



Happy Fall! As we approach the end of another year, I'm excited to share with you the many ways our LSMNJ team members have been busy, across the state, caring for the more than 3,800 individuals within our programs. Not only have they implemented new programs and services to enhance our residents' quality of life, but they've also introduced new technology, upgraded our websites, and helped our seniors celebrate important life events. I am always amazed with our team and how they live to serve.

## Veterans Honored at Lutheran Crossings



On September 11<sup>th</sup>, Lutheran Crossings at Moorestown honored residents and community members who have served in the armed forces. The program featured local veteran speakers, an educational talk on senior care benefits for veterans and their spouses, and a recognition ceremony. There was also a moment of silence to remember those who lost their lives in the September 11<sup>th</sup> terrorist attack.

Featured keynote speaker, Colonel Bonnie J. Bosler, Commander of the 514th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron (AES), 514th Operations Group, 514th Air Mobility Wing, Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst in New Jersey shared her personal journey and then thanked the more than 30 veteran residents for their military service. Journey Hospice, also a program of Lutheran Social Ministries of NJ, presented each veteran with a certificate of recognition.

# REACHING OUT



## It's Never 2 Late .... To Discover, Learn, and Have Fun.

Lutheran Social Ministries of NJ is excited to bring the *It's Never 2 Late*<sup>®</sup> (iN2L) program to the residents of Crane's Mill and The Villa at Florham Park.

The user-friendly software platform has a picture-based, touch screen interface that easily allows residents to navigate their way through interactive, educational, spiritual, and individualized content that is tailored to each of their own interests and skill-level.

Made possible through a grant from The Wallerstein Foundation for Geriatric Life Improvement, iN2L engages residents. Through a simulator environment, they can drive a car, fly an airplane, cycle through a park or travel to a foreign country. From group trivia games and puzzles, to inspirational videos and a substantial digital library filled with music and movies, there is something for every resident to enjoy.

Both senior care communities offer several leisure and therapeutic programs to address resident's behavioral issues and cognitive impairments such as dementia and Alzheimer's. The iN2L program engages residents on all levels of care in mind-stimulating activities.

"The *It's Never 2 Late*<sup>®</sup> software program enhances the memory care activities we already offer. In addition, it increases the resident's sensory experience through visuals, sound, and touch," explains The Villa at Florham Park's executive director, Mercy Gonzalez. "The system has a lot to offer. It will help us develop a resident-centered program that will improve resident and family involvement, as well as overall quality of life. It does not limit itself to dementia residents and will be enjoyed by all."

"We are so excited to implement this program to better meet the needs of our residents on all levels of care

and to enrich their everyday life with unique, exciting programs and stimulating activity" emphasizes Colleen Frankenfield, President and CEO of Lutheran Social Ministries of NJ.

With a 72 inch touch screen console and several handheld tablets, residents can enjoy the program 24 hours a day. There is also the ability to Skype and email with friends and family. These types of engagement tools are very beneficial, especially to those with memory care needs, as they facilitate interaction and communication.

Chad Murin, VP and executive director of Crane's Mill adds, "The benefits of *It's Never 2 Late*<sup>®</sup> (iN2L) are endless and will make a positive impact on all of our senior care residents, current and future."

To learn more about the capabilities of the software, visit [www.in2l.com](http://www.in2l.com).

## Website Makeovers

The websites for Lutheran Crossings at Moorestown and The Villa at Florham Park have recently been redesigned and now have a warm and inviting presence. Visitors will enjoy the ease of navigation, eye-catching images and updated sections for services, news, and events.



# Recognize An Extraordinary Employee



The LSMNJ Foundation is excited to introduce a new program, called Mission Champions!

We often receive notes and cards from grateful patients and families sharing personal messages of thanks for the care they or their loved one received from employees. As an extension of this sentiment, we invite these individuals to make a gift to the LSMNJ Foundation in honor of those employees who have

gone above and beyond. In doing so, we will then honor the employee as an LSMNJ Mission Champion.

