

Staff Spotlight: Cristen Galloway, CNA

Cristen is a newer CNA at Kennybrook Village, but she has already made a big impact. Team members say she has a great attitude and is always willing to help others! She has been helping to train new employees in our health center and has had excellent results. Director of Nursing, Kelly, states, "She is very good with the residents, and they love her!"

Cristen is a single mom to a sassy 7 year old, and the two of them share a home with Cristen's adopted mom. One of her favorite family traditions is giving her mom and daughter "grandma nights" to spend quality one-on-one time together. Cristen is most proud of being a mom, especially since she lost her birth mother at a young age. The experience of having her own daughter has made her feel closer to her mom. Cristen also enjoys drawing and find it very relaxing. She loves reading books and likes all different genres.

Being with and around family is very important to Cristen. She said that the family atmosphere is why she enjoys working at Kennybrook Village so much. Cristen said "It feels like a family home and not work."

Thank you, Cristen, for being such a positive leader and caregiver at Kennybrook! We are glad you are part of our family!



Staff Appreciation in August



Happy Birthday!

Makenzie Dresback, CNA - September 1
Kara Moxley, Culinary Aide - September 1
Lindsey Lefkow, LPN, September 7
Grace Mason, CMA - September 9
Anne Jerop, Care Partner, September 11
Alyssa Poland, Marketing Director - September 15
Hannah O'Grady, CNA - September 16
Kayce Culbertson, RN - September 18
Doug Dickinson, RN - September 19
Molly Kilcollins, CNA - September 19
Sabina Husic, Laundry - September 20
Rochelle Noble, Concierge/Activities - September 25
Christina Purscell, Care Partner - September 26
Joni Frantz, RN - September 27
Lauren Sprinkle, LPN - September 30



Happy Anniversary!

Dee Enderson, CMA - 9 Years
Jeanie Purscell, Culinary Aide - 9 Years
Carrie Reiling, MDS Coordinator/ADON - 8 Years
Kyra Agee, CNA - 1 Year
Amos Boway, CNA - 1 Year
Shelby Irwin, CNA - 1 Year
Etta Jarwet, CNA - 1 Year
Kara Moxley, Culinary Aide - 1 Year
Saymu Zarway, CNA - 1 Year

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Best Days Ever at the Kennybrook Village Fair!

Our community celebrated the Iowa State Fair by hosting our annual Kennybrook Village Fair! Tenants, team members, and families enjoyed many fair favorites during the three day celebration. Check us out on Facebook for more photos and videos from these events!

August 11 Ag Day: Music with Jesse, corn shucking contest, pony visits from Jester Park, husband and animal calls, butter cow sculpting, pickle tasting, tractor display by Gerald, cheese curds, watermelon, lemonade and beer

August 18 Fair Games: water gun races, axe throwing, fortune teller, bean bag baseball toss, rubber chicken throw, tattoos, Get Pie'd fundraiser for Alzheimer's Association, funnel cake bar with many toppings, popcorn, lemonade, and beer

August 25 Arts and Crafts Fair: woodworking, paintings, crocheting and knitting, quilts, antique cars, antique glassware, collectibles, cup of cookies, and milk



Events

- Banana Split Social
September 8
 - ISU vs Iowa Tailgate
September 9
 - National Assisted Living Week
September 11-17
 - Fishing Outing at Jester Park
September 12
 - Garden Club Pickle Party
September 13
 - Alzheimer's Support Group
September 13
 - AL S'mores Bar
September 14
 - Music with Starduster Trio
September 15
 - Peverill's Apiary Presentation for National Honey Month
September 19
 - Music with Pat Lydon - LTC
September 20
 - Oktoberfest Social
September 22
 - Men's Group Outing to Uptown
September 26
 - Grief Support Group
September 29
 - Kennybrook's Walk to End Alzheimer's
September 29
- *Bean Bag Baseball Season Starts- Wednesdays 2pm

Senior Spotlight: Shirley Gardner

If you are strolling through the independent wing of Kennybrook, chances are you will see Shirley sitting at the puzzle table. You will immediately notice her by her smile and positive personality. She has been a warm and welcoming presence at Kennybrook since she moved in.

Shirley married her husband, Bill, in Whiton, IA in 1962. She met him when he was serving her church as the pastor. They went together for about 3 years while Shirley went to college. Then she became a full-fledged pastor's wife. As a pastor's wife, she and her family were called to 6 or 7 different churches in different communities. They had two boys, Jeff and Jim.

During the 50 plus years of being a pastor's wife, she fondly remembers the camping and fishing trips with her family to St. Cloud, MN, Yellowstone, and other destinations out west. The boys grew up and have children of their own. Shirley continued working in accounting for Ramsey Nursing Home and Iowa Jewish Life Center before retiring.

Shirley's favorite hobby is knitting, although she doesn't get to do it as much as she would like anymore. She also has a passion for puzzles and genealogy. She says, "a smile goes a lot further than a frown", so staying positive is the best advice she could give people today. She feels that Kennybrook exemplifies itself as a positive place through its residents and staff. It's a great place to be and she is glad she chose KBV.

Thank you for choosing Kennybrook, Shirley! We are so happy you are part of the KBV family!



Maggie's Place went WILD at the Zoo



Thank you Kid Station at Heritage for reading to our residents!

