

Cordell Christian Home's Resident's Digest

The founders of Cordell Christian Home knew that Cordell would make the perfect environment for the home and our hearts have never strayed. Cordell and the surrounding areas make up a great community that has always given CCH so much support. We strive to give back through a variety of community connections and civic and educational partnerships.

The great relationship between the Cordell Christian Home and the people of this area has been maintained through strong community involvement inside and outside of the home. We are especially proud of how we have helped strengthen public involvement through our volunteer program. We have always encouraged citizens of all ages to volunteer. We want members of the community to grow in their relationships with those residing at CCH, becoming a part of their lives just as our staff does. We get great respect from those in Cordell and surrounding communities who have taken the time to truly know our residents and our home.

The Cordell Christian Home is committed to keeping the community informed about different events and happenings in our home. We regularly share through this column, as well as in our bi-monthly newsletters and website that is updated daily. The Resident's Digest publication informs people of events on-campus, daily activity schedules, and other stories information that residents enjoy. The bi-monthly newsletter, Heart to Heart, is mailed to families and loved ones. It includes articles written by various staff members, a list of birthdays, monthly activities, inspirational quotes, and updates resident and staff photos. For the technologically savvy we also place the Resident's Digest, monthly activities, and updated photos on our website, www.cordellchristianhome.org.

The Cordell Christian Home encourages education and positive reinforcement. We help youth in the community to get a head start in life by awarding two scholarships each year to Cordell High School Seniors. Students are asked to write an essay about how they care for others. The essays are then judged anonymously by a panel of employees at CCH. The two seniors awarded with the Cordell Christian Home scholarship this year were Josh Olivera and Lexi Gregg. When it comes to education, CCH always supports activities and programs to help young men and women grow into great adults. We do this by donating to Speech, Band, and Sports programs along with other extracurricular activities. We also have dedicated staff members serving on various boards at the Western Technology Center, supporting those going into the medical field.

Along with many others in Washita County, Cordell Christian Home has been active in the county Relay for Life. The home currently has two teams; Circle of Love and Think Pink.

Each team has about sixteen members and together they have raised over \$7,000 to help fight cancer! Both teams will be participating in the Relay for Life Walk for Cancer later this week.

CCH is supported by so many in the community and we are intent on showing our appreciation. CCH offers community service opportunities. We have community volunteers who serve by cleaning up trash, helping with maintenance tasks, or visiting with residents. We always have open opportunities for all personalities and physical abilities and are honored when new volunteers offer their help. Participating in any type of community service at the Cordell Christian Home provides an opportunity to feel like you have done something worthwhile, and we all know that is a feeling that people want and need.

The Cordell Christian Home believes, and has always believed that our community plays one of the most important roles in our residents' lives. By offering support and showing love and care, friends of CCH help our residents realize that they are still important to our community. The citizens of Cordell and Western Oklahoma could never be replaced and CCH truly believes that there couldn't be a better setting for our home.