

#### President's Council | Lisa Dormire, VP for Mission Support

During this month of February, we talk a lot about love. So, we want to take this opportunity to introduce you to people who bring lots of love and spirit to our campuses - our chaplains! Drew DeCrease is the chaplain who has been with us the longest, starting over a decade ago as a hospice chaplain. When Drew was ready to begin easing his way toward retirement, he first became our part-time chaplain on the Greensburg campus and is now serving in that capacity on the Murrysville campus. Drew is a brother within the Catholic tradition, and his gentle spirit and legendary guitar music has added so much to life at Redstone! We have a unique chaplaincy situation our North Huntingdon campus. This campus is served part-time by Pastor Brenda Barnes and several volunteers from the New Hope Presbyterian Church, which sits at the bottom of the hill adjacent to the campus. This wonderful relationship between the campus and the church has allowed for a number of volunteers to engage in leading Bible studies, worship, and more under the leadership of Pastor Brenda. This relationship has also allowed our North Huntingdon campus to help sustain a local congregation that experienced the same struggles that all churches experienced during Covid. Our newest chaplain calls the Greensburg campus home, but can be found floating about the campuses. Pastor Julie Smith is an Episcopalian priest who has previously served in churches and as a college professor. Julie serves part-time as chaplain to the residents of the Greensburg campus and part-time as our employee support specialist across all of Redstone, providing support and a listening ear to employees who are in need. In addition, we have two chaplains who work with the Redstone@Home Hospice program. Chaplain Dustin Bingham brings a peaceful presence and support to patients and families at end of life with his visits. Dustin has served in a number of local congregations and has a background in pastoral counseling. Most recently Jackie Eckenrod, a lay pastor within the Presbyterian Church, has also joined the Hospice Team in a part-time role with her infectious smile and gracious spirit. Redstone offers one of the strongest programs of spiritual life and support to be found in like-sized life plan communities across the country. We are proud of this commitment to spiritual life, and LOVE our chaplains so very much!



### Snowball Fight Wrap Up

Congratulations to North Huntingdon campus for winning the Snowball Fight Contest, supporting Benevolent Care at Redstone. North Huntingdon managed to raise \$226 in proceeds and was rewarded with a snowball fight party for their campus! In total, our entire Redstone community raised \$492 in support of Benevolent Care. Thank you to everyone who participated and made this fundraiser a success.



HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

#### 2024 Parkinson's Support Groups

Our groups are open to anyone in the Redstone community and to the general public who have been impacted by Parkinson's Disease. We meet once a month in a safe space where people can speak their mind, compare notes with peers, and meet movement disorder experts who can help your quality of life while living with Parkinson's. We hope you will join us for a sweet treat, fellowship, and support in your walk with Parkinson's. If you have questions or

#### **Resident 'Sweetheart' Spotlights**

Jim and Janice Roberts, Greensburg residents, first met while both working at Gulf Research and Development Company in Harmarville. Although they worked in different departments, each day on the way to lunch Jim and his coworkers would walk past the doorway where Janice worked. Everyone would wave and say a friendly hello. Janice thought Jim always dressed very nice, neat, and wore a great smile on his face. It was New Years Eve of 1964 when the couple went on their very first date. Fast-forward to August of 1965 and they became



newlyweds Mr. and Mrs. Roberts! Since, the Roberts have created quite a lot of memories to share during their many happy years together. Their favorite memories would be the births of their children. Together, they had five beautiful children who are all very close in age! Jim has a lot of things to love about Janice, but at the top of his list is that she has always said 'Yes'. Janice's favorite thing about Jim is that he has always been very polite, a gentleman, and extremely giving toward others. The shared secret recipe to their lasting love is to compromise and to always be flexible. They have a special Valentine's tradition of Jim gifting Janice a bouquet of five flowers to represent their children, two red for the boys and three white for the girls. Happy Valentine's Day to Jim and Janice Roberts!

#### March Charity of Choice: American Cancer Society DAFFODIL DAYS

We are taking orders early for our March Charity of Choice, the American Cancer Society! Each year, the American Cancer Society celebrates Daffodil Days in March. Daffodils have are a universal symbol of hope and life, and they are at the center of the American Cancer Society's Daffodil Days Campaign. You can place your order by scanning the QR code or by mailing the flyer and check made payable to 'American Cancer Society' to:



Katie Ronald Attn: Daffodil Days 935 Sunset Drive Greensburg, PA 15601



All orders are due by February 13th. Tentative flower delivery date window is **March 19-22**. All proceeds benefit the American Cancer Society. Let's spread hope this daffodil season! would like more information on the groups, please contact Jessica Glesk at (724) 832-8400 ext. 3390.

