



## Celebrating December

**Bingo Month**

**Spiritual  
Literacy Month**

**Safe Toys and Gifts Month**

**Antarctica Day**  
*December 1*

**Mutt Day**  
*December 2*

**Lost and  
Found Day**  
*December 12*

**Hanukkah**  
*December 14–22*

**IFCM World Choral Day**  
*December 14*

**Christmas**  
*December 25*

**Boxing Day**  
*December 26*

**Kwanzaa**  
*December 26–January 1*

**New Year's Eve**  
*December 31*

## From the Administrators Desk

🎄 This holiday season, we know that navigating Medicaid can feel **overwhelming — but you're not alone**. Our team is here to guide you and your family every step of the way. As we move through this festive time of year, we want to help make the process as smooth and stress-free as possible.

Here are a few important things to know:

- 1. Plan Ahead:**  
If your available funds are expected to last three months or less, we recommend submitting payment to the facility in advance and beginning the Medicaid application process right away. Approval can take up to six months, depending on the case. Please rest assured — if you or your loved one is discharged before those three months, we will refund all unused days.
- 2. Stay Organized:**  
We provide families with a checklist outlining all required documents. Having everything ready helps avoid delays. Start gathering your information **today** so you can enjoy the season with peace of mind.
- 3. Protect Your Assets:**  
In certain situations, assets may be protected. We encourage families to consult with an attorney who specializes in elder law or Medicaid planning for personalized guidance.
- 4. Income Guidelines:**  
Earning more than \$2,900.00 per month does *not* disqualify you from Medicaid. You may still qualify by establishing a Miller Trust, and our team can assist you with that process.
- 5. Professional Assistance:**  
For additional help, we recommend working with **IA Enrollment Support**. Contact our team and we will gladly connect you with them.

As we celebrate this joyful season, please remember that our team is here to support you at every step of your Medicaid journey. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to reach out.

Wishing you and your family a warm, bright, and peaceful holiday season!



**Gisele Carbone Kruger MHA, LNHA**  
*Administrator*



## News From Environmental Services

Hello and Happy Holidays from the Laundry and Housekeeping Department! 🌲 ✨

With the holiday season upon us, we want to make sure everyone's celebrations are as joyful and stress-free as possible. A few friendly reminders:

- **Label your items:** Please ensure any new clothing or personal items are clearly marked with your initials. This helps our laundry team keep everything organized and ensures nothing gets lost in the holiday shuffle.
- **Gift food safely:** If you're sharing treats, make sure they're in resealable containers to stay fresh and help prevent unwanted pests.

We hope your holiday season is filled with warmth, laughter, and plenty of cheer! As always, if you have any questions or need assistance, don't hesitate to reach out.

**Misty Grover**  
*Environmental Services Supervisor*



## Activities in Action

**A Warm Holiday Hello from the Activity Department!** 🌲

The holiday season is upon us, and we have a busy month filled with festive activities and decorations! ✨ At ECH, it's a cherished tradition for staff to team up within their departments to decorate the resident halls—and this year, we're excited to continue that tradition! 🏠 Be sure to check out our decorated hallways on our Facebook page, **Edgewood Convalescent Home & Lincolnwood Assisted Living**, where family and friends can cast their votes 📧 for the best-decorated hall. Residents and tenants will also be voting, adding an extra touch of holiday cheer! 🎅 🎁

Who doesn't love holiday-themed activities? ❄️ Our activity calendar is packed with fun ways to celebrate, including:

- *A Holly Jolly Burl Ives Holiday* 🎵
- Decorating sugar cookies 🍪

## Dietary News

**Hi Everyone, and Happy December!** 🌲 ✨

We've made it through another year, and now it's time to celebrate the most magical month of all! December is full of festive food, fun, and holiday cheer. From our cozy **Soup Supper** to our **Christmas Party** and **Christmas Dinner**, your bellies will be full of delicious seasonal favorites—and your hearts full of joy!

Our amazing Dietary team will also be spreading holiday cheer with **themed treats on the snack cart** throughout the month. Keep an eye out—you might spot your favorite holiday goodies! 🍪 🍪

Let's embrace the warmth, laughter, and magic of the season together. Wishing you all a merry, bright, and joyful holiday season! 🎁 ✨

**Kandice Frimml**  
*Dietary Supervisor*



- Holiday light drives (weather permitting) 🚗 💡

Our tradition continues with a **staff and resident Christmas meal on December 22nd** 🍷, and families are warmly invited to join their loved ones for dinner. If you plan to attend, please RSVP by **December 18th** 📞 at **563-928-6461** and ask for Destiny or Kandice.

Lastly, a heartfelt thank you to the **Norberg family** ❤️, who have generously donated gifts for games and bingo prizes over the past few months, bringing many smiles 😊 to our residents.

