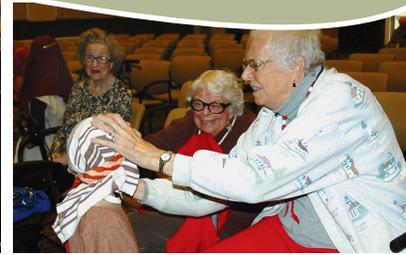


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SANTA TERESITA'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER
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Santa Teresita Rated a Four Star Facility!!!

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has a set of quality ratings for each nursing home that participates in Medicare or Medicaid. The ratings take the form of several "star" ratings for each nursing home. The primary goal of this rating system is to provide residents and their families with an easy way to understand assessment of nursing home quality, making meaningful distinctions between high and low performing nursing homes.

We are proud to announce that CMS has rated Santa Teresita Manor with an overall rating of 4 stars out of 5, Above Average. Two particular measures in which Santa Teresita excelled include:

1. **Staffing** – rated 4 out of 5, Above Average. Staffing measures are based on nursing home staffing levels for: 1) Registered Nurse (RN) hours per resident day; and 2) total staffing hours (RN+ LVN+ nurse aide hours) per resident day. This means that Santa Teresita is providing the necessary staff to provide the care needed for each resident, beyond what the average nursing home provides.
2. **Quality Measures (QMs)** – rated 5 out of 5, Much Above Average. The nursing home quality measures come from resident assessment data that nursing homes routinely collect on the residents at specified intervals during their stay (short- or long-stay). These measures assess the resident's physical and clinical conditions and abilities, as well as preferences and life care wishes. These assessment data have been converted to develop quality measures that give consumers another source of information that shows how well nursing homes are caring for their resident's physical and clinical needs.

Congratulations to the staff of Santa Teresita, you have all worked hard in carrying out our mission, ensuring quality service and care for our beloved residents. May God reward you!

Medicare.gov

The Official U.S. Government Site for Medicare

"The Late Great Potentate" Hayden Child Care & Santa Teresita's Intergenerational Christmas Play

On Friday, December 5th, 2014, the children from Hayden Child Care Center and our Santa Teresita Residents joined together to present an inter-generational Christmas Musical called *"The Great Late Potentate."* The evening proved to be both inspiring and entertaining as the story unfolded about a fictional fourth wise man who arrives at Bethlehem, expecting to see Jesus. Instead, he discovers he is late... very late. Everyone is gone, except a group of kids hanging around the town square. The Potentate, played by our Good Shepherd Cottage Resident, Deacon Charlie, is disheartened by the news and it is up to the children to cheer him up. They do so by telling him the Christmas story and assuring him it's never too late to find Jesus! All the Hayden Children, ages 2-5 years old, along with several of our residents, participated with a variety of songs and dances reflecting the amazing mystery of the birth of our Lord Jesus. Merry Christmas to all and may you be blessed with the peace and joy of our Infant King!





“Christmas is a privileged opportunity to meditate on the meaning and value of our existence. The approach of this Solemnity helps us on the one hand to reflect on the drama of history in which people, injured by sin, are perennially in search of happiness and of a fulfilling sense of life and death; and on the other, it urges us to meditate on the merciful kindness of God who came to man to communicate to him directly the Truth that saves, and to enable him to partake in his friendship and his life ... He made himself tiny to set us free from that human claim to grandeur that results from pride. He became flesh freely in order to set us truly free, free to love him. Therefore let us prepare ourselves for Christmas with humility and simplicity, making ourselves ready to receive as a gift the light, joy and peace that shine from this mystery. Let us welcome the Nativity of Christ as an event that can renew our lives today. The encounter with the Child Jesus makes us people who do not think only of themselves but are open to the expectations and needs of their brothers and sisters. In this way we will become witnesses of the radiance of Christmas that shines on the humanity of the third millennium.”

CAMPUS CONSTRUCTION

You may have noticed some exciting new things on campus recently! Here is an update on some construction that will enhance the life and beauty of Santa Teresita:

- The Buena Vista Street entrance to the campus has been transformed with new signage and landscaping. These signs are a sneak-peak into the new signage that will be placed around the campus as we continue to expand. They clearly express the services that are offered throughout the campus, but more importantly tell the local community that we are definitely “A Neighborhood of Care.”
- Speaking of ‘neighborhood’, our neighborhood will soon open the doors to its new ‘Welcome Center’! Located on the 4th floor of the Office Building, the Welcome Center will be the new location for our Admissions & Community Relations Offices, with a special family room and conference room to allow space for our prospective residents, families and visitors to feel at home on our campus.



- And we need to make room for new residents in our Good Shepherd Cottage! That is why we are in the process of adding two additional rooms on the second floor of the Cottage. Construction on these rooms is planned to be completed and ready for residents to move in by the end of January 2015.

Let us give thanks to our Lord for providing the means to continue to expand and beautify our campus!



Hayden 5k Run, Family Walk & Roll

Saturday, March 14, 2015

Register at: <https://www.runreg.com>

Search: Hayden 5k



Memorialize Your Intentions

If you would like to make your prayer intentions a permanent part of the physical grounds of Santa Teresita and a spiritual part of the prayers of the Carmelite Sisters, we invite you to engrave the names of your families or special prayer intentions with a Paver-Promenade.

- **Paver-Promenade \$250**

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR VARIOUS
GIVING OPPORTUNITIES,
visit our website:

www.santa-teresita.org/giving/naming-opportunities/
or contact us: 626-408-7810

ONGOING EVENTS!

Saturdays (Except 3rd Saturday)

Frank Meza's Piano Hour

Manor Pink Room, 2:00 – 3:00 pm

Saturday, 12/13/14

Coffee House (Reg. 2nd Sat. of the Month)

Cottage 1st Floor, 3:00 – 4:00 pm

Saturday, 12/20/14

Cottage Cooking Club (Monthly)

1st Floor Dining Room, 11:00 – 12:00 pm

Sunday, 12/21/14

Pet Visits (Trained Therapy Dogs)

Cottage 1st Floor, 1:30 – 2:00 pm

Manor Activity Rooms, 2:00-2:30 pm

Thursday, 12/23/14

Manor's Let's Get Cookin' (Monthly)

Manor Pink Room, 2:00 - 3:00 pm

Friday, 12/26/14

Men's Club (Last Friday of the Month)

Manor Library, 3:30 -4:00 pm

Monday, 12/29/14

Manor Birthday Party (Last Mon. of the Month)

Manor Pink Room, 2:30 – 3:30 pm

CAMPUS EVENTS!

More info on events below: 626-733-7057

Sunday, 12/14/14

Bingo Bananza Social!

Manor Pink Room, 1:45 – 2:45 pm

Cottage 1st Floor, 2:00 – 3:00 pm

Wednesday, 12/17/14

Gift Wrapping Social

Manor Pink Room, 3:00 – 4:00 pm

Cottage 1st Floor, 11:00 – 12:00 pm

Friday, 12/19/14

Poetry with Betty Martin (Resident)

Cottage 1st Floor, 1:30 – 2:30 pm

Saturday, 12/20/14

Love of God Community Choir

Concert & Luncheon

Madonna Hall, 10:30 – 1:00 pm

Monday, 12/22/14

I Love Fruitcake Social!

Manor Pink Room, 10:15 – 10:45 am

Cottage 1st Floor, 4:15 – 5:00 pm

Wednesday, 12/31/14

New Year's Eve Celebration

Madonna Hall, 5:00 – 7:00 pm