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2018: A YEAR IN REVIEW

What a year it has been...

The LISVH admissions department has maintained an outstanding occupancy percentage and saw an increase from 99.6% in 2017 to 99.8% in 2018. Not only did we observe reliable occupancy rates, but our satisfaction rates improved overall. Our Pinnacle surveys indicate the majority of our residents and families are highly satisfied with the care they receive at LISVH. Thanks to our Admissions Staff and Volunteers for keeping up the good work!

In Recreation...

Singer-songwriter and American Patriot Toby Keith visited our Home and invited some of our residents to his show at Bald Hill this summer.

Congressman Lee Zeldin joined the Home for an "Undercover Operation" where he joined the LISVH for Bingo.

A grant from BVL enabled the purchase of a Virtual Reality Program. This program has been a therapeutic intervention for our Recreation Therapists to offer our residents, espe-

cially those living with Dementia or PTSD. If you are interested in working with the VR program please see a member of the Recreation or Volunteer Departments.

In National News...

Bill H.R. 1005 which was signed by President Trump will allow our veterans who are 70% or more service connected disabled to receive "no cost" medical model Adult Day Health Care at any State Veterans Home providing this service. Currently, there are 3 Homes (Stony Brook, NY, Minneapolis, MN & Hilo, HI) that provide ADHC.

Construction News

Phases I and II of our Parking Area Rejuvenation are complete! Thank you to our volunteers for their time and patience with this project.

We will be beginning the next phase of our plan by working along the

entrance and sides of Patriots Road. Please use caution throughout this winter to ensure our construction crews remain safe, especially in darkness or icy conditions.

Construction in-house also continues to move along. Unit 2B has been relocated

to 1N and the entire third floor is complete!!!

A huge thanks to our volunteers who participate in the "Move Days". We could not do it without you!!!

Flu has reached NYS for 2018-2019

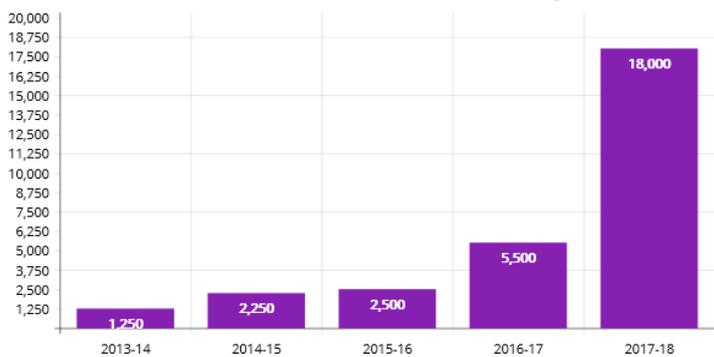
New York State Department of Health Commissioner Dr. Howard Zucker has declared influenza to be prevalent in New York State for the 2018-19 influenza season, as of December 20, 2018.

This means that all volunteers who are in the LISVH who have not received a flu shot and obtained a purple dot from our medical suite must wear a surgical mask to cover their nose and mouth.

As a general rule of thumb, masks should be changed at least every thirty minutes. Please remember, hand washing is the number one way to prevent the spread of an infection.

For more information on receiving a Flu Shot, free of charge or receiving the purple dot, in the event you already had a flu shot, please contact Christine in our Medical Suite at 631-444-8526.

Flu Cases In New York State In the Past 5 years



Data from ny.health.gov

“Every state except Hawaii and Oregon had extensive flu activity (2017/2018). New York has had its worst flu season in over five years. The state has had an unprecedented number of cases and hospitalizations.”

Handwashing 101

Follow these procedures to ensure proper handwashing protocol are being followed.

- Using warm running water, wet your hands and apply soap.
- Rub your hands together to make a lather. For proper hand washing, this step should take no less than 20 seconds.
- Rinse your hands well. Ideally, start by rinsing your wrists and letting the water run off of your fingertips.



- Rinse the rest of your hands as necessary to remove all lather.
- Dry your hands well, using a clean paper towel .
- Turn off the faucet and/or open the door with a new, clean paper towel.



LISVH Holiday Bazaar 2018



LISVH hosted a Holiday Bazaar on Tuesday December 18th, 2018. The event was an opportunity for the residents to shop from local vendors. Events like this assist our residents with all of their holiday shopping

needs. Residents and Registrants were also offered free gift wrapping for all items purchased. Vendors included: Irish Gypsy Vending, 'Really Good Fruit Spread', Ter-

rie's Silver Creations, BodyVanity, R Babies Bowtique, Lula Roe and many more. Be on the look-out for information regarding our Spring Bazaar!

WELCOME NEW VOLUNTEERS

Julio Alvia
 Kyle Anderson
 Gabreille Baron
 Gillian Barresi
 Michaela Barresi
 Alison Bird
 Judith Bolen
 Eileen Chen

Kerri Corrales
 Hanna Corwin
 Nathaniel Donohue
 Owen Donohue
 Gerri Fitzpatrick
 Steven Hauser
 Alyson Heimann

Miguel Logreira
 Robert Malone
 Sara Ann Mauro
 Kaitlyn Pombano
 Zachary Rosado
 Michael Varrone
 Nicole White
 Brandon Yantz

*“Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much”
 - Helen Keller*

On behalf of the LISVH and the Volunteer Services Department, we extend a heartfelt thank you to our dedicated volunteer staff.

“When you are inspired by some great purpose, some extraordinary project, all of your thoughts break their bonds: Your mind transcends limitations, your consciousness expands in every direction, and you find yourself in a new, great and wonderful world. Dormant forces, faculties and talents become alive and you discover yourself to be a greater person than you ever dreamed yourself to be.”

~ Philosopher Patanjali