> Parkinson Support Group 2nd Wednesday of the Month 1:30pm to 3:00pm 772 Frontier Drive N. Huntingdon, PA 15642 February 14 March 13

Caregivers Support Group 3rd Wednesday of the Month 1:30pm to 3:00pm 12921 Redstone Drive, Apartment 223 N. Huntingdon, PA 15642

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Love stories can be found all throughout our Redstone community. Thomas, maintenance technician, and Maddie, CNA, met back in 2018. Thomas and Maddie initially met through social media! Thomas says, "She commented on how nice my eyebrows were and I responded by saying thank you! From there, we kept on talking for a few weeks." A few days after meeting face-to-face, Thomas decided to make it official by asking Maddie to be his girlfriend....they have been happily together ever since! Out of the five years of their love story, Thomas and Maddie have been engaged for two. Although they have many memories together, Thomas

says visiting Beam's Rock at Linn Run State Park with his favorite person [Maddie], and seeing the amazing view would be his favorite. Maddie's favorite memory is celebrating a very special first Christmas together as a family! Their secret recipe for a happy life together is communication. They say, "Don't go to bed angry. If you have an argument or misunderstanding, just work it out before you go to sleep." Thomas and Maddie look forward to a happy future together watching their family grow. We wish you both another Happy Valentine's Day!



Staff 'Sweetheart' Spotlights: Thomas Celmer & Madison Dowell



Meet Patty Murray, who is in her third year of volunteering on our North Huntingdon campus. Patty volunteers at Redstone by playing the piano and organ, saying that music is her passion and seeing people respond offers her the greatest pleasure. She says that music inspires parts of the brain and she finds it very rewarding. She currently does Communion services two times a month, sing-alongs two times a month, and one Catholic Mass a month. "Use your time graciously, as it has many rewards", says Patty. Her start to volunteering began while substituting for a previous individual who was assisting with religious services. She was asked to do sing-along while she was there and fell in love with it! When Patty isn't volunteering, she enjoys helping at her church, doing crossword and jigsaw puzzles, reading, walking her dog, going to the beach, traveling and spending time with her grandson who has Down syndrome. She is also involved at her church. Pat has four adult children and eight grandchildren. She currently lives with her son and dog,

Meet Our Volunteer: Patty Murray

## Archer. Thank you for your volunteerism at Redstone, Patty!

#### Join our Family & Friends Communication List!

We invite you to join our family and friends email communication list! By opting in, you can receive important Redstone updates like the monthly newsletter, press releases, event invitations, updates and more in a timely



fashion. Our email distribution is open to anyone who wishes to subscribe. We would like to hear about your interest in being added! Please scan the QR code or visit the link below to take a quick survey and to sign up for the communication list. If you have any questions or need assistance, please call Mission Support at (724) 832-8401 ext. 3307.

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/V9ZZRRZ

#### January Memories





#### 2024 Winery Event

We're off to the races for our Night Before Derby Party at the beautiful Bella Terra Vineyards! It will be an evening of wine, food, and wagering on the horses. General adult admission is \$40 per person and

Includes dinner and one glass of wine, beer, or mint julep. Tickets for under age 21 and children also available. Sponsor a horse named by you for \$25 and win \$100 if your horse comes

in first place! Bet on horses at the event to add to the excitement of the derby. Social hour is 5-6p, buffet dinner 6-7p, and horse racing 7-9p. To purchase tickets, can the QR code, visit http://weblink.donorperfect.com/redstonederby24 or call (724) 832-8401 ext. 3378.



Derby attire, hats, and bowties are encouraged!

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**DOVE Employee Recognition Program at Redstone** The DOVE Recognition Program seeks to recognize the many wonderful things that employees in the Redstone family do each and every day while

**DOVE** serving our community. Have you witnessed an employee going "above and beyond" while serving our residents, their families, or fellow staff members? Submit their name for DOVE Recognition. You can recognize employees by completing a card located at the DOVE cases at any campus, by scanning the QR code, or by using the link www.surveymonkey.com/r/RPSDove.



PUZZLE PIT STOP: Valentine's Candy Match

Match the candy with the Valentine's phrase!

- 1. A farmer in love \_\_\_\_
- 2. You're a gem
- 3. Bursting with love \_\_\_\_
- 4. I'm hooked on you \_\_\_\_
- 5. You blow me away

**B.** Ring Pop

C. Starburst

D. Swedish Fish

A. Jolly Rancher

E. Blow Pop

#### **Get Social With Us!**

Keep up on all things Redstone! Campus activities, job openings, fundraisers, and more are shared on our social media. Give us a like or follow to share the good news.



#### Or visit www.redstone.org