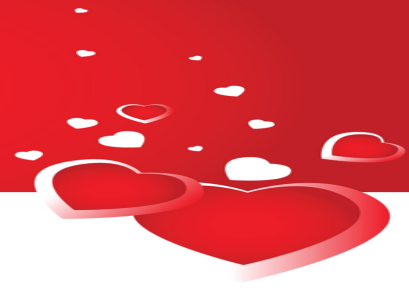


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Happy Valentines Day!

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February is an appropriate time of year to share one of Amberwood's mottos, "Returning the Love". Our goal is to treat your loved one as we expect our own to be treated. Whether it is assisting with our resident's medications, treatments and personal care needs, helping them walk or transfer, assisting in preparation and delivery of meals, keeping the rooms clean and linens stocked or providing activities for our residents, our staff strive to make the lives of our residents the best they can be. When you add all the hands-on teamwork it takes to make a happy home- we can simplify our mission into the phrase "Returning the Love".

Happy Valentines Day!
Julie Logan, Administrator



Dale and Yvonne Celebrate Valentine's Day and 41 years together



While most couples might not do well being together 24/7, Dale and Yvonne seem to be most happy with the arrangement. Both grew up in this area and have been married for 41 years. Both have done extensive volunteer work for Rockford Rescue Mission, Rock County RSVP and area long term care facilities. They were avid bowlers. While Dale was employed at Dasco Pro for 17 years, Yvonne worked at the ARC in Winnebago and Boone Counties for 14 years. Yvonne keeps her sewing machine going and knits mittens for Rock County School children and the local homeless shelters.



Happy Birthday!

January was a big month for birthdays! Everyone gathered in the main dining room for the cake and ice cream celebration.



Bill, RN, at the first floor Nurse's Station



St. Bernadette's Singers

The children from St. Bernadette's helped us make Valentines . Since it was "Pajama Day" at their school, they came to see us in their jammies and sang songs complete with animation. They were so cute and the residents really enjoyed their visit. Thank you for sharing with us.



Dietary Manager, Steve Pahnke , stocks Amberwood's new cooler.



Teamwork makes it happen. Pictured are Kelly, RN ,Latonia, Certified Nursing Assistant, and Samantha, GN . On 2 South (second floor South side) the entire staff work together to see that the residents get the best care possible.. All work in conjunction with Drs. Dorsey and Eckberg, Nurse Practitioner, Heather Hartman as well as other professional staff.

News From New Beginnings



Lily, the English Bulldog, came to see and play with us. She is the dog of Pam, the Chaplain for Heartland Hospice. We enjoyed watching her play!

With person centered care we are "returning the love" with a focus on abilities through all activities.



New Beginnings staff, Kathy, LPN, Andrea, PCC, and Chuck, LPN

The New Beginnings Family support group will meet on February 10, at 2 pm.

On January 19, 2011, Susan Sklar of the Alzheimer's Association, spoke on "Understanding and Responding to People with Dementia". Amberwood is sponsoring community information programs that are focused on challenges of families with members who suffer from memory loss.



Happy Valentine's Day !



It is a daunting task but the laundry crew is up to it! When you visit Amberwood, you don't see what goes on behind the scenes...in the lower level where the huge washers and dryers are running all day and into the night. Mike Carlson and his staff of five wash, dry, sort and fold everything from dish towels to the residents' personal clothing.



At left, Angie and Catherine sort and fold the numerous sheets, towels and bibs. On the right are the very large washers and dryers in nearly continuous operation.



Nostalgia isn't what it used to be.



Pastor Dan of Passages Hospice plays his guitar for us on Tuesdays during lunch in the first floor dining room.



Mike Carlson, Housekeeping and Laundry Supervisor, handles the dolly carrying the supply of laundry detergent, and softener for one month. In addition to Angie and Catherine, Sherri, Sandra, and Tammy work to see that the return time for the laundry is one to two days!

Thank You!!

Amberwood staff and residents would like to thank all those who have volunteered and donated your time. We love Amberwood and want you to know that you have helped us to become a great place to live and work.



The Catholic Women's League at St. Bernadette's, our next door neighbor, makes and donates to us lap robes, bibs, and decorative Foley bags. Thank you, Ladies! The staff and residents of Amberwood appreciate all you do.



February Birthdays

- 2/2 Shirley F
- 2/8 Virginia T, Wayne G.
- 2/9 Yvonne F.
- 2/10 Edward S.
- 2/11 Joan P.
- 2/19 Ron G.
- 2/23 Corky M.
- 2/25 Carl E.



(Birthday Party February 25)