

THE ERNEST P. BARKA ASSISTED LIVING COMMUNITY

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As of January 2007 we were mandated to operate under the new rules and regulations established by the State of New Hampshire Health and Humans Services better known as the "805's." Much time and effort was extended to ensure the Ernest P. Barka Assisted Living Facility would be one of the best facilities surveyed by the state. We were informed that our facility was the first in the state to be deficiency free under the new regulations. This top notch survey result is thanks to the dedicated and hard working staff at Rockingham County.

As the year progressed the residents enjoyed many activities such as pet parades, Easter egg hunt, bible studies, music events, trips to Wal-Mart, the Dollar Store, and the Brentwood Public Library. The Resident Council was active volunteering in the 4-H to help with mailings, folding camp flyers, and other paper projects. The Council invited speakers to their monthly meetings. The residents were invited to attend a play at the Sad Café in Plaistow and had a fantastic time.

The facility enjoys opening their doors to other departments in the county by hosting the annual Under the Tent continuing education program for the nursing home and provided day care services for children of those attending.

Assisted Living Week in September was a busy with activities. Staff and volunteers cooked a full breakfast in our country kitchen and the residents were led to the dining by the smell of bacon and eggs cooking.

We have been working with a family of eight children in Brentwood who are home schooled. At Christmas one of our residents read the story "The Polar Express" to the children. The residents provided Elf's hats and goodies to the children.

I could not end this report without a heartfelt thank you to our resident's families. We have the most generous supportive families that anyone could ask for. A special thanks to the Engineering and Maintenance Department and Housekeeping Department for everything they do to keep us looking clean and beautiful along with the talents of our Dietary Department. Thanks to Steve Woods and the nursing home for all the support that they gave us through the year. I would like to thank the Board of County Commissioners for their continued interest and support to assisted living.

Last, but by no means least thanks and praise to the staff of the Earnest P. Barka Assisted Living Facility. Our high ratings and outstanding reputation throughout the state is strictly the results of their hard work and dedication.

We are looking forward to 2008 and celebrating our fifth anniversary.