



# The Laurels Spirit

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## Hope Springs at The Laurels

It is no secret the past year has been a difficult one for our Guests and Associates. We are proud our Associates have risen to the challenges of COVID-19 with grace, caring, and courage. They have exhibited exceptional creativity in finding ways to bring joy to our Guests and their families despite visitation restrictions and social distancing requirements.

Now, we are entering a new era of hope and recovery. As our Guests and Associates are vaccinated, our facilities are gradually beginning the reopening process to once again welcome family members and visitors who have been so sorely missed over the last year.

We would like to extend a sincere “thank you” to every member of our Laurel family for their perseverance. And as facilities loosen visiting restrictions in accordance with CDC guidelines and local ordinances, we say “welcome back” to families, visitors, and volunteers. Thank you all for your continued support!

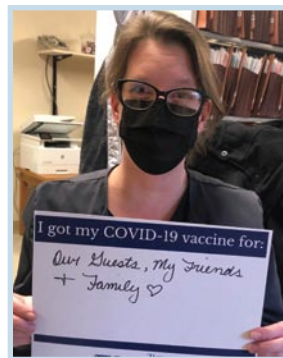


Guests and Associates at **The Laurels of Forest Glenn** were thankful to begin offering family visitation once again in early March. The very first visitor was Nell Hudson, who came to visit her mother, Marceline Herring. As soon as they saw each other, there were tears and an immediate “air hug.”

## The Drive to #GetVaccinated

The roll-out of COVID-19 vaccines this past winter was one of the largest and more important organizational efforts in our history. Our very first vaccination clinic was held on December 21 at **The Laurels of Middletown**. Since then, three separate vaccination clinics have been held at every single Laurel Health Care Company facility.

As we enter the next phase of vaccination and as the COVID-19 vaccine becomes more widely available to the general public, we will continue to engage with pharmacy representatives to increase access to the vaccine for any Guest or Associate who wants or needs it.



▲ Associates at **The Laurels of Milford** share their vaccine inspiration. ▲

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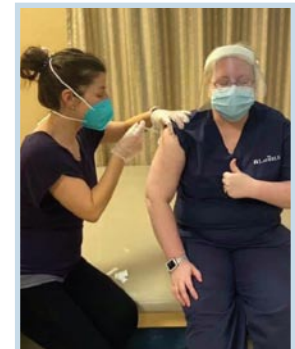
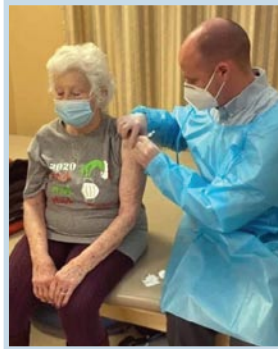


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# That's the Spirit!

## Vaccination Participation Around The Laurels

Therapist Melanie, ADON Tinisha, and Kitchen Aide Betty rolled up their sleeves for the first vaccine clinic at **The Laurels of Blanchester**.



Associates and Guests at **The Laurels of Norworth** answered the call to #GetVaccinated.



**The Laurels of Salisbury** hosted their second COVID-19 vaccine clinic through CVS Omnicare to vaccinate staff and Guests.



Associates at **The Laurels of Pender** are all smiles under their masks after the facility's COVID-19 clinic.

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## The World Still Turns at The Laurels of Summit Ridge



**The Laurels of Summit Ridge** in Asheville, N.C., was honored by the recent presence of daytime TV legend Eileen Fulton at its facility as she completed rehab from knee surgery. Eileen is best known to soap opera lovers everywhere as “Lisa” on the long-running CBS drama “As the World Turns,” a role she played for 50 years until the show’s finale in September 2010.

Eileen was born in Asheville in the old Mission Hospital in 1933. Her father was a Methodist minister, and her mother an English teacher. Fulton traveled often as a child due to her father moving frequently between churches. Upon graduating from Greensboro Methodist College, Eileen moved to New York, where she was a member of Neighborhood Playhouse for two years. It was at this time she auditioned and

booked her memorable role on ATWT, where she is famously remembered as daytime TV’s first “vixen.”

Director of Marketing Kathey Camby says, “It was a true pleasure to assist this star of the screen during her recovery journey! We are happy to report she has returned home and is doing well.”

