



HOLY FAMILY

LIFELONG LEGACY

H.C. AVERY SCHOOL

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FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

Thank you for supporting the Festival of Lights. With your generous gifts we can significantly improve the comfort and well-being of our residents. Your gifts to Festival of Lights will be used to update the dining and family areas in building A. These spaces are where friendships grow, stories are shared, and community comes alive.

Spotlight



Our home was uplifted by a heartfelt visit from the students of HC Avery Middle School. We are so grateful for the joy they shared and the smiles they brought to our residents.



STORY OF AN ELDER

Mary's Story: Love, Laughter, and a Little Popcorn

Mary has always had a knack for keeping things running smoothly. She spent more than 13 years working as a secretary, and it was there that life surprised her with something even better than a good day's work - she met her husband, Ken. The two were together for over 30 years, and Mary smiles when she talks about him. They had "an awful lot of fun," she says, and with a playful grin adds that he was "kinda cute".



They raised a wonderful daughter, Dana, and Mary proudly shares that the three of them have always gotten along beautifully. While telling her story, Mary happily munched on popcorn and cheerfully announced, "I love my popcorn!" - a statement no one could argue with.

Mary and Ken loved to travel, and one favorite adventure shines above the rest: Hawaii, especially sunny Honolulu. When asked for advice for younger generations, Mary offered this heartfelt gem: "When your parents speak a different language to you, you make sure you understand them."

HOLLY JOLLY HOEDOWN



Yeehaw! Our staff Christmas party was a rootin'-tootin' good time, complete with a mechanical bull that tested everyone's cowboy skills. We rounded up great food and the fan-favorite Cran Dandy Cooler to keep spirits high. Plenty of laughs, holiday cheer, and a little wild-west bravery made it a Christmas to remember.



UNIT CHRISTMAS PARTIES

Our month of Christmas parties was full of cheer and celebration! Each unit had a chance to join in the fun as St. Nicholas stopped by to spread joy and smiles all around. With tasty treats, plenty of Christmas music, and lots of laughter shared with great company, every party was a holiday highlight!



DECK THE HALLS WINNERS

It was such a fun time! We loved seeing everyone take the time to share the holiday spirit by decorating their doors. Our residents have chosen the winners - congratulations to all!

1st place

3A –
Candy Lane



2nd place

Business Office –
Gingerbread Village



3rd place

Colleen (Recreation)
- Reindeer



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for volunteers to join our vibrant community!

How you can help:

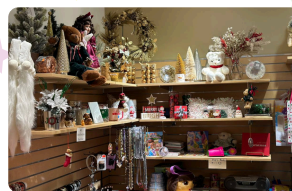
- Assist with weekly concerts and evening programs.
- Lead art projects, games or reading sessions
- Provide one-on-one visits
- Help in Gift Shop

Call us at 204-589-7381 ext. 265

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

COMING
SOON

- **Festival of Carols** on **Sunday, January 25 at 1:30 PM.** Hoosli Ukrainian Male Chorus - Melos Folk Ensemble - O. Koshetz Choir in **HFH Atrium.**
- **Sopilka Ukrainian Dancing School.**
January 29 at 6:00 PM.



Visit our Gift Shop!

Tues-Thurs & Sun
1PM - 3PM

ANGELA PEELER
Holy Family Home Chief Executive Officer

As we begin the new year, I want to thank our staff, residents, and families for being such an important part of the Holy Family Home community. Your care, kindness, and commitment to one another are what make HFH such a warm and welcoming place to live and work.

January is a time for fresh starts and looking ahead with hope. As we move into 2026, we remain focused on providing high-quality, compassionate care while continuing to support our staff and strengthen our community for residents and families. I am encouraged by the positive energy and conversations happening throughout the Home, and I look forward to all that we will accomplish together in the year ahead. Thank you for all that you do, each and every day.

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