



WINTER 2025

Eastern Star Masonic Retirement Campus



Spotlight



The residents loved cheering on the Broncos this season!

Larry bought donuts every time the Broncos won for all of the residents.



Devon, pictured here with residents, was in a serious accident. We would like to thank the community for all of the support they gave him during his recovery.



Congratulations Tracy, shown here with Luis our Memory Care Coordinator. On this day Tracey celebrated 24 years working at ESMRC. Rosa is featured below with Larry Lillo our Executive director as she is being honored for employee of the quarter.



Steve Schroeder being honored by ESMRC Board Chair Terry Hudson for 5 years of service as a board member. Steve will continue volunteering his time as our Pastor, a job he has been fulfilling for over 20 years. Thank you, Steve!



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Scholarship Essay By Annika Boex

Ever since I was a kid, I remember tagging along with my mom to work. She works at a retirement home called Eastern Star Masonic Retirement Campus. This place was, and still is, a significant place to me. It is my grandparents' home, and it happens to be big and has an absurd amount of rooms.

In one of those rooms, there is a very important woman named Nancy. She is the first resident I met and really got to know. It all started with reading to her my favorite book, which coincidentally was *Fancy Nancy*. This moment was the catalyst of Nancy and my relationship. I was able to bring joy and love to a woman who deserved it all – and she did the same for me. Ever since then, she has been referred to as “Fancy Nancy”.



Annika & “Fancy Nancy”

Growing up I always had the support of my parents – they loved me unconditionally. However, I did not have a genuine connection with my biological grandparents. There was a hole in my heart that needed to be filled, and it was slowly but surely mended by the residents at my mom's work – Fancy Nancy included.

When I was little, I didn't realize that some of these residents did not have family members that wanted to visit them. Similarly, these residents did not know that I did not have grandparents that wanted to see me. This made our relationship perfect. We were all able to benefit from the love, laughter, and connection that we brought to each other. I feel honored to have had the opportunity to get to hear the stories of the people who helped to shape me into who I am today.



My favorite memory from volunteering at my mom's work was during Christmas time. Not all residents have family to spoil them during the holidays, so someone had to. I remember dressing up in my cute little elf costume that my mom made me wear every year. I always said that I hated it, but it was secretly my favorite holiday tradition. We would go door to door delivering “Santa's” gifts. When residents opened up their gifts, the pure joy on their faces lit up the room.

Helping residents feel unencumbered joy gave me purpose. I will always remember getting to listen to their life stories about when they were young, playing my favorite board games with them, and just catching up and sharing my life with them. Most of all, though, I had the pleasure of learning from them. They always had advice to give and wisdom to pass on – sometimes that wisdom had to be shared without my mom around to hear!

The best lesson I learned was to unapologetically be my true authentic self. I know that I have lots to celebrate. I also know that I will continue to learn and grow. All that I can do is my best, and if my best is only a fraction of the residents that helped raise me, then I know I am doing just fine.

Activities at a Glance

From flu shots to trivia, flower arranging to puzzling, playing Wii, and crafting to reverse trick or treats the residents were BUSY.



Belle, Jo, Jackie, Linda



Donna



Jan, Ruth, Kenny, Claudia



Shirley



Dora



Norma



Larry



Peggy



Ruth



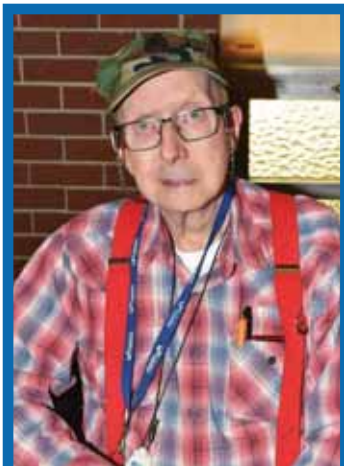
Barb

It was the best night of the fall when the El Jebel Band performed at an outdoor concert for our entire community to enjoy. Then a few weeks later they were back with their annual car parade that made 3 laps through the community to make the longest parade ever!



Veterans Day 2024

We celebrated the week of Nov 9-16 with our field of American Flags. 138 flags were placed for our Salute to Service event partnershiped by Colorado DeMolay and ESMRC. Pictured here are some of our veterans with their Poppy to commemorate Veterans Day.



David Barwell, US Maines



David Menin, Royal Navy



Earnest Jacobson, US Navy



Dick Karnes, US Air Force



Ben Napheys, US Marines



Dick Pepples, US Navy

We visited the Air & Space Wings Over the Rockies Museum, The Denver Museum of Nature & Science, went out to eat at Chillis and took scenic drives all over Denver.



We celebrated Belle and Roberta turning 99 years young!

Making friends at any age!



Belle



Roberta



Barb & Belle



Judy & Jo

Which Type of Care is Right for You?

