"Like cold water to a thirsty soul, so is good news from a far country."

Proverbs 25: 25



"IN THE GOOD OLD SUMMER TIME"

Activity: Sprinkler Club

Supplies Needed:

- **Lawn Sprinkler
- **Happy Hearts
- **Residents & Staff



Directions:

In the good old summer time when the fish are "jumpin", thermometers rise, and hearts long for days gone by, the magic moment has arrived to bring out the child again. What person fails to recall the thrill of running through the sprinkler while shrieking with laughter? Just ask! Watch residents eyes sparkle and lips break out into an enormous smile! Oh, to feel the rush of excitement as the cold drops of water soak the hot, sweaty body! Tis Unadulterated...Pure....JOY!

One summer while the residents were sitting out on the patio, a wheelchair bound individual without the ability to speak, but possessing a mischievous streak a mile long, repeatedly gestured toward the sprinkler and then to her chest. Recognizing the child within desired to come out and play, Melody, the Assistant Activity Director asked, "Are you wanting to be pushed through the sprinkler?" Answering with an enormous grin accompanied by one thumb up, there was no doubt as to the resident's desire.

Thus, without hesitation, action was taken immediately by the astute staff member, Melody Childers. Placing the ordinary sprinkler on the grass so that it would hit the sidewalk as pictured above, the resident was pushed back and forth through the cool sparkling water; thus, the birth of the SPRINKLER CLUB! When other residents witnessed the miracle, they demanded a share of the fun, too.

Sprinkler Club Rule:

(If a resident was pushed back and forth through the water, he/she had fulfilled the requirement for being a member of the SPRINKLER CLUB; thus, the list at the conclusion.)

***Enjoy the following photographs that include not only happy residents, but various staff members joining in on the fun. (This is a holistic approach to health care, folks!) Please note the facial expressions and the comments below each picture as testimonials.



KICK OFF TIME!

The troops are challenged by Activity Director Tim Trafford to become a child once again by joining in on the cool refreshing time and letting their spirits soar. His facial expression lets you know clearly that everyone of them is being playfully invited to become a member of the Sprinkler Club. Teasing and joking, he causes excitement and anticipation to rapidly build within the group; so much that he has to establish the order in which they will participate. The group is all fired up! Kick Off Time Has Almost Arrived! No bathing suits needed!

Just come as you are;

LETTHE SUN BEGIN!

PRESIDENT SANDRA PUSHED BY TIM TRAFFORD, ACTIVITY DIRECTOR!









DUCK SHIRLEY, YOU'LL GET WET!

WHO HAS MORE FUN?

NO FOLKS, YOUR EYES ARE JUST FINE! IT IS KEITH, THE ADMINISTRATOR JOINING IN ON THE FUN! DO YOU THINK HE NEEDS WINDSHIELD WIPERS AS HE PUSHES FRIEDA THROUGH THE COOL REFRESHING WATER?





HOLD ON MURLENE, MELODY WILL COME THROUGH!



JUST A WALK IN THE PARK
FOR EDNA!



GRR...RRR...EAT FUN
ISN'T IT WILMA?



SINGING IN THE RAIN BY SYLVIA & BRIAN (SOCIAL SERVICES)!

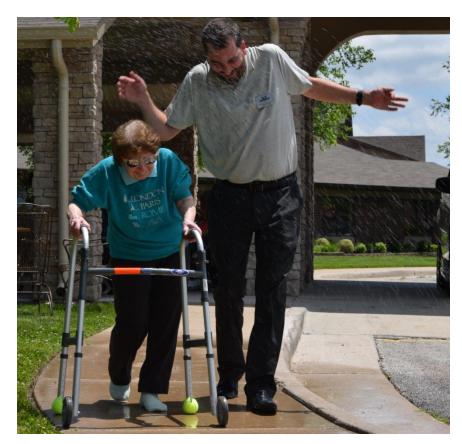


WORLD CLASS SURFERS!

TONY AND MELODY "RIDIN" THOSE

GIANT DROPS OF WATER!

GO "GET-UM", CHAMP!



BRIAN, IF YOU DID NOT GET SOAKED BEFORE, YOU WILL NOW! WANDA IS GOING TO ENJOY EVERY DROP THAT COMES HER WAY! GRIN AND BEAR IT!



WELL I DO DECLARE! WHO WOULD

HAVE THOUGHT THAT WATER IS

WET?



HAT ON! FEET UP! I AM
REALLY PSYCHED UP FOR
THIS!



WHAT DO YOU NOT UNDERSTAND, LELA, ABOUT THE WORD WAIT?



THOSE WHO LACK PATIENCE

GET A GOOD SOAKING!





I FACE ADVERSITY BY MEETING

IT HEAD ON!

WHEN I SAY STOP, JAMES,

PARK IT FOR A BIT!



DEBRA IS FINISHED AND DRIED OFF!

NOW THAT WAS GOOD!!!

POPCYCLES ANYONE?





SPRINKLER CLUB



SANDRA



DEBRA

ALMA

FREDA

UNA

EDNA

SYLVIA

MAXINE





GARRY

SHIRLEY

WANDA

WILMA

TONY

LELA

BESSIE







TIM

ALLISON

BRIAN

MELODY

JAMES

KEITH



