



## Save the Date



We are thrilled to announce that Columbus Residence will host **The Circle of Care Gala next March**. We are working hard to raise funds for new therapeutic bathtubs, and this Gala promises to be an evening to remember.

*Please save the date-*

**Friday, March 8, 2024**

**At The University Golf Club –  
5185 University Blvd**

Tickets sales will open soon. The event will include a buffet dinner, silent and live auction, and much more! Keep an eye on your inbox for further details.

We are grateful to our community who continues to support the important work done at Columbus Residence that has made and continues to make a significant difference in the quality of life for our residents.

# COLUMBUS RESIDENCE

## Winter 2023-2024

### December Highlight Events

**“Light Up for Christ”** – We begin our Advent journey with an evening of Scripture, prayer, hymns, and the illumination of our courtyard on **Tuesday December 5<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00pm

**Tree Decorating** – **Thursday December 7<sup>th</sup>** at 2:30pm  
**Lyndia Scott** will be here to provide the music.

**Christmas Celebration Music Show** – We will have a special Christmas Music Show on **Thursday December 14<sup>th</sup>** at 3:30pm with the music of Brian Zalo. The show will be followed by a special dinner for the residents.

**12 Days of Christmas Show** – **Friday December 15<sup>th</sup>** at 3:30pm will see the return of a Columbus Residence tradition, the 12 Days of Christmas Show.

**Pub & Rolling Egg Nog Cart** – **Wednesday December 20<sup>th</sup>**  
It's “Pub Time” at 3:00pm, then residents on all floors will enjoy a special delivery of delicious egg nog!

**4<sup>th</sup> Floor Christmas Party** – **Thursday December 21<sup>st</sup>** at 2:30pm. Music provided by **Angie Faith**.

**Rolling Hot Cocoa Cart** – **Saturday December 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
residents on all floors will enjoy a special delivery mug of delicious hot cocoa!

**Birthday/New Year's Party** – We will celebrate our December birthdays and ring in the New Year on **Thursday December 28<sup>th</sup>** at 3:00pm. Music by **Nathen Aswell**.

### Christmas Music Events

**December 6<sup>th</sup>: Cherelle Jardine**

**December 10<sup>th</sup>: Van Strings**

**December 11<sup>th</sup>: David & Gia**

**December 16<sup>th</sup>: One Key**

**December 19<sup>th</sup>: Pete Campbell**





## Christmas Lights

### Thank you Volunteers!



A big "thank you" to those family and friends who volunteered to help with installation of our outdoor Christmas lights display on November 18<sup>th</sup>. **Thank you for your assistance in turning our courtyard into a magical wonderland of light.**

**And...** as what goes up must inevitably come down, we are now seeking volunteers to help us take down the lights on **Saturday January 13<sup>th</sup>** from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided. If you are interested in volunteering, a sign-up sheet will be available at the Front Office during the month of December.

## Gifts for Staff Policy

During the Christmas season residents and family often express a desire to give gifts to staff. In the past our staff have been made to feel special by sharing gifts such as fruit, chocolates, baking, or a donation to the Staff Fund. Cards & notes expressing your caring thoughts are a most valued gift that only you can give.



Our policy is that staff may not accept individual gifts from a resident or family member, however on special occasions such as Christmas if a family member feels strongly that they want to give an individual gift they may do so, provided the value of the gift does not exceed \$25 and the employee is comfortable accepting the gift (*the employee must inform their manager of any/all gifts received*). The purpose of this policy is to protect both residents and staff. If you would like further clarification **regarding this policy, please contact our Director of Care, Ricky Chau (Ext 118).**

## Coming Events in January & February

**Winter Café** – Residents will enjoy sweet treats and music with Lyndia **Thursday January 11<sup>th</sup>** at 3pm on the Main floor, and **Thursday January 18<sup>th</sup>** at 2:30pm on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor.

**Chinese New Year** – we will celebrate with a special take-out lunch and a performance by Chinese Dancers on **Thursday February 6<sup>th</sup>**.

**4<sup>th</sup> Floor Sweetheart Tea** – a special tea will be served on **Thursday February 22<sup>nd</sup>** at 2:30pm.

**St. Valentine's Tea** – a special Valentine's Tea will be served on **Thursday February 15<sup>th</sup>** at 3:00pm.

## Christmas Social Leaves

We would appreciate your help in providing us with information regarding any resident social leave plans over any part of the holiday season. Even if the absence is for only one meal, we appreciate having this information in advance for meal planning and the preparation of social leave medications. This information may be left with one of the nurses or at our Front Office (Ext 100).

## Holiday Meals

Our Food Services Department is already planning special meals for our residents to enjoy over the holidays. Special menus will be offered for the following meals:

*Christmas Eve Dinner, Christmas Day Lunch & Dinner, New Year's Eve Dinner and New Year's Day Lunch & Dinner*

Our special holiday menus will be posted in elevators and on our website in December.



*Wishing you a Merry Christmas  
and may blessings and grace  
continue to be upon us in 2024.*

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