival, which included hay rides, a cake walk, fun photo booth, best door decorations, costume contest and games for the kids! The fall season does not go by without recognizing those who served our country and fought for our freedoms. Riggs hosted our Veterans Day program, where several of our Veterans were recognized along with our service wives who served through love and support of their husbands.

Seashore Highlands

What a marvelous Fall we are having at Seashore Highlands! As a way to remember and honor bravery and sacrifice of those heroes who answered the call on 9/11, our Elders made cookies to show appreciation for our local amazing fire station #10. They were so gracious to spend time with us, gave us background with their daily routine and raise the engines 75' ladder and even demonstrated with one of their own climbing to the very top of this extended ladder! First United Methodist Church of Gulfport's music program shared their ukulele talents with us and we couldn't help but sing and dance along! The Seashore employees and families celebrated Halloween with our elders in style including a costume contest and trick or treating the halls. As we look forward to the holidays, we are taking time to simply enjoy the little things in life, like the togetherness of Movie Mondays, the joy filled laughter of the "I Love Lucy" Marathon on National I Love Lucy Day and the deliciousness of our National Chocolate Milkshake Day Party. At Seashore Highlands, we make everyday a holiday!

Traceway

Traceway Manor, Villas and Cottages: What a fun time 12 of our residents and staff had on a week long trip to Branson, Missouri. They saw several shows, walked and ate their way through Branson. The residents came home ready to go again. We had our Halloween costume party where we played Halloween BINGO and told spooky stories. Ms Opal Womack won the costume contest. We had a Health Clinic on October 15th where the residents received their flu shot, had their blood pressure checked and talked to our Nurse Practitioner and Occupational Therapist. Our residents continue to enjoy daily shuffleboard, Dinner with Dawn, playing all sorts of card games and monthly birthday parties.

Trinity Place

Trinity Place has been very busy gearing into fall. Many new faces have shared smiles and laughter with new activities going on. We had over 100 residents, family, and staff at our first annual fall carnival. Special entertainment, crafts, games, and outings have kept our schedules pretty packed. We are working campus wide on the "trinity noah's ark tree" for Columbus Public Library and look forward to seeing the residents artwork displayed for the city of Columbus. As seasons change, we always strive to play, pray, and make their day here at Trinity Place. Looking forward to the new year and many new and exciting things to come.

Turner-Duvall

We had the pet parade so the residents could dress up their dogs, and borrowed dogs to show them off. We had two super hero sets, Cat woman and Bat dog and Superman and Super dog. There was a Fall Harvest Princess, a Ranch Hand and cowgirl Bob. Inez and Macon showed a creative idea with "Stroll in the park on a Fall day" including a stroller and Fall attire. Jerry bought a wedding dress for Girl to wear and Murphy



Turner-Duvall (continued)

took her paw in marriage. David preformed the ceremony to make it official. Everyone had a lot of fun! Every resident received a stuffed animal and all dog participants received a goodie bag. Lunch was served after the parade. Grace Baptist Church helped with the meal afterwards. We have a lot of fun making everyday events extraordinary.

Wesley Manor

Wesley Manor's newly formed arts and crafts club, the Wesley Manor Crafters, have decided to start sharing their beautifully designed wreaths and various Christmas crafts with the Pine Belt area community to raise money for supplies they will need to excel and challenge their creativity throughout the year. Art and the act of creating is therapeutic for all ages and both genders and we at the Manor want to always explore art and the crafting world as a remedy for these things. In November, 90 plus arts and craft vendors converged on the Historic Train Depot located in Downtown Hattiesburg for the 8th Annual Pine Belt Holiday Expo & Christmas Market. This was a very anticipated event where there was Christmas shopping, décor ideas, gift and food ideas and last but not least, Santa made an appearance for those who chose to chat with him and get a picture made!



Wesley Meadows

This Fall we have been very busy! We gathered together with Traceway and had a fabulous time in Branson, Missouri! We toured, enjoyed shows, and shopping. We also have been in the mood for Thanks and Giving. Taking up donations for a local kindergarten teacher and Hernando Shepherds volunteer group. Our Dream Team Cheerleaders performed at LeBonheur Children's Hospital and donated over 60 children's books. We toured the famous Memphis Dinstuhl's Christmas Open House Candy Factory where we met Santa Clause at the door and honoured our Veterans in the Veteran Parade complete with Veteran's Luncheon.