

Neighborhood CONNECTIONS



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Spotlight on the Sweet Retreat Boutique

Tucked inside our Independent Living Village Apartment building is a charming little shop that has quickly become a favorite spot for many residents: The Sweet Retreat Boutique, thoughtfully curated and run by fellow resident Gloria Lindell.

Gloria has lived at Dallas Retirement Village for three years and began running the shop in July of 2024. Before The Sweet Retreat Boutique opened, a similar shop operated in the Health Center. When Sue Lamb, the Development Director of the DRV Foundation, approached Gloria about bringing a refreshed version of the shop to Independent Living, she eagerly accepted. With her background in the fashion industry, Gloria brings a creative eye for style and value, offering unique finds that residents love.



The Boutique offers a delightful variety of items- from candy and snacks to clothing, jewelry, and charming gift pieces. Gloria keeps the shop fresh by rotating inventory for the seasons and holidays. Residents are also encouraged to donate cleaned and pressed used clothing and accessories, which Gloria thoughtfully incorporates into the selection.

What brings Gloria the most joy is seeing people come in, browse, interact with the items, and socialize. "It really is a great gathering space," she shared. For many residents who may not get out shopping as often, the shop provides a fun, accessible way to treat themselves or find a special gift.

Good Finds. Great Impact.

One of the most meaningful parts of The Sweet Retreat Boutique- something many may not realize- is that all the proceeds go directly to the Dallas Retirement Village Foundation scholarship fund. This fund helps support team members in advancing their education and careers. Just last year, one of our Health Center nurses received the scholarship to continue her nursing education- a wonderful example of how every purchase, big or small, contributes to someone's future.



Thanks to Gloria's passion, creativity, and dedication, The Boutique has become more than a shop- it's a place of joy, connection, and community impact within our village.

WALL TOGETHER NOW

Something beautiful has bloomed in the pool room at Dallas Retirement Village! Residents and staff recently came together to help transform a once plain wall into a vibrant work of art- thanks to local artists Candice Fulton and Craig Downs from Wall Together Now.

The project invited everyone to take part in a paint-by-numbers mural, a fun and inclusive technique that allowed participants of all skill levels to contribute. Over the course of two days, laughter, conversation, and creativity filled the room as residents and staff picked up brushes and left their mark on what would become a stunning Pacific Northwest-themed mural.



Candice and Craig, who both live right here in Dallas, have created murals throughout town, across several states, and in Mexico, but this one holds a special place in the hearts of those who helped bring it to life. What was once a drab wall now reflects the spirit of community, creativity, and connection that defines Dallas Retirement Village.

The finished mural not only brightens the pool room- it's a lasting reminder of what can happen when people come together to create something meaningful, one brushstroke at a time.

Visit our Youtube channel or use the following link to see a video of all the fun:

<https://youtu.be/XIK7mOZgTeQ>



LITTLE LARRY

Meet little Larry! His father (pictured here) is the son of one of the original founders of Dallas Home for the Aged- established in 1947 when three local churches joined together to meet the growing need for elder care.

In the 78 years since, that humble beginning has blossomed into Dallas Retirement Village- a vibrant, faith-based community rooted in history, fellowship, and heartfelt connection.

Today, residents enjoy an active lifestyle supported by exceptional hospitality, varied residential options, and a full continuum of care that brings lasting peace of mind.

That same sense of belonging and purpose- those deep roots and enduring values- inspired little Larry to add his name to our waiting list. That's right- Dallas Retirement Village has a waiting list!

If you haven't already, now's the perfect time to call and learn more about future residency. Call 503-623-9211 to learn more about Independent Living options.



Walk to End Alzheimer's



On September 7th, Dallas Retirement Village staff and residents proudly joined the Walk to End Alzheimer's in Salem!

The DRV team hosted the Pet Station, where furry friends were treated to fresh water, homemade dog treats baked by residents (shaped like dog bones, fire hydrants, and dog houses!), and colorful dog toys created by our Life Enrichment team. The crowd absolutely loved meeting all the adorable pets- and our bright tie-dye shirts were a big hit, too!

Thanks to the incredible generosity of our residents, staff, and community supporters, the Dallas Retirement Village team made a strong impact in this year's Walk. It was inspiring to see our community come together in support of such an important cause. The energy and compassion shown throughout the event truly highlighted the strength of our community. Dallas Retirement Village is proud to be part of efforts that move us closer to a world without Alzheimer's.



THE VALUE OF A CONTINUUM OF CARE

As a Life Plan Community, Dallas Retirement Village offers the peace of mind that comes with a full continuum of care—all within one welcoming campus. Residents can enjoy an active, maintenance-free lifestyle in Independent Living, knowing that Assisted Living, Memory Care, Skilled Nursing, and on-site Rehabilitation and Therapy services are available if their needs ever change.



This thoughtful approach allows residents to plan confidently for the future while staying connected with friends, trusted staff, and the vibrant community they call home. It also provides families with lasting reassurance, knowing their loved one will always be supported with the right level of care in a familiar, caring environment.



Independent Living



Assisted Living



Memory Care

Share your time, share your heart.

You have the power to make a difference. Whether it's sharing a talent, a hobby, or simply a warm smile, your presence can brighten someone's day. Volunteering at Dallas Retirement Village isn't just about giving time—it's about creating connections, spreading joy, and enriching lives, including your own.