From all of us at ECH, we wish you **love, joy, and good health in the coming year!** ❤️ ✨

**Destiny Ortman**  
*Recreation Program Direction*



## Lincolwood News

As we enter the final month of the year, I want to take a moment to reflect on what a wonderful season it has been here at our community. December is always a time for joy, togetherness, and gratitude—and I am truly thankful to be a part of such a caring and supportive community.

This month, we have a variety of festive activities planned to help us celebrate the holiday season. We are especially excited to host our annual Soup Supper and our Christmas Day Lunch!

### Christmas Day Lunch

We invite all tenants and their families to join us for our Christmas Day Lunch on **Wednesday, December 25th at 11:00 a.m.** in the dining room. Our team is preparing a delicious holiday meal featuring traditional favorites and seasonal treats.

To help us plan accordingly, please RSVP to Lincolwood by **Thursday, December 18th.**

To RSVP, please call **563-928-7173.**

As the year draws to a close, I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to our tenants, families, and staff for your kindness, patience, and remarkable community spirit throughout 2025. Wishing you all a peaceful, joyful holiday season and a happy, healthy New Year!

**Katie Hess, RN**  
**Assisted Living Director**

## Lincolwood Activities

### Happy Holidays from Lincolwood!

The holiday season is in full swing, and that means it's our busiest—and most festive—time of year here at Lincolwood! We have a wonderful lineup of activities planned to make this season truly special.

We'll be decking the halls and decorating our Christmas trees, filling the building with the warm aroma of fresh-baked cookies as we prepare for our holiday party, and getting ready for our **Family Soup Supper on December 22nd.** But the fun doesn't stop there! We'll also be taking bus trips to enjoy sparkling holiday light displays, savoring seasonal treats together, and creating memories that will last a lifetime.

There's something for everyone this season, and we can't wait to celebrate with our Lincolwood family.

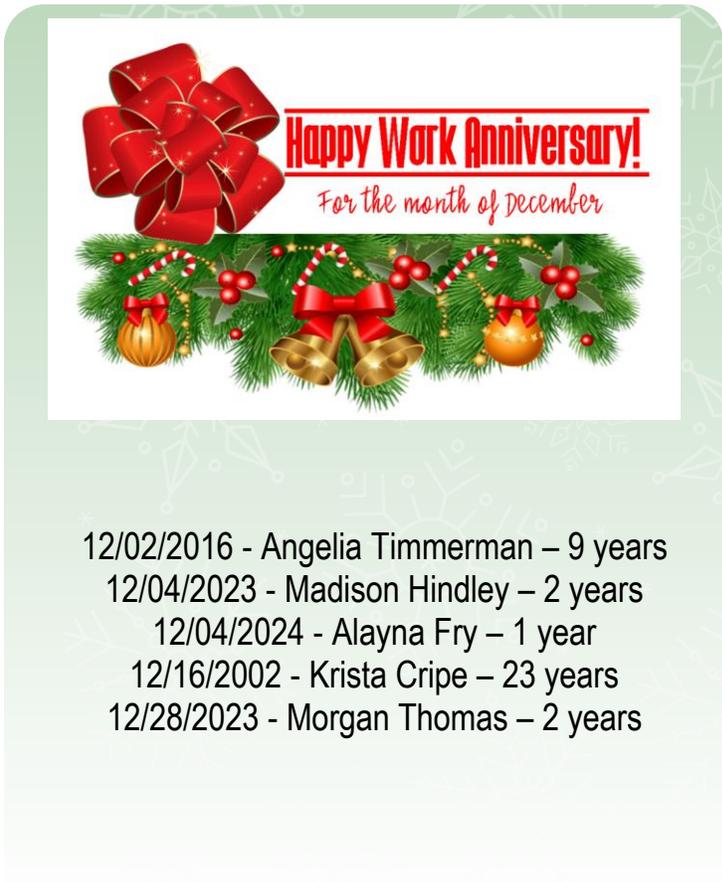
**Let's share the joy, warmth, and magic of the holidays together!**

**Sidney Pritchard**  
**Recreation Program Director**





- 12/01 - Carol Staton
- 12/02 - Taylor Durbin
- 12/04 - Gloria Hoeger
- 12/10 - Anne Carbone Barbosa
- 12/11 - Al Otting
- 12/10 - Morgan Brouwer
- 12/11 - Isabelle Groth
- 12/12 - Krista Cripe
- 12/14 - Izzy Barrett
- 12/14 - Robert Nieman
- 12/16 - Joyce Lahmann
- 12/23 - Katie Hess
- 12/25 - Erica Till
- 12/26 - Jerry Dalziel
- 12/27 - Gisele Carbone Kruger
- 12/28 - Carson McClintock
- 12/29 - Rebekah Halsey
- 12/30 - Paige Stramer



- 12/02/2016 - Angelia Timmerman – 9 years
- 12/04/2023 - Madison Hindley – 2 years
- 12/04/2024 - Alayna Fry – 1 year
- 12/16/2002 - Krista Cripe – 23 years
- 12/28/2023 - Morgan Thomas – 2 years



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