



# AMBERWOOD

Care Centre

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**Happy Holidays !**

***The Amberwood staff and residents are busy decorating the facility and getting ready for the busy holiday season. We have already had groups in to sing carols and many of our volunteer groups have special holiday events planned for us. We are blessed to have our "Amberwood Angels", volunteers and groups that provide gifts of their time and talents, treats and more to enrich the quality of life for our residents.***

***Please join us for our resident Christmas Party on Thursday, 12/22 at 2:00 pm. Santa will assist us in passing out the presents we collected from our "Giving Tree" and we will share in celebration of the season!***

***I hope you will all enjoy the fruits of this holiday season with your loved ones building happy memories and joyful moments. Please drive safely as we experience more inclement weather and curb your visits if you are ill or experiencing seasonal flu symptoms.***

**Regards, Julie Logan**

## *Department Heads*

Julie Logan: Administrator

Becky Pearce, RN: Clinical Director

Samantha Baney, RN: Assistant  
Director of Nursing

Thomas Motley: Medical Records/  
Central Supply

Nakia Johnson: Concierge Director

Jodi Naser, LPN: Restorative Director

Alicia Pearce: Director of Admissions

Ruth Merriett, RN: Assistant Director  
of Nursing/ MDS Coordinator

Glenda Carter, RN: Assistant Director  
of Nursing/ MDS Coordinator

Angel Rach: Social Services Director

Mary Durrenberger: Activities Director

Jennifer Buchanan: Business Office  
Manager

Paul Pearce: Maintenance Director

Tessa Watson: Marketing Director

Danyell York: LPN, Treatment Nurse

Steve Pahnke: Director of Dietary

Dawn Jackson: Housekeeping/ Laundry  
Supervisor

Lu Franseen, LPN: New Beginnings  
Alzheimer's Director



# Bowling Extravaganza Fundraiser

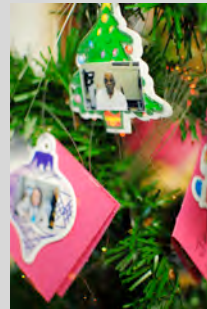
Hats off to Rock Valley College whose students have such warm hearts for organizing a Bowling Extravaganza to benefit Amberwood residents. The event consisted of an action packed evening full of bowling, door prizes, and a silent auction. This event turned out to be a huge success by the large number of participants as well as the contributions. The team exceeded their goal of raising over \$2,000.00 for our facility. This money was used to purchase gift bags for each resident, which were hand delivered by the students that participated in this event. All remaining funds were given to the facility in the form of board games and a large check. Thanks RVC!



# TIS' THE SEASON TO GIVE



Every year at Amberwood, "The Giving Tree" has been part of our holiday tradition. This tree represents the promise of what the season stands for... "Giving". All of our residents will receive a package to open at our annual holiday party on December 22<sup>nd</sup>. Everyone throughout the community, as well as staff is welcome to participate! All you have to do is....



*Pick a name, Buy a Gift, Help a Resident feel the Love and the Lift this season.*

{all gifts must be wrapped and turned in by December 19<sup>th</sup>}

The National Alzheimer's Project Act  
Presented by: Dr. Bach the Memory Clinic  
at Rockford Health System



Wednesday, January 18<sup>th</sup>  
3:00pm at AMBERWOOD  
Care Centre

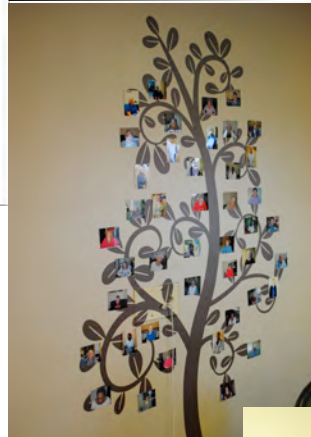
- Alzheimer's: A disease-escalating epidemic and economic crisis
- NAPA: New Public Law to address Alzheimer's crisis
- Challenges the National Alzheimer's Plan must address (Alzheimer's Association Report)

# HAPPY

# HOLIDAYS



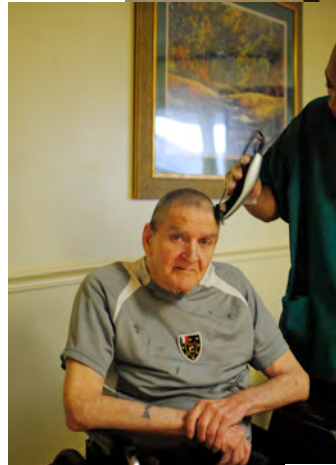
East High School brings their holiday talent and smiling faces to Amberwood



Come check out our new Family Tree in New Beginnings!



Ed enjoys some puppy love



Looking Spiffy



Lu and Edith share a warm embrace



Paul and Becky at the Department Head Christmas Party

Another friendly game of cards at Amberwood. Deal Me In!

Frosty Loses his Button and Yvonne and Paul help sew him back together.



Mary, Angel, Steve, Ruth, and Glenda all enjoying their dinner

Get to know your  
**NEIGHBOR**



**Name: Sadie**

**Hometown: Decator,  
Mississippi**

**Kids: Total of 14**

**Resident at Amberwood: 2+  
years**

**Favorite Activity: Church  
Service “ I love to hear the  
Word”**

**Why she enjoys Amberwood:  
“ The staff know how to  
treat me the way I want to  
be treated”**

**Hobbies: Playing Bingo and  
visiting with my family**

**Birthday: December 14th**

**JUST FOR**



**Jolly Jingles**

Q. How much did Santa pay for his sleigh?  
A. Nothing, it was on the house!

Q. Where does a snowman keep his money?  
A. In a snow bank

Q. Why was Santa’s helper depressed?  
A. He had low ELF- esteem

Q. What do snowman eat for breakfast?  
A. Frosted Flakes

Q. What does Santa clean his sleigh with?  
A. Comet

Q. If athletes get athletes foot, then what do astronauts get?  
A. Missile-toe

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

December 13<sup>th</sup>: YMCA Retired  
Men’s Chorus

December 15<sup>th</sup>: Resident Council

December 21<sup>st</sup>: Halsted Baptist  
Christmas Party

December 22<sup>nd</sup>: Amberwood  
Resident Christmas Party

December 30<sup>th</sup>: December Birthday  
Party

January 18<sup>th</sup>: The National  
Alzheimer’s Project Act SEMINAR

**Happy  
Birthday!**

**12.5 – George C. & Mary P.**

**12.6 – Ella E.**

**12.7- Jackie B & Early B**

**12.12- Hubert M.**

**12.13- Bernice H.**

**12.14- Sadie R.**

**12.15- Calvin H.**

**12.17- Valeria S.**

**12.23- Dolores L.**

**12.30- Lori K.**