

# MORNING STAR VILLAGE

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## Working Hard to Keep Our Residents Safe

During this very challenging time, we want to assure you we are all working very hard to ensure the safety and health of all our residents and staff. Here are some of the “behind the scenes” practices we have implemented here at Morning Star Village.

- Only essential personnel are allowed into our community and they are screened at the door for any virus symptoms and/or fevers. All workers wear masks.
- Residents are served meals in their rooms. Staff have been working extra hours to ensure that deliveries are accurate and completed in a timely manner.
- Activities are limited and completed in sessions, with less than 10 residents attending at a time to allow proper social distancing.
- Housekeeping and maintenance staff continue to disinfect all surfaces several times a day.
- Nursing staff are completing wellness checks on residents throughout the day. We are thankful that every one of our residents remains healthy today.
- Staff receive ongoing training regarding best and safest practices for preventing any spread of illness, according to information passed along to our Director of Nursing from IDPH and the CDC.



### Administrative Staff

#### **Executive Director**

Jane Stivers

#### **Director of Health Services**

Elaine Brooks

#### **Food Service Director**

Rob Bennick

#### **Facility Operations Director**

Michael Cal

#### **Recreation Director**

Latonya Thomas

#### **Community Relations Director**

Marianne Drost



### *Mother's Day Celebration at Morning Star Village*

Join us in celebrating all our mothers here at Morning Star Village on Sunday, May 10th for our **MSV Parade of Families**, beginning at 1 pm until 2 pm. Weather permitting, we will bring the residents down to the parking lot area and families can drive by to share their well wishes with all the mothers at MSV. Staff will be on hand to assist with traffic flow and passing out any gifts you want shared. Rain Date will be Sunday, May 17th at 1 pm. Check out our Facebook page for any last minute updates that day.

*Check out our Facebook page to see what's happening at MSV!*

### Employees Celebrating Work Anniversaries This May

Diana Dillman- 5 Years  
Silvia Sepulveda- 5 Years

We   
Our Staff

We have had to be a bit creative when it comes to scheduling activities at MSV, however we still manage to have fun even when keeping a social distance from one another. This means multiple sessions for our more popular activities like Bingo and Flower Therapy. We strive to keep everyone active and engaged, but mostly importantly happy and healthy. We look forward to the day when activities can return to normal and we can all enjoy the fun we are used to.



## News From Our Therapy Department

### May is Better Hearing and Speech Month

Speech-Language Pathologists (SLP) evaluate and treat adults and children who have difficulty with speech or language, but did you know these two terms have very different meanings?

If someone has trouble with speech, he or she struggles with the "how to" of talking- the coordination of muscles and movements necessary to produce speech.

If someone is having trouble with language, he or she struggles with understanding what they see or hear. They may struggle with finding the right words to use or to how to organize those words into a meaningful way to communicate a message. They may struggle with being able to hold a conversation.

An SLP also treats people who have difficulty with swallowing food or liquid. The SLP will help identify what part of the swallowing process is making it difficult for one to eat, and then develop an effective treatment plan to safely manage different consistencies of food and liquid.

We salute our therapists and appreciate all they do for our residents!

### Save The Date!

We plan to hold our **Second Annual MSV Beautification Day**. We are hoping to have families join us for flower planting on Saturday, June 6 at 10 am. (depending on the weather and Covid-19 restrictions) . Lunch will be provided. Details to follow.

