

July 25, 2019

Dear Members:

We hope this letter finds you well and enjoying your summer!

Amber, our Lifestyles Director in Encore, will be organizing The Birches' Team for the Walk to End Alzheimer's in August. Please keep a look out for announcements, fundraising events, and opportunities to support the Walk to End Alzheimer's. This year, the Naperville Walk will be on Sunday September 15<sup>th</sup>.

For those of you who are on our Nursing Medication Administration package, and have not turned in your KodoCare Pharmacy Authorization form (in your email), please turn in your completed form to our front desk as soon as possible.

Next week we will be conducting a simple, hands-on, in-house evacuation for our assisted living residents and team members so our team can practice timing, and what it feels like to do a community wide move. This is voluntary for our residents, but we hope everyone will participate so this can be a great training. Although our local fire department says it is unlikely to have The Birches do a community wide evacuation, it is great for us to prepare for all scenarios and keep practicing beyond drills. All of our drills in *Encore* are hands-on, so this time we will focus on members living in assisted living. Our members will receive more details on this next week.

Our Fall *Need to Know Series* is complete with educational speakers and dates. Please join us for our first event, *Planning for the Unexpected: Protecting Your Assets from Nursing Home Costs*, on September 12<sup>th</sup> with attorney, Nancie Dorjath from Dorjath Law Center.

We have transitioned to a new website platform this past week which will give our team more user control. Some of the content and design are still in the works, but the look of the new site looks great. Feel free to check out the new birches.net!

Thank you for your confidence in our community. We love what we do, and we're privileged to have your support!

Jacqueline Sander, executive director