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EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER
JULY - SEPTEMBER 2012

STEPHANIE JONES

Congratulations goes out to Stephanie Jones! Stephanie has been voted Employee of the Quarter for July - September of this year. Stephanie Jones is one of our Enrichment Team members and represent the Medstar Marina neighborhood. She works directly with Medstar Elders, their families, case workers, equipment providers, etc. Always armed with a warm, welcoming smile and an open door policy to her office, Stephanie makes our Elders her number one priority. According to Enrichment Team Director, Thom Avison, Stephanie has a "genuine love for the people that she serves and it feels like she has been a part of Kingston for years because she fell right in place." Coincidentally, Stephanie is also celebrating her 3 year anniversary as an employee of Kingston Nursing Center this month. Be sure to stop by her office and congratulate her on this wonderful achievement!

Kitty & Bird Treats...

We know that our elders & staff love to spoil the animals. Please keep in mind that just as we cannot consume a primarily junk food diet, that we should also not allow our pets to consume too much when it comes to snacks and treats. We ask that everyone PLEASE limit the amount of treats given to our feathered and furry friends. Just as we want to keep our elders happy and healthy, we need to do the same for our pets. This will ensure they will be around to provide the necessary companionship and therapy to our elders for a long time.

Containers for snacks...

Please remember that all food brought into elders rooms and stored in elders rooms MUST be sealed in a storage container. *Ziplock bags are not an approved method of storage!* Containers do not have to be costly, simply a Glad Ware or Rubbermaid disposable container will do, but it must have a lid that snaps shut. Please be aware that if food and snacks are not in approved storage containers that we will be forced to dispose of it regardless of how much it cost, who brought the snack, or how much the elder enjoys it. Containers are the responsibility of the family or friend to provide who is bringing in the food. Please be sure to make all who visit your loved one aware of this requirement.

Switchin' in the Kitchen...

In planning some of our upcoming activities, we would like to invite family members to participate in Switchin' in the Kitchen. Staff or volunteers are typically those who lead this activity, usually with a simple recipe demonstration. If you are interested in sharing a recipe with our elders, please contact Thom or Amie on the Enrichment Team for more information.

Coming Events

August

6-10 Cosmetology Week

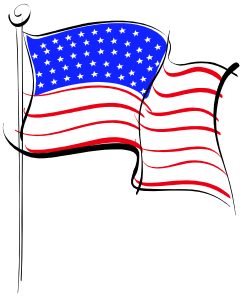
Free Ice Cream Month!

STAFF BIRTHDAYS

6- LaTara Muldrow
12- Tom Palya
13- Nicole Orr
16- Ashlei Gerald
20- Melissa Antal
21- Ana Vargas
23- Angela Talotta
28- Amy Thompson
29- Shena Sedgwick

Happy Birthday

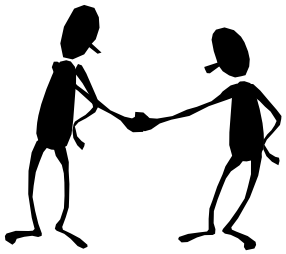
It has been a pleasure for our elders and junior volunteers to recite the pledge of allegiance. Each morning, our junior volunteers take elders who are up and ready out to the front by the flagpole to recite the pledge of allegiance. It gives us a moment to be thankful for the wonderful country we live in and our freedoms.



In June Kingston was presented the Award of Merit from the South Carolina Association for Career and Technical Education. Laura Fowler, Administrator, traveled to Greenville, SC to accept this award on behalf of our facility. Nominated by Janet Hodge, Health Occupations Instructor for Horry County Schools at the Academy for Technology and Academics, nominated Kingston Nursing Center for this Award of Merit. Janet brings groups of nursing students to Kingston to help teach with a hands on experience. This is quite the honor for us, as among other award winners were the MB Pelicans. Thank you to all who have helped contributed to Kingston's success!

WELCOME NEW STAFF!

Andrea Boyd
Kimberly Kessler
LaTara Muldrow
Roger Williams
Horace Wilson
Breanea Wood
Barbara Young



In memory of those who touched our lives…

Margaret Thomas
Ruth Anderson
Annie Johnson
Betty Murdock

Staff Employment Anniversaries

Cleo Wright- 18 yrs.
Ginny Novello- 14 yrs.
Wanda Rivera- 9 yrs.
Jennifer Ennis- 8 yrs.
Richard Felekey- 8 yrs.
Jerri Beasley- 8 yrs.

Lena Cole- 7 yrs.
Stephanie Jones- 3 yrs.
Shena Sedgwick- 3 yrs.
Tom Palya- 1 yr.
Katie Parzanese- 1 yr.
Gerri Scafidi- 1 yr.
Jennifer Sperr- 1 yr.

Thank You…

Thank you to everyone who participated or donated delicious treats to our Golden Girls Tea Party last month. The ladies had a marvelous time and it was worth every smile! We could n't have done it without the help of our dedicated staff, volunteers and family members who gave their time or donations for this event! *Please be sure to see page 5 for photos.*

Resident Birthdays

August

14- Evelyn Deigert
18- Vama Prince
19- Shirley Ashford
22- Barbara Doyle
28- Kathleen Gorenflo

(Right) Thom poses with Ms. Kaufman on July 4th.

(Below) One of our Jr. Volunteers shows off decorations for the dance party themed entertainment during Ice Cream Shop.

(Right) Jr. Volunteers & fellow girl scouts show the swaps made by each neighborhood

(Right) Elders share their thanks with Jr. Volunteers who just gave them swaps.

(Below) The Mr. Gentry's (Sr. & Jr.) spend some time in the Medstar living area reading the daily newspaper.

(Below) The Golden Girls enjoy their tea party

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Kingston Nursing Center will be the skilled facility of choice for our changing community.

We will accomplish this by:
**Providing excellent health care*
**Providing a home that is warm and safe*
**Honoring individual needs of our residents*

Join our Facebook Fan Page! We keep it updated with activities, photos, & up and coming events!

Please feel free to send us your email address, so we can keep you up to date with all the latest news and happenings here at Kingston Nursing Center & Medstar!

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