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Jewish Home Rolls Out COVID-19 Vaccine

As we move into 2021, the outlook is optimistic now that the Jewish Home of Eastern PA, along with other senior care services, has access to a vaccine for COVID-19. Our residents, families and staff know far too well the impact the pandemic has had on our lives, from loss of loved ones, separation from loved ones to changes in our daily routines. Wearing masks, social distancing and testing have helped us to reduce exposure to COVID-19. The new vaccine works with our immune systems so that it is ready to fight the virus if we are exposed.

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Spitz Foundation Issues \$10,000 Grant to Jewish Elderly of Eastern PA

The Robert H. Spitz Foundation has issued a \$10,000 grant to support the 55+ Division of the Jewish Resource Center of the Poconos (JRC). The Foundation for the Jewish Elderly of Eastern PA, that guides and backs this program, received the Spitz Foundation grant on behalf of the Jewish Resource Center.

The JRC's 55+ Division includes the Thursday Lunch Club, sponsored by Monroe County, the CLOSER program (Cultural Outreach, Socialization and Education for Retirees) and the Sunshine Club. The 55+ Division has plans to expand its offerings to include retirement planning, preemptive healthcare, healthy nutrition, cooking, physical education and support groups for dementia, Parkinson's, and Alzheimer's diseases.



Shown left to right: Maggie Augugliaro, Senior Citizen Program Coordinator and Community Liaison, Rabbi Samuel K. Sandhaus, Managing Director of the Foundation for the Jewish Elderly and Rabbi Yehuda Salkow, Executive Director of the JRC.



In Memory of Louis Kahanowitz

The Jewish Home notes with sadness the passing of Louis Kahanowitz. Lou served on the Home's board for many years and as president from 2003 to 2005. At the time of his death, he was the president of the Foundation for the Jewish Elderly of Eastern PA. Lou was devoted to the welfare of the residents of the Home and the needs of the aging. He was a mild mannered leader who had an abiding commitment to the community and was a generous supporter. Until his retirement he was the owner of Crystal Soda, a family business. May his memory and record of accomplishments endure for many years.

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Having this as part of our tool kit to fight the pandemic provides us with a stronger means to save lives, control the spread and an expectation of an improvement in our ability to socialize safely as we move forward into 2021. The scientists are projecting that our country will reach herd immunity once we have at least 70% of the population vaccinated.



Jewish Home Administrator, Mary Rose Applegate, (above) and Clinical Operations Executive, Gina McCabe, (below) received their vaccine at the facility's January 15, 2021 clinic.



The focus of our vaccine campaign at the Jewish Home has been educationally-based to provide our residents, families and staff with the scientific information on how the vaccine works and its effectiveness as means to control the pandemic. We will be sharing our final numbers when our clinic is complete. As of the publication of this article, our numbers of acceptance from the Jewish Home residents and staff should be coming in at 78% if all who signed up for the vaccine series complete it. We still will be providing education to those who have not yet accepted, as well as new staff and residents coming into our building, so we are optimistic that a higher number will be achieved.

Our campaign theme is that we are an essential piece in solving the much larger puzzle of COVID-19 by getting the vaccine. Our first clinic date was held on January 15, 2021, with other dates offered in our building up to March 3, 2021. In addition to T-shirts, our staff also filled out a puzzle piece sharing why they are taking the vaccine which was used to form the word "hope" as you walk in our building. Many thoughtful answers were shared. To sum up and borrow a phrase from one staff member's puzzle piece, which demonstrates the feelings of many of our staff members: "I am being vaccinated to protect my family and my work family." That is really what the Jewish Home is all about. We are hopeful that everyone will do their part and receive the vaccination in the greater community to help bring about herd immunity and control the spread across the world.

Thank you, and we are looking forward to sharing more with you as we move forward into 2021.

