November 2, 2021



Tuesday Edition: Association News You Can Use

Thank a Veteran or Service Member by Writing a Letter of Gratitude!

This year, in commemoration of Veterans Day, we are partnering with Operation Gratitude and inviting Estrella residents to write a letter of gratitude for:

- Deployed troops
- Veterans
- Wounded, ill, or injured heroes and their caregivers
- Recruit graduates

This is a wonderful opportunity for our residents to express their appreciation to both veterans and those who currently serve our country! Letter writing guidelines and suggestions, postcards and coloring sheets, as well as pens and crayons, will be located in the Residents Library of the Starpointe Residents Club starting on **Thursday, November 4**.

Simply write your note of appreciation or ask your child to color one of the sheets provided and bring them to a team member at the Starpointe Front Desk. Residents who participate in our letter writing campaign will receive a toy soldier in appreciation of your thoughtfulness and as a reminder to think about our service



members and veterans this month.

Our letter writing campaign will run through the month of November. At the end of this month, we will send a care package with all of the letters and coloring sheets completed by our residents to Operation Gratitude, which, since 2003, has lifted the spirits of more than 3.3 million deployed troops, recruit graduates, veterans, military families, first responders, and healthcare heroes.

"...To read the sweet words of a child telling us we inspire them or of a family letting us know they are thinking of and praying for us often is so uplifting.

This was the best reminder of why we choose to put this uniform on every morning of every day."

Photo and quote credit: Operations Gratitude Instagram Account

It's a Jolly Holiday Lighting Contest!

We have a *tree-mendous* opportunity for residents to show off their holiday decor with our annual Holiday Lights contest. To enroll your home, simply visit <u>www.LifeInEstrella.com</u> and register for the contest before December 2. Prizes will be awarded in the following categories:

- Traditional Holiday Spirit
- Best Light and Lawn Ornament Display
- Best in Show

Judging will take place between Friday, December 10, and Sunday, December 12; winners will be announced Tuesday, December 14, and prizes will be announced soon!



Stay tuned to this weekly newsletter to find out when the list of participating homes will be available on the LifeInEstrella website. Then, bundle up the kids, play your favorite holiday music, and take in all of the holiday lights in Estrella.



Be an Event Booth Sponsor!

Estrella's Lifestyle Team is thrilled to offer local businesses an opportunity to participate at Winterfest as an event booth sponsor. Event sponsorship includes access to 600+ residents at Winterfest and a 10'x10' booth with a table/two chairs. Publicity options include the weekly newsletters, the @LifeInEstrella Facebook page, and the monthly *Life in Estrella* magazine. Scan the QR Code at left or contact Lifestyle Coordinator Maria Mosqueira at <u>mmosqueira@ccmcnet.com</u> for more information!

Community Garage Sale is this Saturday!

It's out with the old and in with kinda-sorta new with our Community Garage Sale this Saturday, November 6, between 7:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Personal sale signage directing shoppers to your garage sale may be displayed Saturday morning and should be removed by 3:00 p.m. that afternoon.



Happy selling and shopping!



Estrella Gives Back

Estrella Gives Back is an opportunity for our community to make a difference at the holidays. We want to help make it a special holiday season for Estrella families in need during these trying times. You can help by donating gift cards of any denomination and from any store. There are two ways to give:

1) Bring your gift cards to the drop boxes located in the Starpointe and Presidio Residents Clubs. Please indicate the gift card amount on the card.

2) Send a donation through Venmo to @girlscouts2894 and a gift card will be purchased on your behalf. Please include "Estrella Gives Back" in memo

section.

Questions? Contact Social Committee Members Georgie Klingensmith at <u>georgiegirl1@sbcglobal.net</u> or Cathy DiLeo at <u>cathydi909@yahoo.com</u>.

Hike on Over to Starpointe for the Optimal Hiking Seminar!

If you'd like to learn more about hiking safely on Estrella's trails, the Estrella Trailblazers are hosting an Optimal Hiking Seminar on **Tuesday, November 16, between 6:30 and 8:30 p.m.** at the Starpointe Residents Club. Hikers of all experience levels will provide overviews on Performance Nutrition, Essential Gear, Footwear and Foot Care, and Insights from Beginners. Please register by November 9 at: <u>https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdxQnVI</u> Q4IVfLiJOsHMaPSvFgcnL srPUBp47M6 7iYpNQaig/viewf



For more information, email estrellatrailblazers@hotmail.com.



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Color Our World...

Join the PreSchooner Thanksgiving Coloring Contest!

Ready to add a whole bunch of color to your Thanksgiving holiday? Then bring your little ones to the PreSchooner Club and have them participate in our Thanksgiving Coloring Contest!

The contest will run between November 3 and November

17 and prizes will be awarded for various age groups. Kids can select their favorite picture to color and all pictures submitted will appear in an upcoming issue of *Life in Estrella* magazine. We look forward to seeing all of our little artists working on their creations! Remember, as artist Bob Ross once said, "There are no mistakes, just happy accidents."

Thank You, Estrella!

Many thanks to residents who donated blood this week! Donations were so successful, that Estrella reached 110% of our donation goal. The community's 29 blood donations will go a long way toward assuring a strong blood supply, and ultimately saving lives.



The next community blood drive is slated for January 8, 2022

We would also like to thank the 25+ residents who assisted during Friday's Fall Scream event... you were instrumental in making it a frightfully huge success. If you are are Give Pulse volunteer, be on the lookout for an email from our team about volunteering opportunities for our December 4 Winterfest event. There are 28 volunteer spots still open and we would love to work with you again!

Not signed up for our new Give Pulse Volunteer Sign Up Program? Want to volunteer at our community events? Please reach out to Lifestyle Coordinator Maria Mosqueira at to <u>mmosqueira@ccmcnet.com</u> for more information!

We Bet You're Pine-ing for These Events!

Click on the Flyers to Sign Up...









Socialize with Us!

We regularly update our Life In Estrella website, Facebook and Instagram pages with information about community events, news, happenings and other fun facts. If you haven't <u>signed</u> <u>up</u>, <u>followed us</u> or <u>liked us</u> yet, feel free to go online, check us out, and join the conversation.

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New Home Info (623) 386-1000

Community Patrol (602) 329-0462

After Hours (800) 274-3165

Emergencies 9-1-1

Starpointe Residents Club (623) 386-1949

Presidio Residents Club (623) 322-7841