Dear Beatitudes Residents, Families and Staff,

Arizona is seeing unprecedented spikes in the number of new COVID-19 cases, in hospitalizations and in the percent of all tests that come back positive. Beatitudes Campus, unfortunately, is not immune to the spread. This morning (June 19), we were informed of a positive COVID-19 test for a Health Care Center employee. This employee became symptomatic on June 13. The employee’s last day working at the campus was June 8, prior to exhibiting any symptoms. The Health Care Center staff on the third and fourth floors continue to wear full personal protective equipment (PPE) – masks, goggles, gowns, gloves and face shields. We continue to work closely with the Maricopa County Department of Public Health. As is our protocol, Beatitudes Campus is doing our own internal contact tracing to identify and contact persons who may have been in contact with this individual.

The Health Care Center resident who tested positive continues to remain in the Isolation Unit in the Health Care Center and continues to improve. The Bistro staff member and the Assisted Living staff member continue to recover in quarantine at their homes and all three are stable.

On Tuesday, June 16, COVID-19 testing (viral-nose swab test) was administered to 166 Health Care Center staff. We should be receiving the results in the next few days and will keep you informed.

COVID-19 has swept through the world like a tsunami wave. It has shown no discrimination on who it infects. It has demanded our full attention and swept aside any attempts to deliver “business as usual.” But, it has also shined a light on the resilience of our community at Beatitudes Campus. This unique time in history has brought out the best in many people, despite the challenges that we face every day. We have learned that the road to recovery will not always be smooth – there will be fits and starts. We may move quicker one week and slower the next. We may need to backtrack and reverse course. But we will get to the destination together.

Throughout these past months, I have witnessed every day what we collectively are capable of achieving. You – the Beatitudes community of residents, staff and families – are the strength and the foundation of our community.

Thank you for working together. Please reach out to BeWell@BeatitudesCampus.org for any questions.

Stay safe.

My best,

Michelle Just, President and CEO
TUNE IN TO BEINSPIRED LIVE!
CHANNEL 1-2 ON YOUR TELEVISIONS FOR UPDATES, NEWS AND INFO FROM YOUR STAFF.

CHANNEL 1-2 SCHEDULE
This week’s events you should know about...

ROADRUNNER READING
MONDAYS ONLY
8:30AM
LIFE ENRICHMENT
DAILY at 9:00AM
FITNESS LEVEL 1
DAILY at 10:00AM & 1:00PM
FITNESS LEVEL 2
DAILY at 10:30AM & 1:30PM
SUCCESS MATTERS
MONDAY—FRIDAY
11:00AM
MICHELLE & DAVID
MONDAY — FRIDAY
2:00PM
MODERN TECHNOLOGY
SATURDAY & SUNDAY
2:00PM
SPIRITUAL LIFE
DAILY
3:00PM
MUSIC HOUR
DAILY at 4:00PM
COMEDY HOUR
FRIDAYS ONLY
5:00PM
DAILY ENCORE
5:00PM
(FRIDAYS at 6:00PM)

Lovingkindness

Under normal circumstances, visitors to our Campus regularly remark upon the tangible feeling of kindness and neighborliness which they encounter during their time with us. Currently, while the ordinary pattern of our lives has been so altered by the Covid-19 pandemic, the hallmark of kindness within our community has blossomed in new and beautiful ways. Kindness is often said to be one of the defining features of the Book of Ruth.

The Book of Ruth does not shy away from the difficulties of life. It tells the story of a family enduring the hardship of famine, and deciding to leave their home to seek a better life. Tragedy strikes them, with the men of the family dying leaving the family matriarch, Naomi, as a childless widow. Her situation is so dire, and her anguish so great that when she returns home her neighbors barely recognize her. Naomi instructs them to call her by a new name – Mara – meaning ‘bitter’. The Book of Ruth begins as a story of loss, isolation and depression, and as such is a story which sadly resonates with so many today – however that is not how the story ends. The story of Ruth is a story of the transformative journey from desolation to joy, ending in Naomi rejoicing in the birth of her grandchild, whom tradition tells us grew to be David, the greatest of Israel’s King.

The means leading to this transformation are summed up in a single Hebrew word - chesed - חסד. It is a word that speaks of kindness between people, and also of God’s love for humanity. Recently I have been thinking about the power of what this word, chesed, describes.

In his translation work of the 1530s, William Tyndale who was translating the Bible into English for the first time realized that there was no English equivalent for chesed. He had to invent a new word that communicated its meaning, and so he invented a new word; lovingkindness.

It’s a wonderfully rich and descriptive noun, and it speaks to exactly how Naomi’s life was turned from bitterness to happiness. The lovingkindness of Ruth and Boaz towards Naomi was transformative. There is great power in that word, for we can only use that word to describe that relationship of loving when love is made manifest from one to another. Lovingkindness is by definition an active word.

We have seen many examples of lovingkindness, of chesed, on our Campus in these past months. Friends helping friends, strangers helping those who have become friends. In the midst of tragedy and difficulty, chesed continues to blossom here. And so then does its power to transform. May each of us be open to the transformative nature of love in action, of chesed, of lovingkindness which flourishes all around us.

Thank you to our Royal Palm Neighborhood First Responders!

Help us thank the Police and Firefighters in the Royal Palm Neighborhood! Complete one of the provided thank you cards in your building lobby and attach a label for either “Police” or “Firefighters” and place the card in the box.

If you have questions, or would like cards delivered or picked up from your apartment contact x18483.

All cards must be received by 7/2/2020 at 1 PM.

Rev. Andrew Moore, Associate Chaplain

We Remember

CORILEE “LEE” CLARK
DECEMBER 4, 1946—JUNE 10, 2020
Health Care Center

VIVIAN LONGONI
MARCH 23, 1935—JUNE 15, 2020
Plaza North

ROBERT “BOB” EDWARDS
JANUARY 19, 1944—JUNE 15, 2020
Central Park West