At Eastern Star Masonic Retirement Campus, we are dedicated to ensuring the social, physical, and spiritual well-being of our residents. We offer exceptional senior housing and services, inspired by the values of the Masonic family, to all seniors in Denver, Colorado—whether or not they have a connection to the Masonic or Eastern Star organizations.



Situated on 19 scenic acres in southeast Denver, our campus provides a variety of living options. We offer independent living in patio homes, assisted living for those who need additional support, and memory care for residents requiring a safe and secure environment.

Understanding Care Options

When a loved one experiences a life-changing event—such as an injury or illness—it can be difficult to determine the type of care they need. Below are examples to help you navigate different care options based on individual needs.

Rehabilitation Therapy

- *Kay* is in her 60s and otherwise healthy but recently suffered a broken hip from a fall. Rehabilitation therapy, which includes occupational, physical, and speech therapy, will help her recover and return to her home.

Home Care

- *Bob*, 85, still lives at home but needs help with tasks like vacuuming, heavy lifting, and cleaning the bathtub. Home care services will enable him to stay independent while receiving the assistance he requires.



Independent Living

- *Helen*, 74, is in good health but has recently lost her spouse and is considering downsizing. She values her independence and would thrive in an Independent Living community, where she could enjoy maintenance-free living while remaining active.

Assisted Living

- *Ken*, 90, has Parkinson's disease and faces physical challenges, though he remains mentally sharp. Assisted Living would be an ideal environment, where he can receive support for daily activities while maintaining as much independence as possible.



Skilled Nursing

- *Linda* recently suffered a heart attack and now needs help with essential tasks like feeding herself and using the bathroom. Skilled Nursing care would provide her with the comprehensive medical and personal assistance she needs.

Memory Care

- *Tom*, in his 80s, has been diagnosed with advancing dementia. He struggles with orientation, communication, and decision-making. Memory Care would offer him the specialized, secure environment he needs for his safety and well-being.

If you're uncertain about the type of care most appropriate for your situation, reach out to Rose in our Sales Office at (303) 753-2179. We're here to help you find the best care option for your loved one.

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Christmas 2024



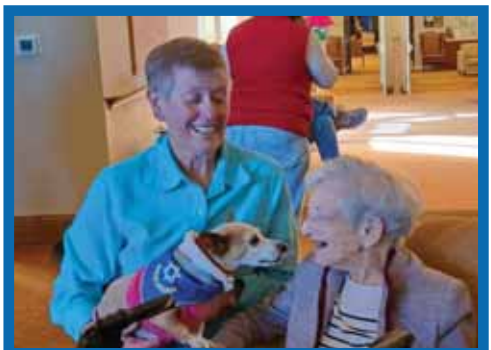
Dottie



Bruce



Larry



Jan



Judi & Mr & Mrs Santa



Bruce & Lori



Neil & Judi

Christmas 2024

Fa La La La! It was party central at ESMRC.



"Village People"



Musical Bingo



"SVV"



Walter & Edith



Chris



Ruth



Roberta



Hillary



Delores



Shirley



Donna & Peggy



Jeanette & Joanne

Memory Care Recap

Our residents in memory care enjoyed a day in their courtyard before fall took over. Inside they enjoyed sensory activities, crafts, dancing with staff, pet therapy with cats and dogs, and all Christmas FUN!



Bingo



Robbie



Crafting



Pokeno



Peter & The "Clauses"



Bill



Jane



Sarah



Jackson, Lauren, Robbie

Philanthropy

We would like to thank the following for their donations for the months of September -December

Susan Boles In Memory of Richard Horton
Diane Burns
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Thank you to the following who donated to ESMRC for Colorado Gives Day. Some people chose to remain anonymous and are not listed.

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Thank you to the following who donated and participated on our Salute to Service for Veterans Day, over 138 American Flags and one for each branch of the military were displayed on our great lawn for the week of Nove 8-16. This event was a partnership with ESMRC and Colorado DeMolay who planted the flags in the field.

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| John Swift Benchmark Investment Advisors | Renee Ballinger | David Reynolds |
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| Kristin Friedrich | Jim North | |

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 Loyalty Chapter
 Terry Hudson
 Susan Frazen



During the holiday time many Order of the Eastern Star Members Donated Tissues, so every resident got one. Special thanks to Dawn Chapter and Heritage Chapter, Loyalty Chapter, Heritage Chapter for making this happen.

Thank you to Knights Templar Association of Colorado for the donation of butter cookies for each resident.



Thank you to following for your donation to our Santa Program so our in-need residents all got a special wish gift from Santa:

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|------------------------------|--|
| Denver Chapter No. 2, R.A.M. | Boxes of Sees Chocolate for all residents from: |
| Denver Colorado Commandery 1 | Denver Colorado Commandery 1 |
| Shining Star Members | Gingerbread Houses, Harmony Lodge from |
| Gene Hardy | The El Jebel Shrine, Large sized candy bars |
| | Karen Short DOZENS of homemade Christmas cookies |

There are MANY people who donated anonymously and or we did not get your names, we thank you!

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