

Help us Congratulate November's Employee of The Month!



*Congratulations to our
Associate of the Month*

Sandra Pedraza!

*Parkway Place appreciates
her dedication and service
to the staff and residents.*



Executive Director Abraham Mathew

Dear seniors, associates, and family members,

Greetings. As I enter my fourth year at Parkway Place, I realize how blessed I am to be a part of this great community. I am excited to connect with you all this month while showcasing multiple success stories at our beautiful Parkway Place. Our associates continue to inspire happiness.

As inflation and many other aspects affect our industry, we continue to strive to ensure the best service to our great seniors. This past month, I was amazed to see how our new Independent Living team has come together with innovative ideas. 2023 will be a great year because

Team Parkway Place has become even stronger with the addition of highly talented people who have joined our team.

I want to extend my special thanks to all our seniors and families who stopped by and dropped off a donation check to appreciate our associates. We will be hosting a great Christmas/ Holiday party in December, and I will ensure they are happy to see their gifts. Thank you for your continued prayers, support, and for inspiring us to do better every day. God bless you, and I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New year 2023!

Dr. Abraham Mathew

Senior Executive Director



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Starting December 5th, The Parkway Place Morning Show will be on Ch2 or
LIVE in The Chapel!



Pictured is our tribute to all fallen soldiers. We want to thank all veterans and their families for their service.

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Providence Vocational School brings their certified nursing assistant students to perform their clinical rotation at Parkway Place. We are so happy to have 20 students graduate on November 5th in our chapel. Our Sr. Executive Director Dr. Abraham Mathew was invited to do the keynote speech for the graduates and attendees. We are so glad to have our community open doors to future clinical professionals.



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Meet Your Parkway Place Ambassadors: Rosalyn Huddleston, Jerry Ballard, Leola Herron, Martha Ray, Kerry Wells, Betty Beard, Elanor Loose, Therese Brandl, Emily Elliott, and Noelene Birkelo!

Thank you for all you do for our residents!



Congratulations to our Buckner Integrity Award Winners: Shima Reddy, Felicia Germany-Jackson, and Kelly Stephens!

December Facts!

- ⇒ The traditional Christmas plant we call a poinsettia was known by the Aztecs as cuetlaxochitl.
- ⇒ Hanukkah, based on the Jewish calendar, is a wandering holiday. This year, the eight-day celebration begins at sunset Dec. 20.
- ⇒ Santa Claus didn't always wear red clothes! Originally, his clothes were green.
- ⇒ There are 9 reindeer in total. Their names are Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Comet, Cupid, Donner, Blitzen and Rudolph.
- ⇒ Candy canes date back to 1670.
- ⇒ The Friday and Saturday before Christmas are the busiest shopping days of the year.
- ⇒ The world's tallest cut Christmas tree was 221 feet tall.
- ⇒ 'Jingle Bells' was the first song played in space.
- ⇒ Scientists have calculated that for Santa Claus to deliver presents to every home in the world, he would have to travel at a speed of 4,921,200 miles per hour!



December Birthdays!

12/02 Shirley Clark
12/04 Paula Evans
12/06 Sallie Howard
12/06 Marriane Jones
12/06 Virginia Derry
12/07 Joy Anderson
12/09 Phyllis Cramer
12/17 Mims Lee
12/18 JoAnn Raine
12/21 Rosiana Lee
12/22 Rose Patronella
12/22 Ella Phipps
12/26 Marjorie Butterworth
12/29 John Logan
12/29 Carol Mudd

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Chaplain John Bender



A little boy and girl were singing their favorite Christmas carol in church the Sunday before Christmas. The boy concluded "Silent Night" with the words, "Sleep in heavenly beans." "No," his sister corrected, "not beans, peas."

Christmas can be confusing for little children as they tend to mix up the festival themes with the religious themes. It is not always children who get confused. In A.D. 353, Pope Julius 1 authorized December 25 to be celebrated as the birthday of Jesus. For many it is simply a holiday for family and friends. For others it

is a time of reflection on the special night God became flesh. Then in 1832, Professor Charles Follen lit candles on the first Christmas tree in America. Decorations on the tree have taken a new meaning. For some it is a family tradition of decorating the tree. For others it is a reminder of the beauty of an evergreen tree as everlasting living God. To perceive Christmas through its wrappings becomes more difficult with every year. In the next few weeks, recall what Christmas means. Yes, enjoy the festive time with the songs, family, and friends. However, spend time contemplating on Jesus. The Savior who was sent to die so we can enjoy abundant life. Our greatest need was forgiveness, so God sent us a Savior. Emmanuel – God with us.