*-Mary Rose Applegate, MBA, NHA, RD
Administrator*



Jewish Home Earns Certification as Center of Excellence in Wound Management from VOHRA

In supporting The Jewish Home of Eastern PA's mission to provide high-quality care, we are expanding our wound care program to better care for those members in our community that have clinically-complex wounds. We now accept residents with more complex pressure injuries and other wound types, such as those from certain diseases and accidental trauma. It is estimated that more than 2.5 million people in the United States develop pressure injuries each year. Unfortunately, prevalence is widespread in all care settings. All wound types bring pain, associated risk for serious infection, and increased health care interventions. Pressure injuries are a leading threat to quality of care. In skilled and long-term care, a significant number of residents are admitted with existing pressure injuries that have developed in the community or during their stay at a hospital.

Others will have pressure injuries develop during their skilled nursing facility stay due to reasons of clinical comorbidities, lack of mobility, or decline in functional status even with proactive interventions in place.

An important component of our expanded wound care program involves our partnership with VOHRA Wound Care. A VOHRA specialty trained physician comes directly to the Jewish Home to extend their wound care expertise, develop treatment plans, consult and guide resident treatment, and provide in-service education to our nursing staff, improving their overall wound care competency. Utilizing a wound care physician-based group has many advantages in both short-term and long-term care. Besides bringing expertise to the resident's bedside, a physician-based wound group allows for less disruption of our resident's day, along with less pain, and lower costs from transportation back and forth to a wound care center. Our residents also build a trusting relationship with their provider that comes weekly to assess and treat their

wounds. These wound rounds are the perfect opportunity for the VOHRA Physician and Jewish Home's clinical team to collaborate to provide the highest level of quality care.



Pictured from L to R: Gina McCabe, Clinical Operations Executive, Dr. James Kramer, VOHRA Senior Physician Lead, and Charles Harris, RN.

As of the publication of this article, two Registered Nurses have completed the VOHRA Wound Care Management training requirements: Gina McCabe and Charles Harris, pictured above.

Excellent wound healing outcomes and improved customer service ratings from residents and family are only two of the goals we trend with this updated clinical program. Expanding our wound care program fits very well alongside other programs that The Jewish Home offers, such as Parkinson's, Dementia and Short Term Rehab. All of these efforts allow us to maintain our exceptional reputation and meet our mission of providing high quality care to the community we serve.



WE CARE is our commitment to reach for continuous improvement with a goal of open and respectful communication through feedback on customer experience.

In order to demonstrate our commitment to all stakeholders and obtain helpful feedback, WE CARE rack cards are located throughout the Jewish Home, and a digital option is located on the website. This easy-to-use, fillable form provides us with the ability to quickly receive and respond to resident and family feedback.

An Inside Look at Our Newly Renovated Therapy Gym

The Jewish Home is happy to announce the opening of our newly renovated rehabilitation therapy gym. This addition to our facility allows us to better accommodate residents throughout their journey to recovery. The changes made to the gym make it more functional and resident-centered.

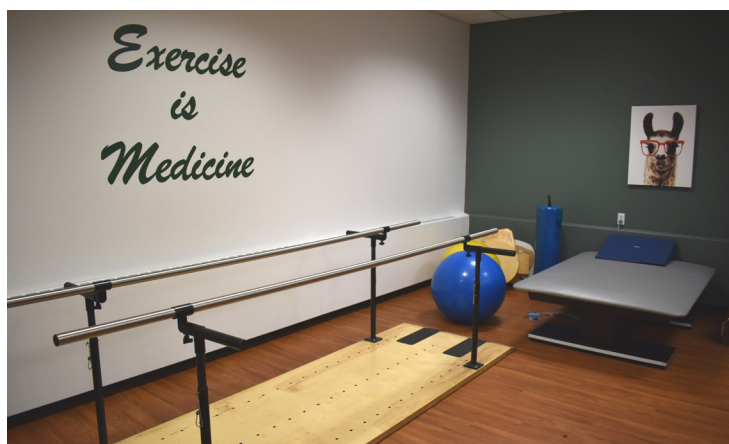
An Activities of Daily Living suite was added to allow residents to work on maintaining balance while performing everyday practical tasks, such as washing dishes or setting the table. Additional storage was also added to ensure there is enough space in the gym for residents to practice social distancing comfortably. The main door was widened to allow room for clinicians to walk with residents, ensuring residents' safety when entering and exiting the gym.

