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Views from the Village

Boise Christian Retirement Village Newsletter



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Special Thanks

With deep appreciation and gratitude, we extend our heartfelt thanks to the Idaho Food Bank, the Boise Rescue Mission, and all the incredible individuals who generously contribute to providing sustenance for our community at Boise Christian Homes. Your dedication to alleviating hunger and nourishing the lives of those in need is a testament to the boundless compassion and care you possess. These partnerships have been a cornerstone in fulfilling our mission to ensure our residents have access to nutritious meals. Along with the churches and individuals who have provided fresh produce and other provisions. Your generous donations of food and resources have not only helped meet the dietary needs of our elderly residents but have also served as a source of comfort, joy, and well-being for them. Your efforts play a vital role in creating a warm and loving environment within our community, reinforcing the values of empathy and unity.

We are immensely grateful for your unwavering support, which serves as a lifeline for our community. Your kindness and dedication to our cause bring light and hope to those we serve, reminding us all of the profound impact that acts of kindness and generosity can have on the lives of others. Thank you for being a beacon of compassion, ensuring that no one within our community goes hungry. May you be blessed abundantly for your kindness and benevolence.

Resident Spotlight - Jerry Dake

Normally my articles are written to introduce you to one of our residents. Today, however, I'm writing in reverse. A dear friend is moving away. How do you say goodbye? I'm sure each of us will recall our own personal memories as Jerry says goodbye to us and moves to be closer to her family, but the void left in the fabric of our community will long be felt.

Jerry taught bible study, constantly reminding us of our responsibility to respect and love those around us and to honor and glorify our God. Jerry cooked for us. She was always willing to bake or prepare a meal or cover for someone who was away. Jerry drove anyone who needed a ride to the doctor, to exercise, for shopping needs. No bus needed here. Jerry sewed: items to donate, alterations, repairs, buttons replaced, even pressing out wrinkles.



Jerry gave haircuts. Jerry entertained. Her party's games kept us moving, her quizzes kept us thinking. Jerry was active in the church and hosted a prayer group. Jerry gave hugs to each and every one of us every day.

She won't be replaced; she will be missed. I guess I don't know how to say goodbye. I'll just say travel in love. We miss you already.

- Written by Karolynn Hutchison

**Our greatest need is funding for daily operations
and funding for our redevelopment.**

Some Ideas:

Set up a recurring monthly donation.

Speak with local business owners about support.

**Come and spend time with the residents and
you'll see what God is doing here.**

**Safe and secure donations can be made through:
<https://www.boisechristianhomes.org/donate>**

Health and Happiness - Sign Me Up

Donating to a good cause is not only an act of kindness but also a practice that contributes to overall personal well-being. Boise Christian Homes stands as a shining example of a worthy cause deserving of end-of-year donations. By supporting this organization, you are not only uplifting the lives of those in need but also nourishing your own sense of purpose and fulfillment.

We are committed to providing a safe community for retirement age Christians. Our mission is not only to help pastors and missionaries, but also to support youth. We've supported Stanton Healthcare who gives women the option to save their babies and supports them along the way, the Shop with a Cop program that provides for the needs of at-risk youths and connects them with law enforcement to foster a positive relationship, and Eden Ministries who have saved and enriched so many children's lives. By extending a helping hand to this cause, you play a vital role in ensuring that this population receives the care and attention they deserve. Fun fact: The act of giving triggers a release of endorphins, promoting a sense of joy and satisfaction within oneself. Knowing that your contribution has positively impacted the lives of others can bring about a profound sense of fulfillment and contentment, benefiting your mental and emotional well-being.

Moreover, the act of giving can also have positive effects on physical health. Studies have shown that engaging in charitable acts can reduce stress levels, lower blood pressure, and even strengthen the immune system. Therefore, as the year comes to a close, consider making a generous donation to Boise Christian Homes. Not only will you be making a difference in the lives of others, but you'll also be nurturing your own health and happiness.

Thank you, from everyone here at Boise Christian Homes Inc.



Administrator's Corner

As Administrator of this Christian retirement community, I can see that the fall months hold special significance for my team and our residents. It's a time when our community comes alive with a sense of renewal and gratitude. The picturesque autumn scenery that blankets our surroundings offers a gentle reminder of God's handiwork, and our residents often find solace and inspiration in the changing leaves and cooler temperatures. We don't find solace in the raking of said leaves, but it can be cathartic, nonetheless.

October in Boise provides the perfect backdrop for our residents to engage in a variety of enriching activities. We'll be having a Fall Festival toward the end of the month. Fall is a chance for everyone to immerse themselves in the beauty of the foliage and connect with one another in the spirit of fellowship. This is a great time for gratitude and thanksgiving, emphasizing the importance of counting our blessings and sharing them with others.

As we approach the end of the year, October serves as a time for reflection and appreciation for the lives lived and the faith that sustains us, making it a truly meaningful month in the life of a Christian. Philippians 4:8 comes to mind. Let's all try to focus on the good that God has provided us. We all have difficult times, but we can get through them as a community. We're all in this together.

Written by Michael Morris, Administrator for Boise Christian Homes

Partner with Us

You can join our community in many ways:

- Set up a recurring donation through our website or your bank.
- Set up a large one-time gift for the village.
- Send a donation by check or drop one off and visit with us.
- Come visit with residents or serve on a volunteer basis.
- Organize a group to come out and serve.
 - There's always raking, snow removal, beautifying, etc.
- Pray for us.