

## Honoring Our Staff

### *The Amazing Men & Women That Make The Ivy So Special*

The Ivy held our first Staff Appreciation Week in June to honor the hard-working men and women that make our community so special. Events included special gifts and meals, walkie talkie bingo, a scavenger hunt, pinata bash, Friday afternoon cookout, an appreciation celebration with residents, a visit from the Ice Cream Truck, and a raffle for special themed prize baskets put together by our department heads.

*Our staff puts their heart and soul into everything they do here .*



### The Longest Day

On June 21st, the summer solstice, the Ivy at Ellington went purple to support the Alzheimer's Association's The Longest Day. Staff wore their purple END ALZ shirts. Residents made purple beaded bracelets. We all painted one fingernail purple to symbolize each individual we love and care for living with the disease.



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## Reflecting on Our First Year Together

It's hard to believe it's been one year already! The last twelve months have been absolutely wonderful! Boy, have we done a LOT!

It all started in early **July 2018**, when our very first resident, Helen, moved in. She was quickly joined by Virginia, Marlene, Marie, and Shirley. We spent our summer days gardening, dancing, competing in fun new games, laughing and getting to know each other.

On July 26th, we loaded up the Ivy van for our very **first outing**—a trip for ice cream at Kloter Farms and a ride through the town.

In September, we celebrated **National Assisted Living Week**. We had such fun, and so many laughs, trying on the props and costumes and posing for fabulous photo ops! We concluded the week's celebrations with a family picnic, followed by a visit from Nana's Ice Cream Truck and a magic show by Mr. Magic.

We explored **Johnny Appleseed farm stand** in Ellington, where we picked up apples for cooking and pumpkins for carving.

Our visit to **Brignole Vineyard** in East Granby afforded us the opportunity to enjoy the fresh air on their patio overlooking the vineyard while tasting some of their wonderful wines.

CT Day at the **Big E** was a fantastic trip! Fair food, animals, giant Clydesdales, entertainment...you name it, we saw and did it all!

We even hit **Spare Time Bowling Lanes** in Vernon, CT to practice our aim and knock down some pins!

Each trip we take brings back wonderful memories that we share and laugh about, as we create new memories together!



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## Celebrating the Holidays for the First Time

We held our **Grand Opening Celebration** on October 18th. It was a wonderful turnout and it wouldn't have been possible without the support of the Ellington community and the love and support of our friends and family.

Our very first **Halloween** at the Ivy was full of tricks, treats and laughs! Residents and staff all dressed up for the occasion in costumes ranging from cowboys, pirates, doctors and witches to clowns, flappers, Raggedy Ann and Alice's White Rabbit.



Throughout the month of November, in honor of **Thanksgiving**, we wanted to thank the first responders in our community who selflessly give to aid and protect us every day. We made survival kits for the CT State Police and the Ellington Volunteer Fire Department. We then made special trips to hand deliver the kits. The recipients were so happy and grateful for our gesture of thanks and appreciation.

On December 13th, we held our 1st annual **Family Holiday Party!** The community was full of laughter and love. Everyone was so excited to meet Santa and Mrs. Claus. We posed for pictures, decorated Christmas cookies, danced and sang along to the beautiful music of The Moon-Spinners Trio.

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## Springtime, Love & Family Firsts at The Ivy

Our community has several married couples that have moved in since we opened in July. For **Valentine's Day**, we wanted to celebrate their love with a special dinner and movie date night. Dinner was a three course meal made by Chef Scott. Chef Mara made a delicious dessert that everyone loved.



The Ivy celebrated our first **Family Casino Night** on March 21st! The residents and their families played Black Jack, Roulette, Poker and Bingo to win raffle tickets. They were able to use their raffle tickets to try their luck at winning one of eight raffle baskets. food, drinks and entertainment were excellent! Elvis even stopped by for some fun. Everyone really enjoyed the night and many memories were made.

**Easter** at the Ivy was celebrated with colored eggs, adorable sock bunny crafts, Spring floral arrangements and a fabulous holiday dinner.

*Come Celebrate Our 1st Year At The Ivy!*

July 18th, 2019

4:00PM Until 8:00PM

The Ivy At Ellington  
123 West Rd. Ellington, CT

RSVP By July 11th

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