



## May 2020 Newsletter

As our lockdown continues, our staff is making sure residents have ample opportunities to keep busy. The therapy department does their best to work outside as often as possible. Activities Director Heather has been busy coming up with new enrichment activities to do one-on-one with residents. We continue to encourage you to call, write, and window visit to keep in touch.



Activities this month included roasting s'mores, sewing stuffed animals, cookie decorating and more!

The highlight of the month

was our "Cruz Sunset."

Family and friends paraded around Sunset while residents watched from outside. We lucked out with great weather and such a good turnout!





As Governor Kelly begins her phases to reopen Kansas, you may be wondering what that means for Sunset Home. Because we are governed by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) we must wait for their guidance before reopening to visitors. Since the older population is more at risk for the spread of COVID-19, skilled nursing facilities like Sunset Home are subject to a slower reopening process. For now, we are still on lockdown and will continue this until CMS sees proof it is safe to allow visitors.

### STOP THE SPREAD

Although the spread is slowing, we are asking for your help to stop COVID-19. The CDC and KDHE are recommending all citizens wear fabric or surgical masks in public settings and continue to follow strong hygiene practices. This includes washing your hands often and avoiding touching your face. If hand soap is not available, use an alcohol-based sanitizer instead. It is also a good idea to stay home if you are sick.



The staff at Sunset Home continue to wear masks 24/7 to protect the residents and themselves. Staff and residents are also routinely screened for fever and respiratory symptoms.

### NEW REGULATIONS

Beginning in May, nursing homes have new reporting requirements for COVID-19 infections. In addition to previous guidelines of reporting to the state and county health departments, we now must report directly to the CDC. It is also now mandated that we report any positive cases in our facility to resident representatives. As of printing this newsletter we are proud to say there have been no positive cases in staff or residents. Going forward, we will contact resident representatives directly to report any instances of COVID-19 in our facility.

## KEEPING IN TOUCH

if you have messages for our residents, please email them to [residents@sunsethomeinc.com](mailto:residents@sunsethomeinc.com) with the name of the resident in the subject line. We will print them off and deliver them. Also, please follow us on Facebook to keep up with all we are doing.

The Sunset Home website has been updated to include this newsletter. If you have family or friends that would enjoy seeing this, you can direct them to [www.sunsethomeinc.com](http://www.sunsethomeinc.com)