



# Dove Healthcare

April 2023 Newsletter · Dove Healthcare - South Eau Claire

## Another “HomeGROWN” Promotion!



We are happy to announce the promotion of **Patricia Thyron**! She was hired as a housekeeper at Dove Healthcare – West Eau Claire, and shortly thereafter, she advanced to lead housekeeper. Her latest promotion to housekeeping director at Dove Healthcare – South Eau Claire *and* laundry and housekeeping director

at Dove Healthcare – West Eau Claire is much deserved.

“Patricia joined Dove Healthcare in 2022, and quickly demonstrated her strong work ethic and excellent customer service skills. She is a perfect fit for our team and this new role. We look forward to continuing to see Patricia grow, as well as advance quality and service with our environmental team,” shared Assistant Administrator David Jacobson.

Patricia shared, “I was born in Wisconsin and lived in San Diego from age 15 to 24. I enjoy going on walks after work and taking spur of the moment road trips and flights out West. I have a 12-year old daughter and a 15-year old son that give me reason to wake up and make it all happen.

I have been known to be a ‘Jill Of All Trades’ in and out of the work place. I love to learn and experience as much as I can in life.

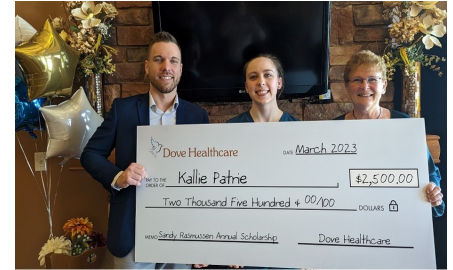
My background includes work in nursing, dietary, and environmental services. I love the feeling of jumping in and helping with whatever is needed! Those around me know that I have a high standard. I take a lot of pride in keeping my fellow co-workers and residents comfortable and healthy.

I appreciate this opportunity for advancement. Thank you for noticing my determination and dedication.”

Thank you, Patricia, for your high standards and commitment to caring! We appreciate you.

## Winners of our 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Sandy Rasmussen Scholarship Award!

Congratulations to **Kallie Patricie of Dove Healthcare – South Eau Claire** and Nicole Prince of Dove Healthcare – Bloomer! They were each awarded \$2500.



David Jacobson, Kallie, & Sandy

The scholarship was created in honor and appreciation of Sandy Rasmussen, a dedicated employee of Dove Healthcare – Rutledge Home for 50 years and counting. Sandy has been a loyal employee and has served in a variety of roles from resident assistant to nutritional services director. She has also served her community through countless hours fundraising for the Alzheimer's Association and American Cancer Society.

Scholarship Committee Chair and Director of Assisted Living – Chippewa Valley Emily Gudis shared, “Kallie and Nicole emulate Sandy’s compassion and energy. We are honored to be able to help them advance their education and career in healthcare.”

Kallie, a CNA and medication aide, is enrolled in the nursing program at Rasmussen University, while Nicole, an administrative assistant, is completing the health information management and technology program at CVTC.

We are so grateful for everyone that took the time to apply for this scholarship. Dove Healthcare is blessed with bright, talented individuals!

To read the full press release, visit:  
[https://www.dovehealthcare.com/news.phtml/2023\\_scholarship\\_winners\\_announced](https://www.dovehealthcare.com/news.phtml/2023_scholarship_winners_announced)

*Caring for Eau Claire* PERSONAL. LOCAL. LOYAL.

## Congratulations to Candace Knuth our April Employee of the Month



"We are thrilled to have Candace as a part of our team! Her co-workers enjoy working with her and say that she is very hard-working, trustworthy, and they can depend on her. The residents here enjoy having Candace provide them with care. She is friendly, optimistic, and maintains a positive attitude while

also being flexible and willing to help out whenever and wherever she can. Thank you, Candace, for your hard work and dedication to the team and the residents," said Director of Nursing Jennifer Zeilinger. Nurse Case Manager Sheri Myher added, "I am impressed by her dedication – she drives at least 40 miles to and from work and she jumps on any task you give her."

Candace shared, "I've worked in healthcare since I was 17 years old and absolutely fell in love with it! Last October, I saw an offer with Dove Healthcare that I knew was perfect for me and would help me reach my career goals. I was so excited for the new opportunity and the experience I would gain from it. I would like to say a special thank you to my co-workers for their support, guidance, and encouragement. I truly enjoy coming into work each and everyday for the residents and my co-workers. It is their respect, appreciation, and support that drives me to be a good employee as well as a person; because that is what you all deserve from me."