## The Laurels of Hendersonville Receives Proclamation of Appreciation

**The Laurels of Hendersonville** was recently honored by the Hendersonville Chamber of Commerce with a Proclamation of Appreciation for its care of the senior community of Henderson County. They acknowledged the dedication of the entire staff for the personal and professional sacrifices that they made by limiting time with family, remaining distant from friends, working long hours, and doing whatever it took to maintain a safe work environment for their fellow Associates and Guests.



▲ Pictured are DOM Bob Pompeo and Administrator Michael Salomone.

# Reflections

## Holiday Fun at The Laurels

Our Associates always work hard to make the holidays merry for Guests and coworkers alike. The Ugly Christmas Sweater competition is a cherished tradition at many of our facilities!



The Laurels of Hillsboro



The Laurels of Hilliard



The Laurels of University Park

Guests and Associates at **The Laurels of University Park** showed off their fall colors and expressed gratitude for the season at their Thanksgiving photo shoot.



At **The Laurels of Defiance**, Santa looks an awful lot like Maintenance Director Frank Manns.



It appears that Associates at **The Laurels of Hillsboro** have kidnapped the Grinch! No one will be stealing Christmas on their watch!



Santa prepares for his COVID test at **The Laurels of Walden Park**.



A Guest chats with Santa and Rudolph at **The Laurels of Gahanna**.





▲ Associates at **The Laurels of Huber Heights** rang in the holiday season with bells and PPE.

**The Laurels of GreenTree Ridge** ▼

“adopted” 10 children at Christmas who live in a local Children’s Home called Eliada. Director of Marketing Lynne Rathburn says, “We had a wonderful time selecting gifts for them and feel blessed to have been able to help out in our community.”

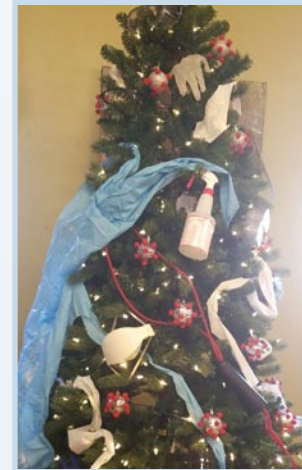


Associates at **The Laurels of Charlottesville** decorated their “COVID Tree” with masks, spray bottles, and coronavirus ornaments! ▼

Guests and Associates at **The Laurels of Willow Creek** admire the tree.



Guests shared important New Year’s resolutions at **The Laurels of University Park**.



▲ A Very Good Reindeer joined Santa and his elves at **The Laurels of Salisbury**.

Guests at **The Laurels of New London** loved the snowman display built by Stein Hospice’s Snowman Brigade. Who better than Frosty to make things merry? ▼



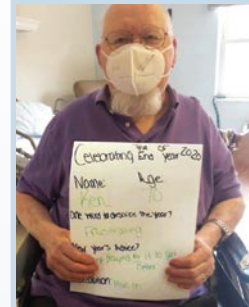
At **The Laurels of Steubenville** Santa and his elf stopped by for a window visit.

# Reflections



▲ Congratulations to Katherine Morgan, the newest centurion at **The Laurels of Hendersonville**. Katherine celebrated her special day with balloons, flowers, a special birthday party, and a visit from her daughter. She has survived COVID-19 and now has been fully vaccinated.

Jean Shaver celebrated her 90th birthday on February 2 at **The Laurels of Chatham**, complete with cake, balloons, and a FaceTime visit with her family.



▲ Guests at **The Laurels of Blanchester** celebrated the end of a difficult year and made resolutions for the year to come.



▲ Anne Gildow, a Guest at **The Laurels of Steubenville**, turned 101 on February 20. She was crowned and showered with treats and love throughout the day.



Guests at **The Laurels of Huber Heights** enjoyed participating in a Groundhog Day coloring contest. Pictured are winners Diana Ellington and Ashley Barie with their artwork and hibernation snack box prizes.



▲ Emil D. turned 88 years old at **The Laurels of Massillon**. His family brought him gifts and balloons.



Guests loved the “Adopt-a-Pet” event at **The Laurels of Steubenville**. ▶



▶ James Renn and Penny Rivas were voted the Valentine’s Day King and Queen at **The Laurels of Defiance**.



