

Schmitt Woodland Hills Brings You....

The ***Family Ties*** *Newsletter*

September 5, 2023

Great News!

The news is all good from this end! As of last Friday morning the Westview assisted living community is no longer in “Out Break” mode. The mask requirement for visitors has been lifted. There are no other special protocols in place at this time. Hallelujah!

We Need Your Help

From time to time we find it necessary to request the assistance of our families to help us provide the highest level of care possible for our residents. How can you help us? If you are taking your loved one on an outing away from Schmitt Woodland Hills, please let us know. It might be to a medical appointment, a shopping trip or a family function. It might be for an hour or two, a day trip or an overnight adventure. By sharing your plans with us you can help us avoid situations where our staff are looking for residents who have therapy, a trishaw ride or other scheduled appointments but are not actually on campus.

This can be accomplished by simply letting the appropriate staff know that you are going to be taking your loved one off campus. If your loved one is a part of the Westview assisted living community, just drop by the Westview office and share your plans. Or contact Bobbi Stoltz or Shirley Steines, the Westview management team and let them know of your plans.

If your loved one is a Health Center resident just stop by or call the nurses station on the appropriate floor.

Apartment residents can check in with Bobbi Stoltz or Shirley Steines as well. The receptionist can be notified as a backup to Bobbi and Shirley.

Advanced notice is always appreciated.

**No COVID
Outbreak in
SWH**

Volunteers Make the World Go Round

If the idea of giving back to those who have given so much appeals to you. If you have a soft spot for our senior citizens, we would love to have you on our team. We have a number of opportunities where volunteers would be a great help assisting our residents.

- 1.) We have need for a Westview Beauty Shop Transporter. The transporter helps our Westview residents to and from the beauty shop for their regular scheduled hair appointments. This is a Wednesday morning only opportunity to help.
- 2.) We are also looking for a Hospitality Aide/s. This opportunity would run from 11:00 am until 2:00 pm Monday through Friday. Responsibilities are helping serve meals in the dining room that serves the apartment residents and clean up after the meal. Feel free to commit to just those days of the week you would like to help.
- 3.) We are in need of a librarian to organize and keep our library neat and tidy. Responsibilities would include cataloging and placing newly donated materials on the library shelves. Also, replacing materials to the correct place when they are returned to the library after being used. Estimated time commitment for this opportunity, 5 hours per month. Day or days of the week can be of the volunteers choosing.
- 4.) We are looking for a Cycling Without Age Coordinator. You've all seen our three-wheeled bikes giving residents rides throughout Richland Center. We need help coordinating ride schedules for our residents with our volunteer pilots. The time commitment for this opportunity has not yet been established. For now it looks something like four days a week for a couple hours each morning. A better definition will be established in discussions with the new volunteer.



If you might be interested in any of these opportunities or would like more information please contact Rachael Walsh, Activities Director, by calling 608-647-8931 or send her an email at rachael.walsh@schmittwoodlandhills.com.

"The heart of a volunteer is never measured in size, but by the depth of the commitment to make a difference in the lives of others."

~ Deann Hollis

Kudos of the Month Winner

Each month, one lucky winner receives a gift card as a thank you for going the extra mile. The kudos board can be found in the staff break room and can be used all throughout the month. It is a quick and easy way that we can show our fellow coworkers our appreciation and help boost morale. Especially during times of increased stress and extra work, let's be sure we're taking the time to let others know we are grateful for their help. Keep up the good work everyone!

Kudos of the Month for July 2023!

Congratulations to the winner of the July Kudos board drawing, Jessica Hanson! Jessica, an RN, was recognized at the end of July for her positive attitude and her willingness to always help the CNAs she is working with. We also want to thank Jessica for making frequent use of the kudos board and being an encouragement to other staff members. Awesome job, Jessica! Thanks for being a positive presence here at SWH!



We hope everyone had a safe and relaxing Labor Day weekend with family and friends!

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