Way to go, Candace! We are so grateful to have you on our team.

## Congratulations to Anna Schuch, our April Rookie of the Month



"Anna is such a great addition to our housekeeping department. She goes above and beyond every day, and it's much needed and appreciated! Residents love her positivity and respect. We appreciate your dedication, Anna," said Housekeeping Director Patricia Thyron.

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Anna responded, "In the time I've been at Dove Healthcare - South Eau Claire, everyone has shown me so much kindness. I felt so welcomed on my first day! I've really enjoyed getting to know residents and their families, and I'm excited to be working here among all of these amazing people! Some fun facts about me are that I enjoy hanging out with my two cats, making art such as sewing and painting, and I like to play lots of different video games."

We're so happy you're here, Anna! Congratulations on this much deserved award.

## A Testimonial from Ralph Ringlien

"When I came to Dove Healthcare - South Eau Claire this time around, I had finished up my second knee surgery and made sure to get back here. I was here in October 2022 after getting my other knee done and definitely wanted to return because of all the good, compassionate people who took such good care of me. **The nurses, therapy, nutritional services, and other departments are all so good and have collectively contributed to me going back home.** Therapy especially has gotten me well prepared for returning to my life. **I would recommend this place to anyone!**"



Valerie (PTA), Lauren (OTA), Erin (PT), and Ralph on the NuStep

Physical Therapist Assistant Valerie Meskill shared, "It was wonderful to see Ralph's bright eyes and smiling face again. He had been progressing well through his first week of recovery and then was faced with an illness. Once we were able to begin regular therapy again with Ralph it was easy to see he had been working hard on his own with his restorative program even though he was ill. He has such determination and motivation to reach his goals, and we are so proud of him!"

Now he is taking the steps to return home soon. We are so looking forward to working with him in the next few weeks at his out-patient appointments and witnessing his progress. Thank you for being such a *rock star*, Ralph, and take good care of yourself at home. See you soon!"



## Recreation Highlights

### THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS . . .

April 16-22 has been set aside as a time to recognize and say thank you to our volunteers. The role of volunteers is an important one in any organization, but I think in a care center such as ours these caring individuals are even more valued.



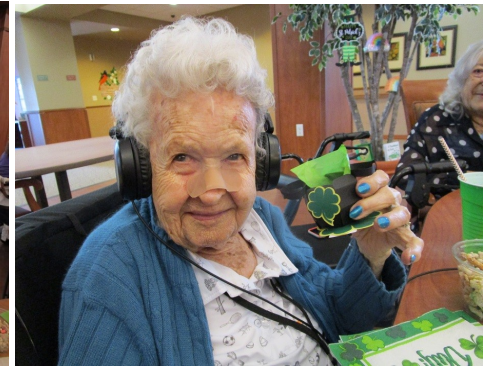
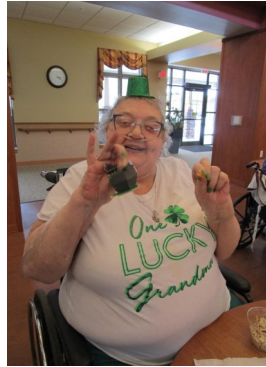
Our volunteers are vital members of our team and take on many responsibilities and help to bring the community to our residents. They come from diverse backgrounds - students, parents, and retirees. There is always room for people who have the desire to serve! And so, to our volunteers, we say "THANK YOU"! We appreciate your dedication and everything you do to support our ongoing mission *to provide compassionate care and service to meet the needs of those who depend on us.*

To those who want to explore the possibility of serving others, we encourage you to take the next step - **become a volunteer!** If you are interested in joining our team of great volunteers and would like more information, you may contact me by phone, 715-895-9050 or email [malvar@dovehealthcare.com](mailto:malvar@dovehealthcare.com).

Our volunteer application process is quick and easy! Just go to our website [dovehealthcare.com](http://dovehealthcare.com) and go to "Join our Team" and then click on the volunteer page to bring up the online application. We look forward to hearing from you!

Happy Easter!

