As I visit communities, I see residents thriving, enriching their communities by sharing their life experiences, volunteering and reaching out to others. This can be as simple as a smile in the hallway, sharing a cherished memory over a meal, or making dresses for underprivileged children.

Building and supporting the connections that create community is my focus. It is the focus of every Holiday associate. Let's all strive to make those connections vibrant and living entities, energized and active in service of our common vision: creating a place of connection, where each resident is recognized, valued and empowered to live fully on their own terms.

In short, our Holiday residents and associates are constantly making connections, generating a feeling of belonging, and creating a special sense of place. That's what makes each location unique. When you are here, you are home.

As the holidays rush up upon us, let's take a moment to remember that we are all involved in building not just communities and connections, but in bringing our unique flavors and traditions to share with those around us.

May your holiday traditions be filled with laughter, connection and joy both great and small. Thank you for welcoming me and my colleagues into your home.

Best wishes for a healthy and happy holiday season.

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