

# Keystone Nursing Care Center

## Monthly Newsletter

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### From the desk of the Administrator

#### Resident's Rights

Each resident has the right to be informed orally and in writing in a language that the resident understands about eligibility requirements and how to apply for and use financial and medical assistance including Medicaid, and how to receive refunds for previous payments covered by such benefits.

Where the resident is incompetent the rights and responsibilities of the resident devolve to the resident's legal representative of family member to the extent permitted by Iowa law. This statement contains the general rights of each resident and is not all inclusive. Specific provisions implementing these general rights are included in the facility's policies and procedures which are available upon request.

Please be aware that the Medicare Open Enrollment period starts October 15th and runs to December 7th. During this time you are able to switch insurance policies without any penalty. If you have any questions regarding this please contact the SHIP office in Des Moines for a free comparison to see if there is a policy that might better suit your needs.

If you have any questions regarding this resident's right, please contact Tracy Bruns, Administrator at the Care Center 319-442-3234.

### Save the Date:

We will be having a fundraiser again this year for the American Cancer Society during the Keystone Town wide Garage Sales. Breakfast rolls and sandwiches for lunch available.

**May 7th, 8am-1pm.**

**302 4th Ave.** If you would like to donate, contact Mary Jo Feldman.



### HOME HEALTH: Help Wanted

We are looking for a full time RN nurse and a part time Aide position. \$500 sign on bonus for full time only. You must have a current RN license. For both jobs you must be detail oriented, and have a strong ability to work independently. You will need a valid driver's license, vehicle insurance and a reliable vehicle. We offer a flexible schedule, reimbursement for phone and mileage, great benefits and an awesome team to support you. If you are interested contact Erika at 319-442-3650 . (\$500 after 30 days; additional \$500 after 6 months.)

### CARE CENTER: Help Wanted

We are looking for a part-time nurse, RN/LPN for both 2nd and 3rd shift. These hours could combine to make one full time position. Please contact Lindsay Niebes RN, DON if interested. **If full time** there is a \$500 sign on bonus available after 30 days; additional \$500 after 6 months.

We are also looking for a part-time Assisted Living aide. This would include every other weekend. If interested contact Tracy Bruns, Administrator.

# Activities



Bread Day 2022!!!



Celebrating a  
Happy St.  
Patrick's  
Day!!!



## Nursing Home Industry Reacts to the Biden Administration's Nursing Home Reform Plan

The American Health Care Association (AHCA), representing more than 14,000 nursing homes and long term care facilities across the country that provide care to approximately five million people each year, released the following statement in reaction to the Biden Administration's nursing home reform plan that will be announced at the State of the Union on Tuesday.

The statement is attributable to Mark Parkinson, president and CEO of AHCA:

"The nursing home profession has always been committed to improving the quality of care our residents receive, and we appreciate the Biden Administration joining us in this ongoing effort. Over the last decade and prior to the pandemic, the sector made dramatic improvements. Fewer people were returning to the hospital, staff were providing more one-on-one care than ever before, and the unnecessary use of antipsychotic medications significantly declined.

"Those who continue to criticize the nursing home sector are the same people who refuse to prioritize our residents and staff for resources that will help save and improve lives. Additional oversight without corresponding assistance will not improve resident care. To make real improvements, we need policymakers to prioritize investing in this chronically underfunded health care sector and support providers' improvement on the metrics that matter for residents.

"Long term care was already dealing with a workforce shortage prior to COVID, and the pandemic exacerbated the crisis. We would love to hire more nurses and nurse aides to support the increasing needs of our residents. However, we cannot meet additional staffing requirements when we can't find people to fill the open positions nor when we don't have the resources to compete against other employers.

"It's time to stop blaming nursing homes for a once-in-a-century pandemic that uniquely targeted our residents and vilifying the heroic caregivers who did everything they could to protect the residents they have come to know as family. Together, we should focus on meaningful solutions that can attract and retain the frontline heroes we need and strengthen delivering the quality of care and services that our nation's seniors deserve. Providers are dedicated to learning from this pandemic, renewing our commitment to our seniors, and offering solutions that will improve the quality of care in our nation's nursing homes. With the proper resources and support, we can transform our nation's nursing homes."



### Annual Easter Egg Hunt!

We will be doing our Easter Egg hunt this year on Friday April 15th at 2:30pm. This will be strictly done outside only! Plan to meet outside the south door entrance. Also please call ahead if the weather is not looking good in case of cancellation. All are welcome—please pass the word!!!



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**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

## *UPCOMING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES*

- If you would like to join your loved ones for meals or activities, you may now call us to let us know ahead of time and we can allow you to do so. Keep in mind that you will have to sit 6 feet apart from any other residents and must wear a mask during activities. For meals you may have to be assigned a specific place to dine due to guidelines and space available and again, must be six feet apart from any other residents. Please contact the care center if you have any questions.

If you know anyone that would like to receive our newsletter via email, please refer them to our website at [www.keystonecarecenter.com](http://www.keystonecarecenter.com) to sign up. You can also view it on our Facebook page.

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