Mandy Alvar  
Recreation Director





## ***Mandy and Muriel making Collage Art***



## ***The Dove Dinosaur Unleashing Chaos on National Goof Off Day***



## ***“Gettin Wild” at Buffalo Wild Wings Lunch Outing! Yum, Yum!***



## ***Saint Patrick's Day Crafting Corner***







A GUIDE TO ARRANGING YOUR PERSONAL AND LEGAL AFFAIRS

**Wednesday, April 26th 2023 • 8:00 am - 4:30 pm**

**Dove Healthcare – West Eau Claire • Community Room, 1405 Truax Boulevard, Eau Claire**

8:00—8:25	Registration • Light Breakfast
8:25—8:30	Welcome • Announcements
8:30—9:00	Grandma's Yellow Pie Plate Aging & Disability Resource Center
9:00—9:45	Hospice & Palliative Care Registered Nurse
9:45—10:00	Break
10:00—10:45	Funeral Planning Funeral Director
10:45—12:00	Legal Considerations GWAAR Attorney
12:00—1:00	Lunch
1:00-1:30	Grief & Loss Aging & Disability Resource Center
1:30—2:15	Do Not Resuscitate Physician
2:15—3:00	Power of Attorney for Healthcare Director of Social Services
3:00—3:15	Break
3:15—4:00	Leaving a Legacy Inspirational Speaker/Writer
4:00—4:30	-Wrap up/Evaluations -ADRC staff available to help with POA's and organ donation sign-up.

Program Benefits

- Obtain knowledge of end-of-life issues and ideas for planning ahead
- Obtain valuable information and practical advice from local professionals
- Clarify misconceptions surrounding end-of-life
- Connect with community resources

⇒ **Registration is open!**

⇒ **Deadline to register is April 16th.**

⇒ **Self-register:** [www.eauclairedrc.org](http://www.eauclairedrc.org), then click *Calendar of Events* and find on our April calendar.

⇒ **Or contact ADRC of Eau Claire County at**  
715-839-4735  
tty: use Relay (711)

Space is limited. This no-cost event includes lunch, morning & afternoon refreshments, and Final Affairs Guide.

Certificate of attendance upon request.

Sponsors:



**Dove Healthcare**  
— West Eau Claire —





# Caring for Your Loved One at Home

## A Skills Fair for Family Caregivers

**PRESENTED BY THE CHIPPEWA VALLEY DEMENTIA COALITION**

**Thursday, May 11, 2023 • 9AM - 3:30PM**

**Sleep Inn & Suites Conference Center • 5872 33rd Ave • Eau Claire**

***Centrally located between Dunn, Eau Claire, and Chippewa County!***

### WHO SHOULD ATTEND

Family caregiver of a spouse, adult child, parent, friend or neighbor who is living with dementia, Parkinson's disease, stroke, etc.

### EVENT DETAILS

This Family Caregiver Skills Fair will help you learn practical skills with hands-on demonstrations by a registered nurse and physical, occupational, and speech therapists. Caregivers will learn how to provide everyday care for their loved ones.

### TOPICS COVERED

- Oral Care · Handling Medications
- Bathing & Dressing · Incontinence Management
- Body Mechanics and Transfer Equipment Demos
- Adaptive Equipment and More!

***Plus, presentations on palliative versus hospice care; meaningful activities; and Dementia Live (a simulation experience that immerses participants into what it might be like to live with dementia, resulting in deeper understanding and empathy)***

### REGISTRATION REQUIRED BY MAY 4

**Online:** <http://www.adrcevents.org>

**Call:** 715-839-4735





**Thanks to our generous sponsors, a light breakfast and lunch are provided at this no-fee event. You must register by May 4 and commit to attending please.**

### VENUE SPONSORS







Rehabilitation Hospital of Western Wisconsin

# April Assisted Living Calendar 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
The Recreation Calendar is subject to change based on resident needs, interests, and current infection control guidelines.	 9:00 Morning Visits 11:00 Exercise Group 1:30 Concordia Lutheran Service 3:00 Rudy Rudesill	 9:00 Morning Visits 11:00 Exercise Group 1:30 Painting Blown Eggs	The Hair Salon is available from 8:00am to 1:00pm every Thursday. Please contact assistance in making appointments. Passover 9:00 Morning Visits 11:00 Exercise Group 1:30 Catholic Communion Service 2:30 Bingo	 Maundy Thursday 9:00a-1:00p Manicures & Hair Salon 1:00 Dog Visits: Niko 3:00 Maundy Thursday Hymn Sing	 Good Friday 10:30 Stations of the Cross 1:30 Egg Dying 4:00 Good Friday Service Messiah Lutheran	1 10:30 Messiah Lutheran Church Service 1:30 Afternoon Games
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