Two new pieces of equipment were added to the gym. The rebounder facilitates the clinician's focus of balance

and vestibular training, and the theracycles enable residents with conditions like Parkinson's disease to work on flexibility and range of motion.

"I love the new gym," Therapy Program Manager, Melissa Gibblets, said, "Residents seem to be smiling more during therapy, and their energy when they are working on their goals in the gym is upbeat. In my opinion, how the residents feel plays a large role in their journey to getting better and reaching their personal goals."

Gibblets and the rehabilitation team are very appreciative of the renovation. "Our residents are enjoying the space," Gibblets said, "and when they are happy, we are happy."



Telemedicine Service Provides Round-the-Clock Care

The Jewish Home has subscribed to Curavi Health to provide telemedicine that supports efficient management of all after-hour clinical needs among our residents. Curavi offers technology-enabled telemedicine services customized for post-acute and long-term care. Curavi is focused on enabling treatment-in-place through telemedicine technology and clinical knowledge that improves the well-being of residents.

Through the use of this technology, Curavi Telemedicine providers can assess a resident, develop a treatment plan consistent with care plan goals, and communicate orders to the nurses at the Jewish Home of Eastern PA. All of the Curavi physicians are board-certified geriatricians.

The Jewish Home is pleased to offer this additional level of care for our residents as Curavi Health will be available

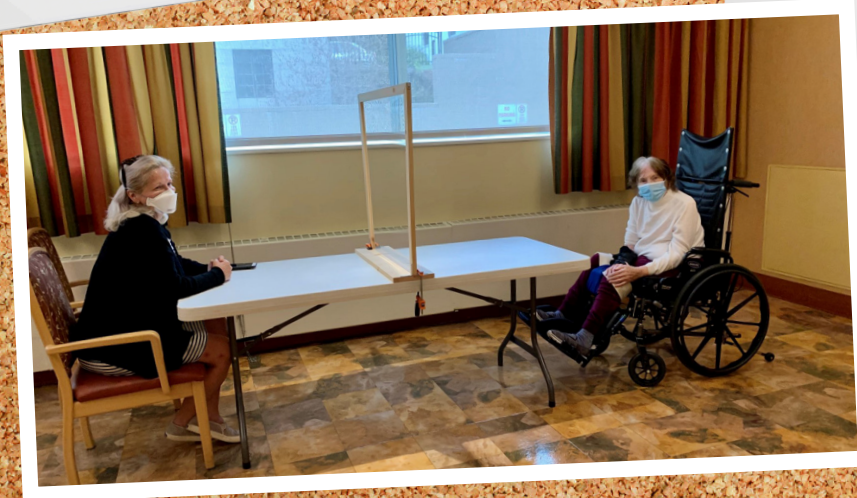
to the facility Monday through Thursday from 6pm to 6am, and Friday from 6 pm through Monday at 6 am. Holidays will be covered 24 hours.



