

The Love Connection Newsletter **by Pendlove Inc.**

"Serving seniors and families with long term care housing, resources and services since 1985."



YOUTH SHOWING SENIORS LOVE JUST BECAUSE...

We would like to kick this year off by thanking some amazing and awesome young people and their teachers and mentors for helping us make a huge deposit in the hearts of seniors and caregivers this past Christmas holiday by creating the most beautiful greeting cards. Not only were the cards designed beautifully, the messages that were in the cards brought so many smiles to the seniors and caregivers that received them. We are so grateful to a local educator, Ms. Jefferson for coordinating this effort with some awesome 3rd graders at Frayser Corning Elementary, K-1st graders at Peabody elementary and 4th graders at Libertas School of Memphis. We are also grateful to Ms. Katherine, a program director for coordinating this community effort with her mentees at Beautiful Spirited Women, a local youth organization. These amazing schools and the BSW mentees helped us meet our goal by designing over 100 handmade greeting cards, and because of these caring children and youth, we were able to distribute a personal handmade Christmas card to every senior and caregiver that we delivered gifts to.



SANTA HELPING HANDS 2023!

THANK YOU FOR GIVING SANTA A HELPING HAND...

Can you imagine being a senior living in a long term care community and not receiving a visit or any direct or in direct contact from your loved ones, especially during the holidays? Unfortunately, there are seniors who experience this year after year, but because of caring individuals both near and far, local businesses, churches and community organizations that gave Santa a helping hand this year, seniors residing in (6) local long term care communities not only received a visit from our staff and volunteers on Christmas day, they also received smiles, hugs and wrapped gifts with love. The seniors would normally wait until we leave to open their gifts privately, however, some of the seniors decided to open their gifts while we were there this year, which made the day even more exciting! The love of giving did not stop there, because of our Santa Helping Hands and monthly donors, we were also able to show love on Christmas just because to some independent seniors by blessing them with \$25.00 gift cards to a local retailer, as well give self care packages to some awesome family caregivers who selflessly care for their loved ones everyday and some amazing professional caregivers and social workers who provide care and services to enhance the lives of seniors everyday. Words can not express how much the seniors and caregivers warmed our hearts during the gift delivery this year, when more than one of them told us "we appreciate you all for visiting us on Christmas Day", their words of gratitude, reminded our staff of why we created the Santa Helping Hands Project and why we need to continue it. We are grateful to our Santa Helping Hands and our monthly donors because without your support, this day would not have been possible.

PENDLOVE SHIRLEY CARES PROGRAM 2023 FACTS IN A SNAPSHOT!

Feeding Insecurity Project...

- Provided and distributed over 100+ meals a week.
- Provided weekly access to fresh produce.
- Provided weekly access to non-perishable food items through our life essential pantry.

Showing Seniors Love Just Because Project

- Provided Thanksgiving dinner for 125 seniors and families on Thanksgiving.
- Provided seniors in a local long term care community with fresh flowers just because.
- Hosted a Senior Game Day to bring seniors and youth together.
- Partnered with a local organization to host a fall festival for seniors and youth.

Hygiene Insecurity Project...

- Provided and distributed over 100 personal care items through our life essential pantry.
- Provided seniors and caregivers access to incontinent products.

Servants Heart Project...

- Provided over 250 volunteer hours to seniors, youth and families in the community.

To become a monthly donor or to make a donation toward our Shirley Cares Program, visit www.pendloveinc.com



PENDLOVE'S SHIRLEY CARES 2024 PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS!

Increasing
Our
Reach!



Shirley Cares Outreach Program...

- Our Community Projects:
 - Shirley Cares Café
 - Love is Action
 - Showing Seniors Love Just Because
 - A Servant's Heart
 - Santa Helping Hands



Education Program...

- Provide Long Term Care Preparation Classes (Coming 2024):
 - Seniors
 - Family Caregivers
 - Churches
- Caregiver Training Center (Coming 2024)

