





Dear Families and Friends,

Happy fall from all of us at St. Jude's Elder Care! We are excited to share some wonderful news. This September we welcomed a new Activities Coordinator, Leane, to our team. She began her role earlier this month, so if you have stopped by to visit lately, you may have already met her. Leane brings creativity, warmth, and fresh energy to our homes, and we are so blessed to have her with us.

We also celebrated National Assisted Living Week, September 7–13. In addition to sharing a message of gratitude on social media, we sent a special memo thanking our caregivers for the compassion and dedication they show every day.

Our social media accounts are now active again. Follow us on Facebook and our new Instagram page @stjudes eldercare for updates, photos, and helpful memos.

As we step into this new season, we are grateful for the joy, creativity, and community that continue to fill our homes. Wishing you a joyful fall filled with health, happiness, and togetherness.

With appreciation, Judy Ragano Owner, St. Jude's Elder Care



From Our Care Corner



Did you know we have live music every Tuesday at St. Jude's Elder Care? A special shout-out goes to Marc, our music man who has been sharing his guitar and songs with our residents for quite some time. His talents continues to bring joy each week, and this month our residents especially enjoyed the pieces he prepared.

Along with music, our common spaces are filled with activities, shared meals, games, and creative ways to connect. As fall arrives, so do plenty of fun and festive celebrations across our homes — stay tuned for all that's to come.

A Warm Welcome to Leane Forsee

We are thrilled to introduce Leane Forsee, our new Activities Coordinator at St. Jude's Elder Care. A **lifelong Californian**, Leane brings a rich background in both education and real estate, as well as years of experience caring for her own parents since 2020. She enjoys arts and crafts, cooking and baking, knitting, hiking, and traveling, and she carries a strong faith in God that guides her work and life. Her creativity and compassion are already shining through in the activities she leads, and we are so grateful to welcome her to our homes and family.







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St. Jude's Elder Care Joins the Fight Against Alzheimer's

At St. Jude's Homes, the fight against Alzheimer's is close to our heart. Each year, together with my family, I proudly take part in the Walk to End Alzheimer's, raising funds to support care, research, and awareness in the hope of a brighter future for all who are affected. Although the walk takes place in October, our fundraising and outreach begin now, as we join with others across the country in raising awareness.

If you've visited our homes recently, you may have noticed the purple yard signs and colorful pinwheels displayed out front. These symbols reflect our ongoing commitment to stand with families, honor loved ones, and remind our community that no one faces this journey alone.

For those who feel moved to support our team's efforts, we welcome you to visit bit.ly/StJudes_Donate. Every contribution, big or small, is a step toward hope, healing, and a world without Alzheimer's.







Celebrating Eleanor

On September 15, 1931, Eleanor came into the world, and this month we were grateful to celebrate her 94th birthday at our Donna Beth home. Her bright spirit continues to shine, and we are so glad she is part of our St. Jude's family. It was a wonderful day spent honoring her life and presence.

Happy 94th Birthday, Eleanor!



Standing Together for Senior Mental Health and Suicide Prevention

September is National Suicide Prevention Month, a reminder that mental health and emotional well-being are just as important as physical health, especially for older adults. At St. Jude's Elder Care, we know that seniors can sometimes feel isolated, anxious, or overwhelmed by life changes. That's why our homes are built on connection, compassion, and daily support.

From meaningful activities to warm conversations, we make sure our residents feel valued, heard, and surrounded by community. We believe prevention starts with presence — being there for one another and creating a safe, caring environment where every individual knows they matter.

If you or someone you love is in crisis, help is available 24/7 by calling or texting 988, the Suicide & Crisis Lifeline.







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Photo: Sister Anne Finegan SSL (left) with Sister Alice Keenan SSL at St. Jude's Elder Care, September 2022.

In Loving Memory of Sister Anne Finegan, SSL

It is with heavy hearts that we share the passing of Sister Anne Finegan, SSL, who left us peacefully at 12:20 a.m. today. Sister Anne was born on July 7, 1931, and spent her life in service to faith, education, and community through the Sisters of St. Louis.

For the past several years, we were blessed to call her part of our St. Jude's Elder Care family. Sister Anne's kindness, grace, and unwavering spirit touched everyone who had the privilege of knowing her. She was a true angel on earth, and her presence brought light and comfort to all around her.

As we grieve her passing, we also celebrate her extraordinary life of love and service. Sister Anne will be deeply missed, but her legacy of faith, compassion, and devotion will live on in our hearts.

"Well done, good and faithful servant... enter into the joy of your Lord." — Matthew 25:23

May she rest in eternal peace.