Join us and be the reason someone smiles today.

Visit us here for more information:



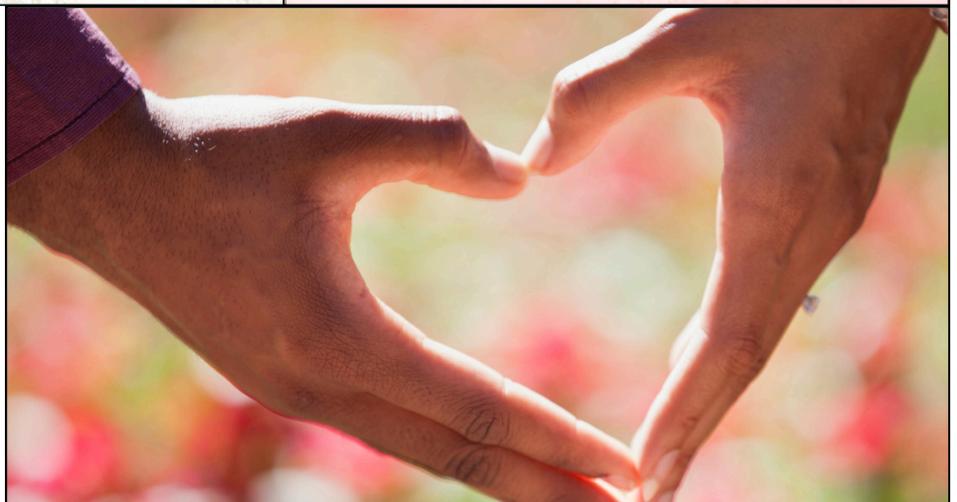
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There are many ways to volunteer:

- Music Companion
- Event Helper
- Game Host
- Story Collector
- Book Club Leader
- Tech Tutor
- and more!



WELCOMING NEW RESIDENTS TO ASSISTED LIVING

Granting priority to all residents, it's not often that we have outside availability open in our Assisted Living community- making this a wonderful opportunity for those considering a move to a supportive, engaging environment.

If you or a loved one have been wondering whether it might be time to consider Assisted Living, our recent blog post may help guide your decision. Use the QR code to read more or visit our website DallasRetirementVillage.com and click on the Blog button.

To learn more about current availability or schedule a visit, please reach out to our Residency Coordinator for Assisted Living and Memory Care, Stephen Gantt.



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A Fresh NEW Look!

The Assisted Living apartments at Dallas Retirement Village have recently received a beautiful refresh! Each fully remodeled apartment features modern finishes, bright and inviting spaces, and thoughtful touches that make daily living more comfortable and enjoyable. Bring your favorite furnishings and personal decor to make it “home.”

The photos shown below feature staged furniture to help showcase the style and layout of the newly remodeled apartments- giving a glimpse of just how cozy and inviting these refreshed spaces can be.

NEW



PAWSITIVELY PET FRIENDLY!

At Dallas Retirement Village, we know pets are family! Residents are welcome to have pets that meet our simple parameters, and we love seeing furry companions out and about around campus.

According to the CDC, pets can enhance well-being-boosting mood and cognitive health while lowering blood pressure and cholesterol. They also encourage more exercise, outdoor activity, and social connection. Here, life is happier, healthier, and a little more joyful with pets by our side!



The Season of Giving

As we enter the season of giving, we're reminded of generosity that helps make Dallas Retirement Village such a special place to call home.

Through the Dallas Retirement Village Foundation, acts of kindness and generosity come together to enrich daily life and create a meaningful impact for our residents and staff. Gifts to the Foundation make a lasting difference- supporting campus improvements, resident life enrichment, employee appreciation and scholarships, as well as benevolence funds that help residents remain in their homes even if financial needs arise.

If you'd like to join in the spirit of giving this season or learn more about the Foundation, scan the QR or visit: dallasretirementvillage.com/foundation/



Dallas Retirement Village is open to all people regardless of race, color, national origin, religion, gender or disability.

Mission Statement:

We demonstrate Christ's love by providing a continuum of quality services and care to meet the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of our residents with dignity and respect.

Dallas Retirement Village is a non-profit corporation managed by Life Care Services. For more information about LCS, please visit: www.lcsliving.com

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Connection at the Heart of Community Life

Life at Dallas Retirement Village is shaped by moments of purpose, joy, and connection. We often find meaning through simple acts of service, and joy naturally follows. Connection grows when we share these experiences with a community that enjoys giving and growing together. The stories in these pages reflect just a few of those moments.

Volunteering remains one of the strongest ways residents find meaning. We offer several opportunities to help you discover the right fit- one that brings belonging and purpose. It's not about filling time; it's about knowing your efforts make life better for those around you.

Creativity and fun also stay at the heart of community life. Our new pool mural brought residents, families, and staff together in a joyful splash of color. One painter said it best: "It was a blast." The mural is beautiful, but the true reward was creating it together.

Earlier this summer, our community joined the local Walk to End Alzheimer's in Salem, raising funds for vital research and honoring loved ones affected by the disease.

I hope you enjoy the stories in this edition of Neighborhood Connections. If you feel inspired to add your own chapter, we'd be honored to welcome you into our community.

With warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "David Parrett".

David Parrett, Executive Director