Clyde Jones enjoyed filling the bird feeder during an outdoor family visit at **The Laurels of Chatham**. The birdfeed was donated by a local store. Bird feeders bring smiles to Guests’ faces as they observe the birds outside their windows. ▶



▶ The local community and local businesses really came together with lots of Valentine’s Day goodies for Guests at **The Laurels of Pender**. Ms. Delia Clark won Valentine’s Day Queen.

Guests at **The Laurels of Mt. Vernon** had a whole week of fun for Valentine’s Day and Mardi Gras. On Friday, Guests had Valentine cookies, refreshments, and a balloon delivered to their rooms. On other days of the week Guests enjoyed mini cheesecakes, wine tasting, mask making, and a big Mardi Gras party. What a fun-filled week! ▶

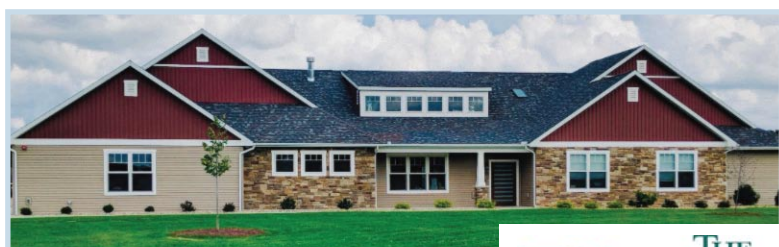


▶ **The Laurels of Chagrin Falls** hosted two very special short-term rehab guests. Ninety-nine-year-old Felix Pasteris (left) was a Crew Chief with the AirForce First Fighter Group in WWII. On his right is his new-found therapy buddy, Donald Barringall, 93, who served as a Navy Corpsman. Both Guests are enjoying getting to know each other and are doing exceptionally well in therapy.

# Spirit News

## Welcome to The Laurels of Goshen!

Laurel Health Care Company was thrilled to assume ownership of the former Green House Village of Goshen in Goshen, Indiana, this past January. The 48-bed, multi-unit facility, now known as **The Laurels of Goshen**, includes four 12-bed houses constructed under the “Green House Project” plan by former operator Blue Diamond Communities in 2017. Each house includes common living spaces and individualized delivery of care and services, which include long-term care, rehabilitation, and memory care.



“Laurel Health Care Company is thrilled to welcome The Laurels of Goshen to our family of facilities,” Cathy Chiovaro, LHCC Vice President of Operations, said. “We are committed to an active, visible partnership in the growth and development of this community, and we look forward to being the premier provider of skilled nursing and rehabilitation needs for the city of Goshen, Elkhart County, and the surrounding area.”



## #GetVaccinated. Save lives.

**To Our Associates:** We recognize this has been an extremely challenging year for long-term care staff and Guests, as well as their loved ones. However, it is very encouraging that the scientific community has found COVID-19 vaccines to be safe and effective and that, by and large, side effects have been relatively minimal across the country.



It was truly a pleasure to be able to vaccinate so many of our Guests and Associates during our in-house clinics, and we will continue to work to make the vaccine widely available to you in the future.

For those who have not yet been vaccinated, we ask that you please consider receiving the vaccine. As we have unfortunately seen first-hand the elderly population has a much higher risk for getting very sick, being hospitalized, or dying from COVID-19, and the vaccine has been shown to provide a great deal of protection against serious illness due to COVID-19.

The more of us that get vaccinated, the better we can prevent the spread of the virus and protect our families and our communities against potential outbreaks. **We can save lives.**

Please do your part and put an end to this pandemic. **#GetVaccinated.**

## The Laurel Way

We are a team of professionals dedicated to promoting the highest level of independence and quality of life for our Guests by creating a comfortable living environment and providing comprehensive health care services.

To accomplish this, we have a responsibility to:

- Treat everyone with dignity and respect
- Conduct ourselves with the highest level of integrity and ethical behavior
- Be uncompromising in our standards of quality of care and service
- Attract, train and retain knowledgeable, caring and compassionate individuals
- Challenge ourselves to grow as people, as professionals and as a company
- Earn a fair and reasonable profit for our stakeholders

We embrace these responsibilities, with commitment and enthusiasm, in our pursuit of The Laurel Way.

## The Laurels Mission Statement

Creating a legacy by exceeding the needs and expectations of those we serve, while embracing The Laurel Way.



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