



Christmas was just a little bit warmer



Volunteers Bring Warmth and Connection to ACH

Each week, a dedicated group of volunteers from California MENTOR's Norwalk Day Program visits ACH to lend a helping hand with Thursday Bingo. Their presence brings joy, laughter, and meaningful social connection to ACH residents, turning a weekly activity into a highlight many look forward to.

Beyond their weekly volunteer efforts, the group also showed heartfelt generosity during the holiday season by donating handmade blankets to ACH residents. These blankets provided not only warmth, but also comfort and a reminder that the community cares deeply about their well-being.



California MENTOR's Norwalk Day Program offers fun, social, and recreational opportunities that help adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities build skills and live full lives within their community. Participants are encouraged to make friends, explore new hobbies, and develop important life skills through activities they choose themselves.



From art and music to vocational and recreational activities, participants engage in experiences that support their personal goals while giving back to the community. Their ongoing volunteer work at ACH is a powerful example of how inclusion, service, and compassion can create meaningful connections for everyone involved. ACH deeply values this partnership and is incredibly grateful for the joy, kindness, and consistency this group brings. Our community is truly better because of them.



Celebrating the Heart of Artesia Christian Home: Our Volunteers



At Artesia Christian Home, our volunteers are the heart of our community. Their time, compassion, and commitment enrich the lives of our residents in countless ways, and we are deeply grateful for the role they play in making ACH a place of warmth, dignity, and connection.



Recently, we had the joy of honoring these incredible individuals at our Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon. This special gathering was a heartfelt opportunity to say thank you to those who generously give their time to support our residents, staff, and mission. Laughter, shared stories, and meaningful connections filled the room as we celebrated the impact our volunteers make every day.



Our volunteers bring more than helping hands, they bring companionship, encouragement, and joy. Whether assisting with activities, visiting with residents, supporting special events, or lending their unique talents, volunteers help create a vibrant and welcoming environment where residents feel valued and cared for. Their presence reminds our residents that they are seen, heard, and deeply cherished.

To our volunteers: your service does not go unnoticed. You are a vital part of the ACH family, and your dedication strengthens our home and community in ways that cannot be measured. We are honored to serve alongside you and grateful for the love you share so selflessly.

If you are inspired to make a difference and would like to join this remarkable group of volunteers, we would love to hear from you. To learn more about volunteer opportunities at ACH, please visit www.achome.org/volunteer. Together, we continue to build a community rooted in compassion, service, and faith - one volunteer at a time.

Employee Milestones

In 2025, Artesia Christian Home had many employees celebrating their milestone work anniversaries. We were able to recognize the following employees for:



20 YEARS

Kay Simeon
Alicia Diwa

15 YEARS

Susan Lopez



10 YEARS

Janina Gumanad

5 YEARS

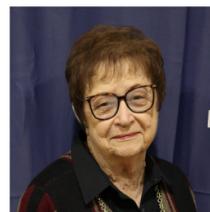
Julius Alegro
Windell Gose

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Blanca Reyes - 15 Years | Maylene Manalac-Deguzman - 10 Years
Veronica Cazares - 10 Years | Mayra Alarcon - 10 Years | Andrea Barrera - 5 Years

Altogether, that represents more than 125 years of dedicated service to Artesia Christian Home.

Guiding the Future: Our New Board Members



Sharon Stephens, an active member of Trinity Christian Reformed Church, is a retired Business Operations Manager from Raytheon Space and Airborne Systems in El Segundo, with decades of experience managing operations, budgets, and teams. She has lived in Artesia for 28 years and currently serves as an Artesia Parks and Recreation Commissioner, in addition to serving on the Christian Home Auxiliary. Guided by her faith, Sharon brings strong leadership and a heart for service to all she does and looks forward to supporting the Artesia Christian Home Board to ensure seniors receive compassionate care. Her experience and Christian values continue to inspire her commitment to the Artesia community.



Tim Slegers is a lifelong member of Artesia CRC, where he and wife Brenda were married 34 years ago, and where their children, were baptized and professed their faith. Some of earliest memories include after-church gatherings at his grandparents' cottage at ACH, and today his mother, Jane Slegers, and mother-in-law, Mary Mulder, call ACH home. Professionally, Tim has worked as a civil engineer for over 30 years and currently manages Regional Services for Materials Testing at Terracon, overseeing six project managers and 30 field technicians. At 1st Artesia, Tim has served as deacon, President of Deacons, treasurer, and Cadet counselor, and continues to cherish the relationships that connect him to ACH and the Artesia community.



Tom Tuning is a current resident of Artesia Christian Home and is serving the Board of Directors as a CCRC representative. He and his wife Noelle have been married for 48 years and have three children and ten grandchildren. They consider it a great blessing to live in the Artesia Christian Home community. Tom has over 40 years of experience in business, government, education, and non-profit management. His diverse background includes eight years in municipal government, ten years with a Fortune 50 company, six years as business director at a Bible college, and eight years at a ministry in downtown Denver. He has also served on various boards and advisory boards. He is looking forward to serving here at ACH.

Shop & Support at the Artesia Christian Home Family Market!

Join us for a fun shopping event where you can discover unique gifts for Mother's Day, Father's Day, and graduations—all while supporting the C.A.R.E. Fund to benefit the residents of Artesia Christian Home!

Don't miss out—mark your calendars, bring the family, and shop for a cause!

Entrepreneurs Welcome!

Local makers and businesses, reserve your spot today by contacting Eden or Kristin.

For more info, contact info@achome.org
562-865-5218 option 2

Email info@achome.org for more information!

FAMILY MARKET
MOTHER'S DAY | FATHER'S DAY | GRADUATION

Shopping Prizes Food

May 9th, 2026 | 10:00AM-2:00PM

First Christian Reformed Church
18411 Alburdis Ave, Artesia, CA 90701
FOOD | VENDOR BOOTHS | SHOPPING | MUSIC | FAMILY FUN AND MUCH MORE!