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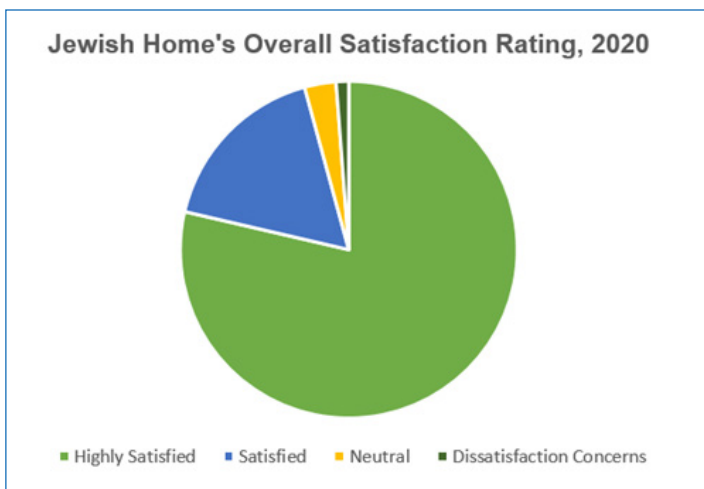
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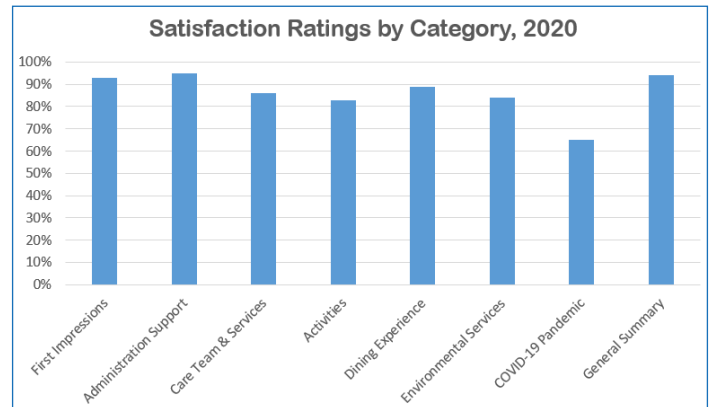
Our Residents & Families Say it Best!

The results are in for our 2020 Resident and Family Satisfaction Survey! A survey was designed to gauge residents' satisfaction across eight areas, including: First Impression; Administration Support; Care Team & Services; Life Enrichment Amenities, which consist of Activities, Dining Experience and Environmental Services; COVID-19 Pandemic; and a General Summary.

We are happy to report that 94% of respondents said that they are "Highly Satisfied" or "Satisfied" with the Jewish Home. A breakdown of residents and families' overall satisfaction rating of the Jewish Home is illustrated in the chart below.



The following chart illustrates the percentage of respondents that responded "Highly Satisfied" or "Satisfied" regarding their satisfaction of each of the eight categories.



By distributing this survey, our goal was to collect valuable feedback regarding the care we provide to our residents and relationship with family members so that we are better equipped to effectively serve our community. We are carefully reviewing all of the feedback we received to ensure that we continue to provide the high-quality, compassionate care that is expected of us. Dissatisfaction concerns are addressed by utilizing a discovery action plan through our quality improvement process.



"I think the Jewish Home is a great place to stay. You meet a lot of people, and they are so nice. You get to do things you don't normally get to do... like playing a lot of games. There are so many nice things to say about living here. It is a very nice place to be."

-Dolly D.

Jewish Home Resident

Virtual Tour Offers A New View of the Jewish Home

In an effort to highlight our services during the COVID pandemic, the Jewish Home developed a virtual tour. Our virtual tour allows families to view the services we offer and get an inside look of the facility from the comfort of their home. The video can be viewed on our website (JHEP.org), YouTube channel, and Facebook page.



A View from the Administrator at Elan Gardens

Mia Jacobs



Goodbye and good riddance, 2020! Hello to a bright, fresh, new 2021! Although we are not out of the woods yet, residents and staff are eager to resume social routines. While it is uncertain when we will be able to fully reopen our doors to the public, we hope and pray the vaccine will allow us to do so safely, and soon. We are so excited to visit with friends and family, celebrate community events, and enjoy social outings again. One thing is certain, the promise of normalcy is long overdue!