December Special Holidays!

- ⇒ **December 7th—Pear Harbor Remembrance Day.** This day is commemorated to remember and honor the 2,403 Americans who were killed in the Japanese surprise attack on Pearl Harbor in Hawaii on December 7, 1941.
- ⇒ **December 21st—Winter Solstice.** The first day of winter is when the sun is in its most southern position directly over the Tropic of Capricorn. This is referred to as astronomical winter or the winter solstice.
- ⇒ **December 24th—Christmas Eve.** This day we celebrate Christmas Eve because Jesus is traditionally thought to have been born at midnight.
- ⇒ **December 25th—Christmas Day.** This day is one of the most festive Christian holidays in many countries around the world. It celebrates Jesus' birth.
- ⇒ **December 26th—Kwanzaa Begins.** This annual holiday affirming African family and social values that is celebrated primarily in the United States from December 26 to January 1.
- ⇒ **December 31st—New Year's Eve.** Most of us give little thought as to why we ceremoniously say goodbye to one year and hello to a new one on December 31. Even those who don't make special plans to greet the arrival of a new year at the stroke of midnight on December 31 pay homage to the rite with thoughts of the year gone by and hopes for the year to come.



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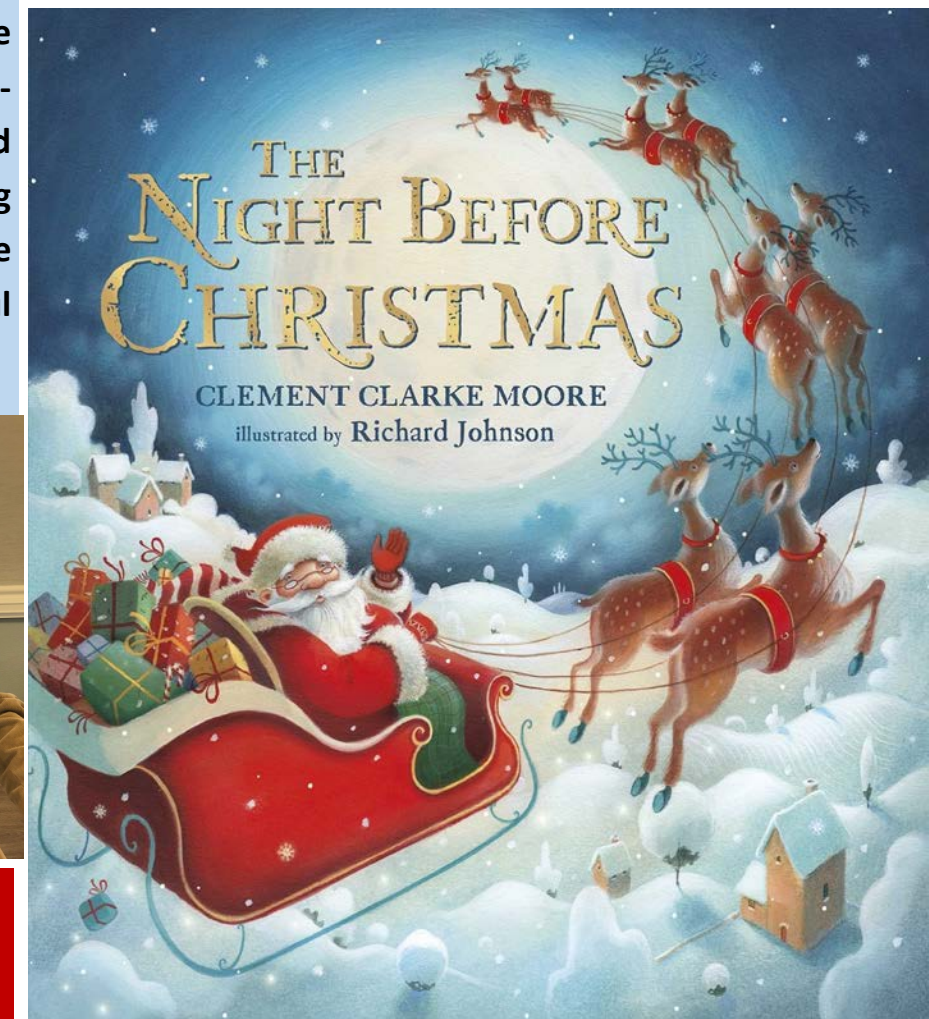
New Year's Eve Celebration

