

# The Wellington News

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Assisted Living • Respite Care Services

Please check our website or call for updated information about our visitation policy.



## Happy Birthday

Best wishes to our staff and residents celebrating birthdays this month.

Dec. 23rd

Jerome K.

## From the Corner Desk of Traci

Happy Holidays Wellington friends and family! As we get into December, we are officially wrapping up the year 2020. This year has been a challenging one having to social-distance from our loved ones, but we have been continuing to provide excellent care and keeping everyone as safe as possible from COVID-19. For those who may have not heard, we recently put in place a safe and social-distancing visiting area in the building, to be able to stay warm and still be able to visit with your loved ones. We ask kindly to call ahead to schedule the time of your visit to ensure we don't overlap families visiting all at once and leaving proper time to clean in between each visit. We are also very sad to inform you that at this time, we will be canceling our annual holiday party. Although we will not be able to allow all our family and friends into Wellington at once, we still are keeping the spirits alive by decorating our usual winter theme and will be doing our secret Santa for each resident to receive a gift from us. We will enjoy a warm special holiday dinner and have holiday music playing to brighten up the jolly spirit. I will also

be coming up with some fun winter activities and crafts that still follow the social-distancing guidelines. I hope everyone stays warm and safe this winter season, and we are always thinking about all of you. Let's keep the positivity that we can all soon have things more back to normal in the year 2021.

*"Best wishes for **happy holidays** and a magnificent New Year. May the holiday season bring only happiness and joy to you and your loved ones. Wishing you and your loved ones peace, health, happiness, and prosperity in the coming New Year. Let the spirit of love gently fill our hearts and homes."*



## Wellington Place at Whiting

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Kristan Schaack, Administrator

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As a non-profit 501c3 community, we thank you for supporting our mission of service to seniors through tax-deductible donations of cash or useful items.

Please call our office.



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WE ACCEPT CREDIT CARDS

## Leave a Review!

We get lots of emails and verbal affirmations from families and loved ones about how wonderful of a facility we are, and what great care we provide for our residents. However, when you search us online, there isn't much for reviews. We would love your feedback, tell us how we are doing, and pass along information to families that are in search of assisted living homes. Would you mind taking a few minutes to leave us a review on Google and Facebook? Just search Wellington Place at Whiting to leave a review.

*"Wellington Place is the best facility I have ever worked with; a great example of how good care can happen."*

– Ann K, October 2020

## Resident News

We are sad to say that we lost 2 wonderful residents. "Uncle" Wayne enjoyed a simple life and we will miss his enthusiasm about Elvis. We will also miss our cheerful Astrid and hearing all of her stories and her love of sports and game shows.

The residents have been enjoying all of the window visits, outside visits, skype calls, and letters that everyone has been writing. If you would like to set up a skype call please feel free to email Dawn ([dschroeder@carriagehealthcare.com](mailto:dschroeder@carriagehealthcare.com)) or Kristan ([kschaack@carriagehealthcare.com](mailto:kschaack@carriagehealthcare.com)).

## Letter from Administrator:

**At the end of September, we had our annual "staff appreciation party,"** but this year a few residents wanted to join us. We walked and wheeled them over to Koziczkowski park and they enjoyed games, laughter, and food with us! We also had a Halloween party at the end of October, dressed up all the residents in costumes, and the residents chose the winner for the staff's best costume. This year, Andrea dressed up as a banana, and she won. We enjoyed spooky music, a happy hour, and Halloween-themed snacks.

**As Traci stated in her letter, we are extremely sad to cancel our 2020 holiday party,** but we are doing so per guidance of the DHS and CDC, and to keep all of our residents safe. We will still have our holiday dinner, with music and a party for the residents and staff (of course, happy hour will be included with some wonderful wine donated by an anonymous donor). As soon

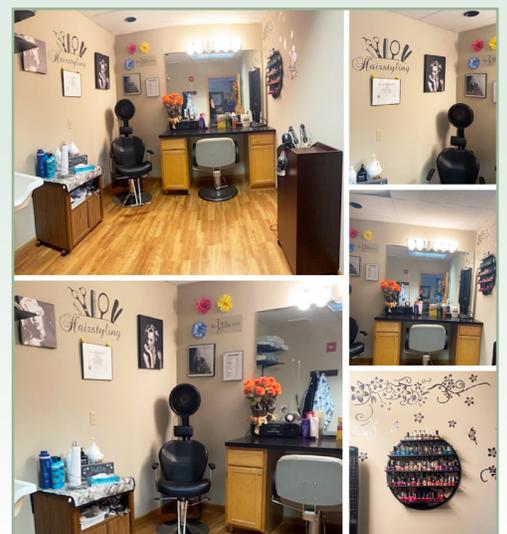
as we are able to have a party with families invited, we will! Even if it is not our normal party months. We miss our resident families, but are doing all we can to keep "our" Wellington family happy, safe, and entertained. We would also like to thank you for allowing your loved ones to be part of our family. It is an honor taking care of each and every resident that lives here.