Each Mission Champion will be recognized and presented with a special lanyard to proudly wear each day and a copy of the 'Thank You' note from the family. Additional recognition will appear on our website and social media pages, and on the employee *Mission Possible* boards.

Flyers and posters containing information about the Mission Champions program are displayed throughout all of our programs for families and patients to see. The necessary form to complete is also available for families online and at the front desk of most communities.

To learn more, call the LSMNJ Foundation office at (609) 699-4138.



## LSM of North Camden Opens Food Pantry to Assist Affordable Housing Residents

LSMNJ's H.E.R.O. program proudly opened a food pantry in September for residents of Lutheran Social Ministries of North Camden, an 89-unit affordable housing community. The pantry was fully stocked thanks to generous donations from residents at Cranes Mill Retirement Community, Rutgers University Camden staff, St. Michaels Lutheran Church

and the Roscoe family. The pantry was prepped for its opening by students from St. Joseph's Philadelphia Service Immersion Program and employees of Campbell's Soup who painted, assembled shelving, and who stocked and inventoried donations.

"Often our residents have to make the difficult decision to either pay their

electric bill or put food on the table to feed their family. By providing this resource, we're eliminating one struggle for the families we serve," expressed Colleen Frankenfield, LSMNJ President and CEO. "As an organization with a mission to help those in need, we are always seeking new ways to better the lives of those in our communities."

The food pantry will continue to rely on the generosity of others. "We all have a responsibility to take care of our fellow neighbor. The mission of LSMNJ couldn't be more true through the efforts of the H.E.R.O. program," explained Craig Roscoe, LSMNJ Social Worker and Manager of the H.E.R.O. program.

Financial contributions to the food pantry can be sent to:

LSMNJ Foundation  
Lutheran Social Ministries of New Jersey  
3 Manhattan Drive  
Burlington, NJ 08016

To make a donation of non-perishable food, call Craig Roscoe at (856) 281-4649 or email [croscoe@lsmnj.org](mailto:croscoe@lsmnj.org).

## Rockin' to the Oldies PROM 2019

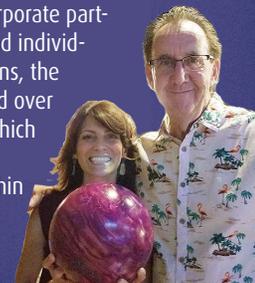


Lutheran Senior LIFE at Jersey City held a 50's themed Senior Prom presented by Women of the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church of America). Participants came dressed to impress and enjoyed themselves to some great music, fun games and Polaroid pictures to take home capturing the wonderful day.

## \$19K Raised at Bid n' Bowl Fundraiser



Friends and supporters of LSMNJ gathered together to give their 'spare' time on Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> to bowl and bid on a selection of incredible auction items. Through corporate partnerships and individual donations, the event raised over \$19,000, which will benefit seniors within LSMNJ's programs.



## Support LSMNJ This Holiday Season While Shopping Online

Do your holiday shopping **amazon smile** You shop. Amazon gives. online at **AmazonSmile** and designate Lutheran Social Ministries of NJ as your charity of choice. For all your purchases, Amazon will make a .5% donation to our organization. Visit <https://smile.amazon.com>.

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# Let's PARTEE

NOVEMBER 6, 2019: 6-9 PM  
TOPGOLF EDISON  
1013 U.S. ROUTE 1  
EDISON, NJ

**TICKETS: \$95/pp**  
Includes unlimited gameplay, beer, wine, food, and a silent auction.

Proceeds benefit LSMNJ's The Villa at Florham Park, a preferred senior care community in Morris County. For tickets visit [lsmnj.org/events](http://lsmnj.org/events) or call (609) 699-4115. Email: [gverlander@lsmnj.org](mailto:gverlander@lsmnj.org).



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