

Dear Residents, Family Members and Friends,



This weekly newsletter is being sent to family members and responsible parties listed as the primary contact for residents. If you are the primary contact for a specific resident, if you could please let other family members know that they can access the newsletter at the website at [www.baldwincarecenter.com](http://www.baldwincarecenter.com) that would be great. I spoke with a family member this week whose brother is the primary contact and they had not passed this information along to their sibling. If you have questions or comments about the weekly information, please feel free to contact me by phone or email at [elafavor@baldwincarecenter.com](mailto:elafavor@baldwincarecenter.com).

Last week I discussed COVID-19 testing that had occurred on the Baldwin Care Center campus. The Baldwin Care Center has not yet determined a re-test date after most of the tests were mishandled by the lab. We are trying to make certain that the process is improved so we don't have the same difficulty the next time we test. We will let you know when we decide to re-test. We will assume that if you gave permission initially for the testing, that will remain in place until you tell us otherwise. The new discussion on the state level is to do regular testing that would include weekly testing of staff and testing every two weeks for residents, unless there is a positive case, then there would be additional testing. This guidance is being considered at this time. If that is going to be the new guidance, we will certainly make you aware.

We did receive the test results from Birch Haven Assisted Living and we are pleased to announce that every staff member and resident who was tested was negative! That is great news. The two staff members who tested positive have recovered and have returned to work. There is not specific guidance regarding testing in assisted living facilities at this time. Generally speaking the guidance that has applied to long term care facilities is what is recommended for the assisted living setting. This campus wanted to test everyone to make certain we did not have any asymptomatic staff or residents who could potentially pass along the virus.

We do have two different types of assisted living facilities on the campus. The Birchwood Apartments are licensed as a Residential Care Apartment Complex (RCAC) and Birch Haven Assisted Living is licensed as a Community Based Residential Care Facility (CBRF). The residents of Birch Haven Assisted Living require 24 hour care. The Birchwood Apartments are viewed as more of an independent setting with supportive services. The Birchwood Apartment tenants are viewed more like someone living in the community. The State of Wisconsin views these two settings differently when applying guidance regarding COVID-19 practices. For this reason, the State of Wisconsin does not impose guidelines that are quite so strict on the RCAC setting. An example might be that if a tenant goes out to go to the cabin for the weekend, they are not subject to quarantine when returning to their apartment setting. If a resident of Birch Haven Assisted Living or the Baldwin Care Center has contact with a family member, they are subject to a 14 day strict isolation, in which staff have to wear full Personal Protective Equipment. The tenants in the apartments should still be practicing social distancing and wearing a mask, as we all should in any social situation in which we are within 6 feet of someone. Recent studies indicate that if everyone would wear masks in public and also adhere to social distancing guidelines and wash their hands frequently, the United States may be able to avoid a second wave of COVID-19.



I want to mention the retirement of Mary Jo Lunzer, Medical Records Secretary. Mary Jo has worked at the Baldwin Care Center since she was in high school. She worked in the Dietary Department from 1974-1975. She enrolled in the Ward Clerk program at Wisconsin Indianhead Technical Institute in New Richmond and then began working in the capacity of Ward Clerk in 1975. Mary Jo worked until 1983.



Mary Jo then took some time off after the birth of her first child. She returned to that same position in 1986 and has worked as the Medical Records Secretary since then. Mary Jo has worked on the Baldwin Care Center Campus for 42 years. That is an amazing accomplishment! She has spent her entire career serving the residents of the Baldwin Care Center campus. We want to thank her for her dedication and commitment. We wish her well in her retirement!



We also want to congratulate Clarence and Maxine Amundson on 73 years of marriage. They celebrated their anniversary on June 7th. This is remarkable milestone. Congratulations Clarence and Maxine!

The facility is discussing the possibility of some limited outdoor visiting. We are working through some details and will let you know when we have more specific information.

We would like to thank the following for thinking of us this week:

- \*Candy for Baldwin Care Center staff from Darla Peterson
- \*Shepherd's hook, bird feeder and bird seed donated by Butch and Joyce Wentlandt
- \* Lunch meal from Subway for Baldwin Care Center staff from Rich and Judy (Willink) Grose
- \*Cards for all residents from Dan and Tricia Van Brunt of the New Centerville United Methodist Church
- \*Helen Usiak (Dr. Findlay's Mom) who sewed more cloth isolation gowns
- \*Pastor Paul from Gethsemane donated produce to the tenants of the Birchwood Apartments
- \* Dr. Kathleen Findley for the beautiful peonies for each resident at BCC



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