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Happy Spring! The tulips are out and beautiful and it is a treat to see the sunshine. We are celebrating National Nursing Home Week and have many fun events planned. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our dedicated caring staff for all they do to make our resident's lives the best they can be. Many hands make light work and it takes all of our departments working in harmony to ensure a job well done. I have some great news to share this month! We have completed our certification process under the subpart U regulations of the IL Department of Public Health for a **specialized Alzheimer's and Memory Loss Unit**. In addition to the certification of New Beginnings we have upgraded our skilled nursing facility license to include Medicare certification on the first floor. This will be a great advantage to our residents that may have a hospital stay and qualify for Medicare and can access their benefits without the inconvenience of changing rooms. Do not hesitate to stop in to see me if you have any questions. *Julie Logan, Administrator*

Danyell York, Wound Care Treatment Nurse describes her position as rewarding. “It is satisfying to treat wounds and see the patient improve and heal so they can return home.” She received her nursing Degree from Illinois Valley Community College. When she ends her day, Danyell is greeted by her two pitbulls when she gets home. In addition she has an 11 year old daughter who is involved in competitive dance. This allows them to travel and they will be going to Branson, Missouri for the national competition this summer.



Danyell York LPN, Amberwood Treatment Nurse



Staff, families and residents join in the rally



Julie, Pat Comstock, Executive Director of the Health Care Coalition of Illinois as Georgia addresses the participants.



GO Janet!!

Amberwood Rallies Against Medicaid Cuts!

Amberwood Care Centre was chosen as a stop on the statewide bus tour aimed to stop Medicaid cuts. The Health Care Council of Illinois is leading this charge. It was a real opportunity for the Amberwood residents, families and staff as well as those from other facilities who joined in. We were celebrities for the day with all the



TV stations in attendance. **Georgia Giacone**, President of the Amberwood Resident Council, gave a speech in which she outlined the plight of residents and thanked the staff. Great job everyone! Thank you to the Health Care Council of Illinois!

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News From New Beginnings

Amberwood is proud to announce that
New Beginnings is now State Certified



Rosalind Tipton, RN, New Beginnings Director

Person-Centered-Care Givers on Our New Beginnings Alzheimers/Dementia Unit are proud of the care and abilities of our Residents. We welcome interaction, as well as communication with Families.

We will continue the Quality care, along with varieties of Activities to maintain, and enhance the lives of our Residents. Along with the updated look for our Unit, in progress, we are continually updating

Needs, and care of our Residents, and are honored to be able to be part of each Resident's life, during this Journey.

Sincerely,

Rosalind Tipton, RN

New Beginnings Director

New Beginnings would like to invite you to a family celebration of our recent certification. May 25, 2011 4 to 6 pm Please join us!



The New Beginnings Support Group will meet at 2 pm on May 26, 2011.

All family and friends are welcome.



We love our Nurses!

Don't ask me to remember

Don't try to make me understand

Let me rest and know you're with me

Kiss my cheek and hold my hand

Just remember that I need you,

That the best of me is gone

Please don't fail to stand beside me,

Love me till my life is done.

Author unknown

Amberwood Pays Tribute to our MOMS!

Amberwood resident **Sadie Reece** has the most children topping out at 13!! She smiles as she recalls rearing so many kids. Living in Chicago at the time of their births, Sadie says it was not so difficult as the older ones helped to care for the little ones. With eight boys and five girls ranging in age from 42 to 30, she had a child every year for 13 years. Happy Mother's Day Sadie!!



Sadie Reece

Happy Nurse's Week!

May 6 through May 13

New Beginning's Activity Wish-List

***If you or someone you know has any of the items listed below please consider donating to our activity program here at Amberwood**

- Large pieces of wood to make a work bench or wood work bench
- Peg board (hooks)
- Old rotary dial phone
- Old adding machine
- Small baby crib
- Baby clothing/accessories Upright piano or organ
- Easy games and/or cards
- jigsaw puzzles (wooden or large piece)
- Table Top Vise
- Simple models (cars, planes, ships, etc.)

National Nursing Home Week May 8 –14

Pet visits

Alan Jose brings the family dog, Taffy to Amberwood to visit his wife. We encourage family pet visits. Pets need to be leashed and be current on all required vaccinations.

<u>May Birthdays</u>	
5/4 Gerald S	5/10 Winston H
5/6 Inpeng T	5/19 Mattie G
5/7 Robert M and Donna B	5/20 Everett L
5/9 Sam H	5/21 Kurt S
	5/23 Carrie H