



# THE ORCHARD SCOOP

Orchard Heights 5200 Chestnut Ridge Road  
Orchard Park, New York 14127



**November 2022**



## Halloween 2022!!

## A letter from Tami Jo-Assistant Administrator



Hello residents, friends, and family,

I hope fall has been treating you well and that you've been enjoying the sunshine! As we welcome November and prepare for the holiday season, we all begin to reflect on what we are grateful for. All of us here at Orchard Heights are grateful for the privilege of serving our residents and their families and for the opportunity to provide you or your loved ones the care and security you deserve. We continue cautiously to mitigate the spread of COVID at Orchard Heights. There has been an uptick of cases in the community which makes it challenging to avoid COVID all together in a setting like ours. We work to protect our residents and staff by disinfecting surfaces every day, monitoring signs and symptoms of COVID among our residents, screening every visitor at the front desk, requiring masks be worn at all times in the building, and offering multiple COVID vaccination and booster clinics. Preventing the spread of COVID at Orchard Heights is not only important to everyone's health and safety, but to welcoming a great holiday season where everyone can enjoy time with family and friends. Thank you for your continued support of our COVID protocols and as always, feel free to reach out with any questions. Happy Thanksgiving!

**Tami Jo Smith**

*Assistant Administrator*

## Maria Hahmann-Our NEW Culinary Director



We are thrilled to announce the promotion of our Executive Chef to Culinary Director of Orchard Heights. She started here as a chef was promoted to Executive chef and was honored as Co-Worker of the year last year! She is well seasoned in the Food Service industry both in the United States and Germany. Originally from Germany she has lived in the U.S. for the past 7 years. Currently, she lives in Orchard Park with her husband and dog. What she loves about cooking is the creativity! The same dish doesn't have to taste the same twice according to Maria. Maria has 19 years in the Culinary field. Fun fact: She has a coffee mug collection. Congratulations Maria and welcome to the management Team!

The position was vacated by Denise Siuda after her promotion to Administrator of Northland Heights in Pittsburgh PA.. Thanks for everything Denise and best wishes in your new position!

## Tony Brunn-Our NEW Maintenance Director



We are equally happy to welcome Tony Brunn to the management team as our new Maintenance director. Tony has been enriching Orchard Heights for the past 5 years in various capacities. He is married to his wife Nicole (Business office manager) and is the father of three daughters. A collector of anything Pop culture, they make their home in South Buffalo. He is also a true Buffalo Bills fan. Tony says that he really enjoys working here and connecting with residents and staff alike. A hands on learner from a young age, Tony has been taking things apart to figure out how they work and then put them back together. He is especially looking forward to connecting with the residents, being a voice for them and doing his very best. Welcome aboard Tony!



## Best wishes for a Great November Birthday

### Residents

Rachel Lalomia	November 3
Al Cipriano	November 4
Mary Braun	November 8
Gertrude Kendall	November 8
Grace Lesinski	November 12
Dorothy Lussier	November 12
Jacqueline Skakal	November 13
Jeanne Moore	November 15
Dolores Wisniewski	November 19
Mary Yochum	November 21
Viola Liberto	November 22
Joan Schelble	November 27
Barbara Beck	November 28

### Coworkers

Katie Holden	November 4
Kim Hein-Scheffer	November 9
Maria Hahmann	November 11
Haley Flanagan	November 18



## Welcome

Dorothy Blake  
Patricia Burgess  
Joann Criscione  
Leone Fierle  
Emily Friedrich  
Richard Krentz  
Raymond Wagner



## Resident of the Month—Jean Schmidt



Jean Schmidt is being honored this month because of her kind, positive easy-going personality. We have been enjoying her company since 2019. Originally from East Aurora, she worked at the University of Rochester as a Librarian. She participates in many of our recreational activities and is usually one of the first to arrive for daily exercise. Her other interests include: crafts, movies, outings, some word games and knitting and needle work. Congratulations and thank you for your many kindnesses you show daily!

## Resident of the Month—Jacqueline Skakal



Jacqueline Skakal is originally from Silver Creek and is the mother of 4. She has enjoyed traveling to area attractions such as Allegany State park and also to Charlotte, North Carolina and Chicago, Illinois. She is an avid gardener and enjoys time spent in our greenhouse. She is also a movie buff and enjoys many sports including: football, baseball and hockey. Jacquie is always ready to help wherever needed. Being a people person, she enjoys spending time with others especially her children and grandchildren. Thank you Jacquie for all your help and congratulations on this well deserved honor.

## Co-Worker of the Month—Samantha Strong



Samantha Strong was voted Co-Worker of the month by many. She has been providing excellent care for our folks for about two years. She enjoys working here, especially her residents and it shows every day! Her supervisors say “she is amazing”. When she is not working, she enjoys being at home with her family, playing games and watching movies. She enjoys the memories she has made so far and can’t wait to make many more! Congratulations Sam and thank you for taking such great care of everybody!

## 2022 Cupcake Sale by Denise



*Together  
we raised  
over*

*\$500*

*for the  
Breast  
Cancer  
Network  
of WNY!*

## Your Management Team!!



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## On the Road in November

- **Dollar Tree**
- **Driving Tour  
of Buffalo/  
Lunch at  
Chefs**
- **Mass at St.  
Bernadettes**
- **Family Dollar  
by Request**
- **Country  
Rides**

## Religious Services

### Communion Service

Thursday November 2,6,  
16, 20, 27

November 6, 20 and 27

### Mass

Thursday November 3

### Rosary

Wednesdays at 10:15

### Online Services

Sunday Mass every Sunday  
@10:45 am

Online Presbyterian Svc—  
Nov. 27

*Thank you Veterans!*

*Caring* IS OUR  
**PRIVILEGE.**