

Staff Update | April 30, 2020

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Real Heroes Don't Wear Capes

Notice the cool banners and posters going up around both campuses. Take a closer look—these signs are honoring YOU! This is just the first step we're taking in an organization-wide effort to recognize and honor your heroic efforts in caring for residents and one another during this difficult time. Thank you for being Goodwin House heroes!



Real Heroes Do Wear PPE!

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) is your armor, a shield that protects both you and the people for whom you care. We realize it takes time to follow the correct procedures for putting on and removing your PPE. Thank you for being patient with the process. Contact your supervisor if you have questions about PPE procedures. We have also attached a Q&A that outlines the actions we'll take when there are staff or resident cases, including when we'll test staff members. Daily updates on active cases are being posted Monday-Friday at the bulletin board over the activity table at GHA, and in the mailroom at GHBC.

Feel the Love: Letters from Residents' Families

Resident families are SO thankful for you! Here are some of their letters to GH this last week:

"My deepest gratitude for you wonderful people who are taking care of my aunt and all the other folks at GH. I love reading about the creative ways you are providing for their care (physical, mental, spiritual) and entertainment. You are all soldiers on the front line of this battle."

"Thank you for taking care of my parents. Like many families, we long to be together. It's a big peace of mind knowing that while we wait for a happy reunion, you continue to provide them with the same excellent level of support, kindness and compassion, day in and day out."

"We will keep your Covid-19 positive resident in our prayers. We also pray for you and your own families' wellbeing during this trying time. Bless you for being on the front line."

Special Webinar for Nurses Week

Motivational speaker and author Sharon Weinstein is offering a free, seven-day webinar series in honor of Nurses Week, May 6–12. Each day from Wednesday, May 6 through Tuesday, May 12, you can join a daily, 30-minute webinar starting at 11:00 a.m. See the Staff Update page on our website for the list of topics and details on how you can join the webinars.

Changes to Screening Questions

From time to time, you might notice changes to the questions asked at the screening table. We change questions because we're following the latest guidance from the CDC. This week's addition to the symptoms list was a result of the CDC expanding the list of potential COVID-19 symptoms.

Is a Foundation Grant a Loan? No, It Isn't!

Through the Foundation's Staff Support Fund, we offer need-based, confidential grants for staff members who are struggling with critical needs. **These are not loans.** The grants are supported by donations to the Goodwin House Foundation. The maximum grant is \$500. More than 60 grants to staff members have already been approved. Applications are available on the [Staff Update page](#).

Who Can Use the GH Store? You Can!

The GH Store is a resource for all employees—and we encourage you to use it! Offering basic food and cleaning staples, the GH Store sells items at cost plus tax or discounted for need-based situations. It's a great resource for those who might not have much time to shop for groceries, and also keeps you from the potential exposure you face by visiting grocery stores. Ordering from the store is easy, simply [fill out the form](#) on the Staff Update page and return it to HR by Mondays at 5:00 p.m. Orders are available on Fridays, 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.



To Our Muslim Colleagues, Ramadan Mubarak!

Every week throughout Ramadan, we will be sharing **Jummah Khutbah Reflections** presented by Imam Naeem Baig and Imam Edrees Bridges, chaplain students with the GH Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) Program. Join us as a GH community to watch together on Fridays from 1:00 – 1:30 p.m. using this link: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/564259189>

Watch anytime from your work or personal computer by going directly to the Youtube link: <https://youtu.be/hYS-kVF0DC8>. A new video will be shown each Friday. We hope that these video Khutbah Reflections will bring you some peace and comfort during this holy season.

*We are committed to keeping residents and staff healthy.
Thank you for your efforts to keep our community infection-free.*



Infection Precaution