Until the day we can go back to “normal,” residents enjoy both contact-free and virtual visits. The residents of Elan continue to thrive despite the difficult restrictions. While much has changed, we worked together to safely continue many life enrichment activities. A few favorites include painting, exercise classes, and virtual religious services. In all activities, precautionary measures have been implemented and upheld to keep participants safe. These challenging times have forced us to get a little creative. And in some ways, I think we became closer. The recent holidays, despite being celebrated differently, were joyful and cherished by all. We will never forget the year 2020, and for everyday that we remain unharmed by this virus, we are eternally grateful.

For anyone that finds themselves seeking living assistance to safely maintain their independence, Elan Gardens is accepting new admissions. Our 24/7 nursing staff will give you peace of mind with their exceptional round-the-clock clinical supervision. Please contact us...we look forward to welcoming you.

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Fun at Elan Gardens



To stay up-to-date on all of the fun we have at Elan Gardens, "like" us on Facebook!



Greetings from Webster Towers



Cara Sherman showed Hal F. how to use a computer.



Bernice E. with Rabbi Rappoport's youngest daughter



A group of residents celebrated Sukkot outside social distancing with Rabbi Rappoport.



Nancy B., Mary Alice O., and Zaida G. played Wii Bowling.



Retha M. learned about computers from a Lackawanna College Cadet.

Jewish Home Auxiliary Calendar of Events

2020-2021

Purim Party

Sunday, February 21, 2021

2:30 pm

Board Meeting

Tuesday, March 30, 2021

1:00 pm

Mother's Day Party

Sunday, May 9, 2021

2:30 pm

Volunteer Recognition/Closing Installation Luncheon

Thursday, May 27, 2021

12:30 pm

Father's Day Party

Sunday, June 20, 2021

2:30 pm

Summer Picnic

Sunday, July 25, 2021

2:30 pm

Due to current pandemic functions are subject to change.

You have connections at the Jewish Home.

To assist you in reaching members of the staff, we are enclosing a directory of the most frequently called extensions. Others can be reached by pressing 5 for the directory or pressing "0" for the receptionist. The main number is (570) 344-6177.

Name	Dept.	Ext.	Name	Dept.	Ext.
Anglin, Jim	Director of Facilities	1128	Mayer, Sharon	Dietary Supervisor	1120
Applegate, Mary Rose	Administrator	1101	MacDonald, Gayle	Business Office Manager	1103
Burman, Sue	Beautician	1115	Nurses Station	2 nd Floor	1142
Chellino, Kathryn	Admissions Nurse	1136	Nurses Station	3 rd Floor	1143
Collins, Sherrie	Dir. of Life Enrichment	1113	Nurses Station	4 th Floor	1145
Coulthard, Brian	Assistant Administrator	1102	Nurses Station	5 th Floor	1147
Elko, Brittany	Director Social Services-3 rd Fl	1154	Petrovsky, Joyce	Accounts Receivable	1132
Ferranti, Amber	Social Worker-2 nd , 4 th & 5 th Fl	1139	Rielly, Beth	Director of Food Service	1119
Gibblets, Melissa	Therapy Manager	1157	Rutkowski, Lee	Director of Admissions & Mktg.	1151
Giuliani, Christine	HR Coordinator	1110	Sandhaus, Samuel K.	Development Director	1170
Harris, Nancy	Clinical Director-4 th & 5 th fl	1133	Tetreault, Kevin	Director of Project	1159
				Clinical Director 2 nd & 3 rd Floor	1134

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Support of the Jewish Home during these difficult times has not waned. "Amazing," says Doug Fink, President of the Home. "We are so fortunate to have such loyal and generous donors," he continued.

He expressed his appreciation to the co-chairs of the campaign Faye and Rick Bishop of Scranton and Marshall Kornblatt, Melissa Saidman and Jeff Roth of Luzerne County. "With their leadership together with the capable staff of the Home, they planned and executed a successful drive" Fink commented.

As we go to press, the campaign has raised more than \$130,000 from more than 500 donors with more expected.

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