The New Year's Eve celebration will be December 31st at 2:00 pm. Join us as we bring in the New Year with entertainment from The Two Man Band and refreshments. Have you been thinking about your New Year's Resolution for the coming year? Wishing you a wonderful 2023 year.



Check out our residents and their beautiful smiles!

Melissa Sloan our Healthcare Dietary Supervisor is very passionate about reading "The Night Before Christmas" story to residents wherever she is working, on Christmas Eve. So, on this Christmas Eve at 6pm our Healthcare residents will have the pleasure to be in the room as Melissa get into character with this beautiful story.



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Resident Spotlight

James Denniston is a military veteran who served in the Army from April 1945 through October 1946. Mr. Denniston served a year and 6 months in the service. Mr. Denniston was honored to be at Parkway and be able to attend the Veteran's Day Lunch with others who once served the country as he did. James felt the introduction and the entertainment was very appropriate and the event itself was great. Mr. Denniston commented that he is happy to be a resident at Parkway Place. He also commented that the Parkway is a great place to live when you are in need of excellent care that he has been receiving from the Haven staff. He is also proud to say he is honored to have served his country.



Abby's Corner!

It's that time of the year when people may get sick with the flu. Continue to wear your mask, get the flu shot and wash your hands. If you happen to get the flu, it is good to drink fluids and get plenty of rest. Consult with your Primary Care Physician for professional medical treatment if needed.

Flu symptoms include:

Fever.

Chills.

Cough and/or sore throat.

Fatigue.

Runny or stuffy nose.

Nausea, vomiting and/or diarrhea

Headaches and body aches.

(most common in children)

Abby Williams APRN-PHD

Nurse Practitioner



Healthcare Christmas Party Event

Happy Holidays!
The Heights, The Haven and The Harbor will be celebrating a Joyous Christmas on December 15th at 2:00 pm. There will be entertainment provided by Danette McMahon. We are encouraging each resident to wear red or green. Refreshments will be served during the event.



Resident Birthday Corner!

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12/ 01 Brewster Rodgers
12/05 James Denniston
12/12 Duane Carlson
12/13 Thomas Dambrosio
12/16 Mildred Humphries
12/24 Ralph Naylor
12/29 Mark Grossbard
12/30 William Molloy



Tis The Season to Be Jolly.

As we celebrate the Holiday Seasons, let’s not forget how to spread great cheer throughout the season to our loved ones and especially to the residents at Parkway Place. The carol contains the words, "Tis the season to be jolly," which is followed by "Fa-la-la-la-la, la-la-la-la." You can read about the origins of some of the Christmas carols here. The phrase simply means. It is the season with "the season" referring to the holiday or Christmas season. It is the time of the year that is also known broadly as the holiday season and more narrowly as the Christmas season. The statement “Tis the season” is simply a way of drawing focus to the festive time of year when it's currently underway. Greeting each other with a smile and some kind words can really help spread great cheer and have a Jolly season as we approach the end of the year.

Searching for December

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| DECEMBER | PRENEBT |
| DECORATIONS | SAGITTARIUS |
| GOAT | TURQUOISE |



Parkway place welcomes Pelagie Akop RN, BSN as the new Director of Nursing in Healthcare. Welcome Pelagie!



Parkway place welcomes Regina Iwueze RN, BSN to the Haven. Welcome to the team Regina!



Parkway Place welcomes Jasmine Kinsey BSW, RSW, as the new Social Worker in Healthcare. Jasmine holds an undergrad degree from Southeastern Louisiana University. Jasmine is looking forward to graduating with her masters in Social Work.