**Most of you have noticed that we are open to inside visits to shelter everyone from the cold.**

It is imperative that these visits are scheduled ahead of time, so we can accommodate everyone getting their visits, not overlapping times, and having proper time in between each visit to sanitize. We are still utilizing tablets for online visits via Skype and Zoom, as this is still the safest way to visit.

**Lastly, we would like to wish everyone happy holidays, from our "Wellington family" to yours!**

**We would like to give Traci a big shout out for completely remodeling our beauty salon! She put on some fresh paint, covered the walls with beauty decals, and hung up a nail polish holder that matches the decals. We also got a new salon chair that is much more comfortable for our residents. Check out the pictures of our beautiful new beauty shop.**



# Photo Highlights



Carol and Bill would like to thank Joey for his knowledge and dedication



Lillians costume for Halloween



Irene wanted to be a butterfly



Denny enjoyed happy hour at the staff appreciation party



The dinosaur was Gary's favorite costume



Richie loved the dinosaur costume too



Gerri loves that we turned the fireplace on



Wellington Place at Whiting Halloween staff dress up. The banana won

## Donations

### Wish List:

- Electric skillet
- 4 slice toaster
- Drying mats for dishes
- Soup spoons
- Bingo Prizes
- Puffcorn
- Soda pop for Bingo (Coke, Dr. Pepper, Sprite, Mt. Dew, Orange)
- Black out prizes
- Birthday Cards
- \$10-\$20 Gift cards (for anywhere)- to pass out to staff for going above and beyond

### Thank you recent donors:

- Bill R.
- Cathy
- Wallners
- Losinski Family
- Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
- Terri
- Nancy



The ice cream truck came around again



One of our new indoor visitation centers!



We would like to thank Gary K for redoing our Wellington sign!



The residents love when kids visit



We would like to thank The Coffee Studio for gifting our staff coffee!

# Sudoku

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# SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS ANNOUNCED

In October, Wisconsin Illinois Senior Housing Inc. (WISH) announced the winners of its inaugural scholarship program called *WISH Rising Stars*. 18 scholarships were awarded across Wisconsin ranging from \$1250-\$2500.

WISH is pleased to announce these scholarship winners from Wellington Place at Whiting:

**Shannon Walter** (\$2500) is a CNA and has worked at Wellington Place since June of 2018. She says she enjoys the connections she has with the residents. Shannon is studying nursing at Mid-State Technical College and wants to eventually work in the oncology department of a children's hospital.



**Hayley Champine** (\$2000) has worked as a CNA at Wellington Place since June of 2019. She is studying nursing at Univ of WI/ Stevens Point and looks forward to a career in nursing where she can help people.

The scholarship was designed to bring positivity during COVID and is open to WISH employees and all high school students with priority given to those entering or expanding a health care career. The spring 2021 application deadline will be announced soon.

Visit [bit.ly/wish-scholarship](https://bit.ly/wish-scholarship).

**Holiday Tip:** Looking for something sweet to make your winter season complete? **Whether it's home-baked or a purchased kit, designing a gingerbread house can make for a fun and satisfying day.**

**JOIN US:** Wellington has their own Facebook page. You can find us if you search "Wellington Place at Whiting." There is information regarding upcoming parties and events, as well as pictures from our recent activities. Wellington is trying to reach out to the community to inform them of who we are and what we offer. Our page displays recent updates, activities, and upcoming events to our loved one's families. So be sure to Like, Follow, and Share the page.

# WiCAL

Wisconsin Center for Assisted Living

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## DONATE SAFELY AND EASILY ONLINE THIS HOLIDAY

Thank you to our residents, families and community for the thoughtful gestures of gifts and time this year. Your patience and support are treasured.

**With the fiscal challenges of 2020, we again ask for your help.**

Costs associated with COVID and care in general are daunting so we're asking you to please consider a generous donation to our facility this year-end. We are committed to high-quality, compassionate care for each resident, while supporting their families and our staff through this time.

Your tax-deductible gift helps cover resident care shortfalls and other costs so we can continue to care for as many as possible.

**Thank you for placing a donation today. Do so online at our website and click on the DONATE tab, or mail a check to our administrator (made out to our facility). Thank you!**

**[WellingtonPlaceWhiting.org/Donate](https://WellingtonPlaceWhiting.org/Donate)**

