

October 23, 2020

## *Family Ties*

### *Special Edition* **COVID-19 Update**

All Residents  
At SWH Are  
Safe & Healthy

Richland County Health Officer Rose Kohout confirms the seventh COVID-related death of a Richland County resident. The County reports that as of 2:30pm Friday, October 23rd there were 422 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Richland County, 6,750 have tested negative, there are 163 active cases, and 252 individuals who had tested positive have been released from quarantine. 19 have been hospitalized at some point, and there are now 7 COVID-19 related deaths.

#### The Blanket Brigade

About two years ago, a small group of our residents began working with the Activity Department to make blankets for Project Linus, a national organization that helps distribute homemade blankets to children's hospitals, homeless shelters, and others in need. Though they were skeptical at first of being able to make a blanket in just half an hour, they soon came to find a love for the project and now make several



blankets per month. Our initial small group has grown to include all areas of the building and several residents. We have even had to buy more pairs of scissors so all those interested would be able to work at the same time! We have completed over 50 blankets and show no signs of slowing down. Besides being a fun project, it is also one that gives purpose to our residents and allows them to help others, which is something we can all feel good about.

Pictured from left to right, residents Edna Slayback, Eunice Moore, Jean Birkett, JoAnn Schmitz, Kate Crary, Fran Cooper, and Louise Schadauer.

### Steps to Avoid Getting Sick

At the risk of repeating ourselves we are going to keep reprinting these guidelines from the County until we begin to slow the spread of this virus.

Richland County Public Health continues to work with state and local partners, as well as health care providers, to reduce the spread of COVID-19 and to help protect the health and safety of Richland County residents. The public should follow steps to avoid getting sick including:

- 1.) Stay 6 feet from others;
- 2.) Avoid social gatherings with people of all ages;
- 3.) Frequent and thorough hand washing with soap and water;
- 4.) Use of hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available;
- 5.) Wear a mask;
- 6.) Covering coughs and sneezes (into the sleeve or elbow);
- 7.) Regularly clean high-touch surfaces;
- 8.) Do not shake hands;
- 9.) Avoid touching your face; and
- 10.) If you feel sick stay home.

### *Weekend Prayer*

*Father, we come to pray for those who are caring for the sick. It takes a kind and selfless heart to care for those who are sick, and so Father we pray for them. We pray that You would be their source of rest, their source of replenishment when weary, and their source of hope in such overwhelming times. Lord we know that whosoever pours out shall be given back in proportion, so we pray blessings upon these caregivers. We also pray for their health that they may not fall ill. Father protect them with a hedge of protection against the germs of coronavirus and help those who are giving to be protected as they nurse others back to health. Bless them, oh Lord.*

*In Jesus' name, Amen*

**“BEFORE YOU ACT, LISTEN. BEFORE YOU REACT, THINK. BEFORE YOU SPEND, EARN. BEFORE YOU CRITICIZE, WAIT. BEFORE YOU PRAY, FORGIVE. BEFORE YOU QUIT, TRY.” – Ernest Hemingway**

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