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MESSENGER

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The Sweet Benefits of Baking: More Than Just a Treat



About the Cover

At Artesia Christian Home, we believe in creating joyful, meaningful experiences for our residents every single day. One of the most loved and fulfilling activities we offer is baking. Whether it's the smell of fresh cookies wafting through the halls or the smiles that come from sharing a slice of homemade pie, baking brings a sense of comfort, connection, and creativity to our community. Residents have opportunities to participate in baking sessions that bring back fond memories and inspire new ones.

Baking at Artesia Christian Home isn't just about making something delicious. It's about engaging the mind, body, and soul in a way that's therapeutic and deeply enriching. It is a beautiful way for residents to share their heritage and family traditions.

There's something undeniably soothing about the act of baking. It provides sensory stimulation, reduces stress, and boosts mood. Residents often describe our baking sessions as "calming," "fun," and even "therapeutic."

At Artesia Christian Home, baking is more than an activity—it's a way to nurture the heart of our community. Through the warmth of the oven and the joy of shared creations, we're building stronger connections. happier days, and sweet memories—one recipe at a time.



A Beautiful Day of Service: Thank You, Bethany CRC!

At Artesia Christian Home, we are continually blessed by the love and support of our community—and this past month was a shining example of that spirit in action. We extend our deepest thanks to Bethany Christian Reformed Church for choosing us as the recipient of your Day of Service project!

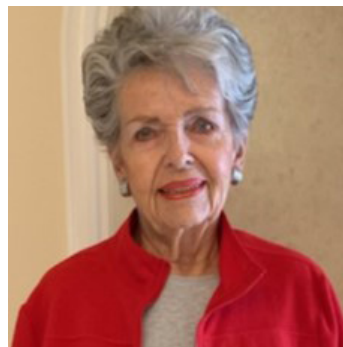
Your generosity and servant hearts brought joy, laughter, and a whole lot of beauty to our campus. From the moment your team arrived, it was clear that this wasn't just a project, it was a labor of love. The donated flowers and fresh landscaping have truly transformed our outdoor spaces. With vibrant colors and fragrant blooms now lining our walkways, our residents are enjoying the peaceful beauty of nature just steps from their doors. It has brightened their days and lifted their spirits; proof that even the smallest details can make a lasting impact.

But the blessings didn't stop there. The group also spent time playing games, sharing stories, and visiting with our residents, creating moments of genuine connection that touched everyone's hearts. The joy and laughter echoing through our common areas reminded us all of the power of community and the importance of being seen, heard, and cared for.

At Artesia Christian Home, we are more than a care community We are a family of faith, and your congregation's visit reminded us of that in the most beautiful way. Your presence and kindness reflected the love of Christ and brought a wave of joy that we will carry with us for a long time to come. From all of us; residents, staff, and families alike; thank you, Bethany CRC, for your time, your hands, your hearts, and your prayers. Your Day of Service was a day of blessing, and we are incredibly grateful.



Meet a Few of Our Newest Residents in Independent and Assisted Living



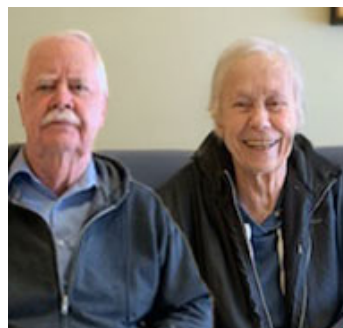
Marilyn Veen recently moved in from Palm Desert but originally hails from Grand Rapids, Michigan. She previously attended Palm Desert Presbyterian and Long Beach CRC. Marilyn is a proud mother of three, grandmother of three, and great-grandmother of two. A devoted stay-at-home wife, she lovingly cared for her family and home. Music is a big part of her life—she enjoys playing the piano and listening to hymns, Michael Bublé, and Hawaiian music. Her favorite days include getting her hair and nails done, sipping hot chocolate or coffee, and treating herself to a delicious dessert, especially a hot fudge sundae.



Norma Epp joined the community in January, bringing warmth and a love for family. Born in Enid, Oklahoma, she attended Arbor Road Church and is the proud mother of three, with ten grandchildren and sixteen great-grandchildren. Before retiring, Norma worked as a bookkeeper at Epp Bros Management. She enjoys spending time with her grandchildren. Her favorite days include going to church, chatting with friends, and having breakfast in the sunshine with her daughters. Norma loves gardening, sipping hot coffee with half & half, sweet treats, and watching "The Sound of Music".



