Al’z Place

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**Important Information**

We are officially in Hurricane Season, and the season will continue on until November. We will be closing the program, when UF Clinics close, due to the weather. We may also have to close the program, if the building loses power, due to the building not having a generator.

Please make sure that you have updated all contact information and phone numbers. We ask that all caregivers answer the phones during the time your family is in our care. As a reminder, our number will come up on Caller-ID as 352-265-0111, the main UF Health Shands number.

**IMPORTANT DATES:**

| September 4 | Labor Day |
| September 5 | Brother’s Too |
| September 12 | Richard, Doris, & Mike |
| September 13 | Mari, Monk, & Derry |
| September 14 | Jeanette’s Karaoke Hour |
| September 15 | Duke of Earleton |
| September 19 | Ukulele Club |
| September 20 | Sweet Notes |
| September 21 | Caregiver Support Meeting |
| September 26 | Gainesville International Folk Dancers |
| September 27 | Carnival Day |
| September 28 | Jeanette’s Karaoke Hour |
| September 29 | Full Moon |

September 2023
**REMINDE**RS

- Please let nursing staff know about all medication changes and please bring in a hard copy of the new medication list from all client’s appointment or hospital visits. *If new medication or changes, nursing staff will need a SIGNED orders from the MD.*

- Please let us know of any scheduled doctor’s appointments or vacation days for our client/staff census. We are still having clients miss days and lunches being wasted.

- Please communicate any behavior changes or falls with nursing staff. We will also make sure to communicate any changes we notice while in the program.

- Please make sure all clients have two full outfits for emergency bins. All clients need two tops, two bottoms, undergarments, and socks.

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**Caregiver Support Meetings**

- **September 8**
  Alzheimer’s Association’s in-person (12:00 pm-1:00 pm)

- **September 12**
  Elder Options (1:00 pm-3:00 pm)

- **September 14**
  Alzheimer’s Association’s in-person (12:00 pm-1:00 pm)

- **September 19**
  Alzheimer’s Association’s in-person (12:00 pm-1:00 pm)

- **September 21**
  ElderCare Caregiver Support Meeting (Senior Center)

- **September 26**
  Elder Options (1:00 pm-3:00 pm)
Special Days for the Program:

- **Every Friday in September**, we will be wearing our favorite college teams shirts/apparel, we would love for the clients to also participate in this activity too. It will give us some fun things to talk about during the day.

- **September 4 is Labor Day** and we will be closed for the holiday.

- **September 21 is World Alzheimer’s Day** and we will be wearing purple to show our support!

- **September 27 is our Fall Carnival Day!** We will have a photo booth set up and a lot of other surprises coming! We will be playing a lot of carnival style games.

Local Activities

- **September 1** Thornebrook Food Truck Festival

- **September 2** Family Fishing Day (License Free Fishing Day)

- **September 9** Florida Gators vs McNeese St.

- **September 10** Gainesville’s Cars and Coffee

- **September 16** Florida Gators vs Tennessee

- **September 23** Florida Gators vs Charlotte

- **September 23** Williston Fiesta

- **September 30** Florida Gators vs Kentucky

- **September 30** Waldo Homecoming Festival
We have had a lot of great nurses fill in for Al’z Place over the past year. We would like to say Thank You to all of them for filling in during this time, we couldn’t have done it without them. We would like to send a special thank you to Kera Hedrick, for filling in the most and stepping into the role when needed. She will continue to cover when we have a nurse out of the building, either myself or the full-time nurse. We will miss her, but will continue to see her as needed.

We are very excited to announce that after over a year, we have hired a new full-time nurse/case manager, who will start with the program on September 18, 2023. Ajsha Cannon has been a nurse since 2004. She has a lot of experience with Assisted Living Facilities and HomeCare. She comes to us from The Windsor of Gainesville, where she was the Health Care Director. She will be working with Tim Hannan and myself to learn the case management side of the position. Please give her a warm welcome!!!

Al’z Place Staff

Program Manager:
Jessica Burley

Nurses:
Ajsha Cannon (Full-time)
Kera Hedrick (CSO)
Diwa Brown (CSO)
Addie Steele (CSO)

Activity Assistants:
Mary Ellen Futch
Donna Little
Christina Burchfield