

Cordell Christian Home's Resident's Digest

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The past week at Cordell Christian Home was filled with all the usual activities and busyness plus two big events, the first being our November Birthday Party. On Tuesday, the 17th, we celebrated all those in the CCH family whose birthdays are this month with hats, horns, balloons and ice cream sundaes. Only three of our residents were in the birthday bunch this month, **Jacob Black, Barry Franklin,** and **Shanna Goree**. Ten staff members also received invitations to the celebration in their honor.

With the second big event this week the holiday season has officially begun at Cordell Christian Home. Our Family Thanksgiving Dinner, which we shared Sunday, is the first big event that kicks off all the festivities that will take us through the end of 2009. Each resident's family members receive an invitation to join us for this annual event, and they each bring yummy side dishes and desserts to compliment the turkey and trimmings that our Dietary department deliciously provides.

On Thanksgiving Day we'll gather around the big screen in the lobby to watch the Annual Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. There will probably be leftover turkey on the menu in one form or another and we'll see turkeys and pilgrims everywhere on TV.

As all Americans ponder their blessings this week and bow their heads to thank God for families, friends, and freedoms, look around for those blessings close at hand as well. Our good neighbors, our helpers and those who brighten our day to day tasks and activities would appreciate knowing we are thankful for them and are blessed by our words of appreciation.

Soon the big tree will be up in the lobby and Christmas will be in the air. Visitors, special foods, and holiday activities will get us in the Christmas spirit. Until then, Happy Thanksgiving! May you think of new things to be grateful for every day this week!