Thomas and Noelle Tuning joined the community in March, bringing their love for family and faith. With three children and ten grandchildren, Thomas has served in various leadership roles, including Director of Finance & IT at Episcopal Ministry and Managing Director in city government. He enjoys time with his grandkids, animals, and the outdoors. Noelle, a former behavior instructional assistant, loves meeting people and cherishes Sundays as her favorite day. Together, they enjoy walking, hiking, and Christian praise music. They attend Mariners Church in Irvine, where they find spiritual connection. Thomas enjoys Diet Coke and ice cream, while Noelle prefers hot chocolate and sweet treats.



William and Beverly Ford moved in this January, bringing a rich legacy of love and service. They attended Bear Valley Community Church and share a beautiful family of five children, seven grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. William, a U.S. Air Force veteran and retired flight test engineer, enjoys sports, fishing, and relaxing with a cold drink, chips, and some '50s rock or *Top Gun*. Beverly, a former administrative assistant for Honda and member of the Bear Valley Women's Club, finds joy in painting, crafts, and ocean cruises. Together, they unwind watching *Frasier*, sharing laughs, sweets, and cherishing time with each other.



Jack and Greta De Young joined the community in March, bringing their deep faith and rich heritage from the Netherlands. They've been attending Bethany CRC for 66 years and have a large, loving family of five children, 14 grandchildren, and 20 great-grandchildren. Jack, who worked as a carpet layer and cleaner before retiring, also took care of his church. Greta began her career as a bookkeeper but later became a full-time mom and volunteered at her church, Valley Christian and ACH. Jack enjoys a good laugh, jigsaw puzzles, and listening to gospel music, while Greta loves attending Bible study, knitting, reading, and classical hymns. They both cherish family time, with Jack enjoying sports and news and Greta watching TBN and historical stories.

You've Been Caught ... Going Above and Beyond and Then Some!



Aime Lozano, Administrative Assistant: has been recognized by both her supervisor and colleagues for her kindness, patience, and willingness to help, especially during the Paycom implementation. She consistently assists staff with timesheets, missed punches, and approvals, often taking the initiative without being asked. Her supervisor noted that Aime has likely helped more employees than anyone else and was instrumental in getting everyone set up. Her dedication and ownership have made a significant impact.



Cynthia Quilala, CNA: Cynthia has been recognized by two different residents for going above and beyond in her care and was mentioned by name during Resident Council Meetings for two consecutive months. Residents expressed their deep appreciation for the outstanding and compassionate service she provides. Her dedication and love for the residents truly stand out.



Elsa Santos, Dining Services: Elsa is frequently recognized by her coworkers for going above and beyond in offering support throughout her workday. She is known for her reliability, positive attitude, and willingness to help whenever needed. Elsa's dedication to both the residents and her colleagues makes her an invaluable team member. The team is truly grateful for her contributions and the exceptional service she provides every day. Thank you, Elsa, for your unwavering commitment.



Sharon Kim, Director of Operations & Jasmin Ontiveros, Assoc. Director of HR. Jasmine and Sharon saw a need and took full ownership. Using their keen attention to detail and strong organizational skills, they identified and resolved a problem that impacted the entire team, refusing to give up until it was solved. Their tenacity made a significant difference, saving time, money, and energy down the line. Their commitment to going the extra mile is truly appreciated.



Stella Mendoza, Dining Services: Stella has been instrumental in ensuring that everyone receives their meals, especially during a time of high need. The team has relied heavily on her dedication and consistency for quite some time. Her willingness to step up and carry such a significant load has not gone unnoticed. Her commitment to serving delicious meals every day is deeply appreciated.



Lydia Alarcon, Payroll: Lydia has received praise from her supervisor and numerous coworkers for her dedication and focus during the challenging transition to Paycom. Thanks to her efforts, every paycheck has gone out on time, a fact that is deeply appreciated. While many have contributed to the process, the responsibility ultimately rests with Lydia, and her impact has not gone unnoticed. She is truly making a difference.



Rosa Camarace, Dining Services: Rosa has been recognized by her coworkers for the extra care and attention she puts into plating meals for residents in MCC. Her thoughtful presentation reflects a deep understanding of how visual appeal can encourage and entice residents during mealtimes. Rosa's pride in her work and genuine care for the residents shine through in every dish she serves.