Have you heard of the Tree of Dreams?

The Saint Simeon’s Auxiliary has a committee ready to give a treat or experience to any Resident with an unfulfilled wish. Since 2003, the Tree of Dreams Committee has helped dozens of Residents’ dreams come true. A few examples of Residents’ wishes that have been fulfilled include a trip via aircraft over Tulsa and Fort Gibson, fishing trips, and personal excursions to shopping or restaurant destinations.

The Tree of Dreams Committee Mission is to “serve the elderly with integrity and humbleness. Our efforts will include sharing our time and energy to fulfill the desires and dreams of the Residents, always being aware that small ‘acts of kindness’ make for a grand day!”

If you are a Resident or know of a Resident who would like to submit a Tree of Dreams request, simply fill out the “Tree of Dreams Request Card” available at nurses’ stations and the Foundation Office. Please return the card to the Foundation Office, and an Auxiliary member will contact you.
My job is to make sure the floors in every area of the Home look their best. I sweep, vacuum, clean, buff – whatever is needed. In addition, I’m available to help move beds and other furniture, take out the trash, install soap/hand sanitizer, replace light bulbs – whatever is needed.

I started working here last December. Before that I was a Sky Cap (passenger assistant) at Tulsa International Airport for six years. I applied for a job at Saint Simeon’s because a friend’s mom worked here and said it was a good place to work. They needed someone for the Floor Tech job in Facility Services, so I took it, and I’m glad I did. I liked working at the Airport, but this Home has a really special environment because of the people here. Everybody is so friendly and the residents are so sweet.

I was born in Manila, Philippines, and spent the first half of my life there. The Philippines is different from Oklahoma. It is hotter and more humid and most places don’t have air conditioning. We joke that you even sweat while taking a shower! We have no winter, but lots of rain and the occasional typhoon.

When I first came to the United States, I lived in Los Angeles, California. I could walk to

“Jezreel always goes above and beyond to make sure Saint Simeon’s is a clean and beautiful facility. Recently, I was preparing for an Alzheimer’s Association meeting in the Smith Conference Room and he took extra time to thoroughly clean the area without even being asked. He always has a good attitude during every interaction with both Residents and Staff.”

— Lindsay Morris, Marketing Coordinator
Hollywood from my aunt’s house. My father, Jose, had been in California for several years working as a Security Guard at a hotel and sending money back to the family, which consisted of my Mom, Olive, me and my brothers and sisters. When he petitioned for me to come to the United States, he found out that actually I could have come any time because he completed the process to become a Naturalized Citizen the month before I was born!

Dad moved us to Oklahoma because my brother, Ferdinand, was a student here at the Spartan School of Aeronautics. Ferdinand told him that everything in Tulsa costs less than California and the traffic is much better than Los Angeles! The traffic in Tulsa is also much better than Manila. Ferdinand is now in the Air Force and has been to Iraq, Afghanistan, Iran and Saudi Arabia. Unfortunately, he ended up not being able to fly planes because he is color blind. My oldest brother, Jose Jr. is a mechanic and owns a car repair business. My sister Maria is married with two kids. In all, I have eight nieces and nephews.

I came to Tulsa when I was in the eighth grade and graduated from Will Rogers High School. I also took classes in Criminal Justice at Tulsa Community College. I visited New York City when my brother needed help moving all his stuff before leaving for Afghanistan. I have a little Yorkie named Chewbie, who we rescued seven years ago. Chewbie is a wonderful dog and just makes me very happy. I’m trying to get back into the habit of working out - my parents’ house has exercise equipment in the basement. I like to read Marvel comics and go to the movies based on them like The Avengers, Iron Man, Superman, and Batman. On television, I watch supernatural shows like The Walking Dead.

My goals for the future are to go back to school and finish college, be successful at whatever I do – maybe even own my own business someday, to have a family of my own and to make a good life for all of us.”

Saint Simeon’s Art Show
We are planning a Resident Art Show in September!

We would love to have any art work Residents produced at any time in their lives and in any medium (woodwork, needlework, stained glass, paint, pencil, etc.)!

Please contact Teresa Reno in Life Enrichment at 918-794-1932 if you have any pieces you would let us borrow for the day.
Dear Friends,

Every week in our Tuesday Morning Prayer service and our Wednesday Communion services, we hear about some important personage from the history of the Christian Church. Often, we refer to these folks as saints. Some of them are the more widely known persons that are commonly referred to as Saint (with a capital “S”) such as Saint Mary, Saint Peter, or Saint Paul. Others are people less commonly known except in certain areas or countries, such as John and Charles Wesley, Absalom Jones, Dame Julian of Norwich, or David Pendleton Oakerhater. All of these folks which we remember exemplified important aspects of Christian faith and life. In their own way, they each give us a snapshot of what the Christian life can look like.

The word “saint” comes from the Latin, sanctus, which means “holy”. In the New Testament, the Greek word is hagios. The use of the word in the New Testament varies, but it often refers to the Community of Faith or the Church. So, there are the saints in Jerusalem, or the saints in Ephesus, or the saints in Corinth. The idea is that God makes that which is considered common to be holy, and this includes people. When people become a part of the body of Christ, they are a holy people; they are the saints.

This had some significant ramifications for how Christians were to treat one another. If members of the body of Christ are holy ones or saints, they should be treated with respect, dignity, and reverence. Much of what Paul writes in his letters to the Churches had to do with this understanding of who Christians were and how they were to be.

Imagine what our world would be like if we considered each other to be saints. What if we saw in each person we work with, in each person we encounter, in each person we serve, a holy one of God? Well, if you can imagine this, then you, as Jesus said, are not far from the Kingdom of God.

May you be surrounded by saints today!

God’s Peace and Blessing be with you,
Fr. Bill Holly †
There are many interesting plants to enjoy at Saint Simeon’s this summer. Here are just two of them.

**LIMESTONE BOULDERS**
The Oxley Circle and Dotson Family Assisted Living Center have numerous Limestone Boulders as accents in the flower beds. Limestone is a sedimentary rock often composed from skeletal fragments of marine organisms, such as corals. It is very soluble to water and weak acid solutions which will cause it to erode over thousands of years. That is why most cave systems are formed from limestone bedrock. All the holes and indentations in our limestone boulders were also created through that same process. Outside Anne Evans’s window, Impatiens are growing in a large limestone rock. Also, the occasional sunflower from the nearby bird feeder will try to sprout. Ruth Matlock’s daughter, Mary Newman, has also grown sedum in one of these rocks.

**PASSION VINE**
Growing on the trellis in the new perennial garden in the Reflections Courtyard, recently renovated by the late Barbara Kehlam Family, is our first Passion Vine. Wonder why it has that name? It refers to the Passion of Christ – His suffering on the Cross. Of course, there is a story that goes behind it. Somewhat unusual for such stories, this one is actually well-documented. Jacomo Bosio, a scholar living in Rome in 1609, was working on a treatise on the crucifixion when an Augustine friar from Mexico showed him a drawing of this remarkable flower from South America. Bosio was so inspired by the flower that he included it in his book. He wrote that the unique corona (two stacked rings of very fine filaments) represented the crown of thorns. The ten sepals and petals represented the Apostles (except Judas and Peter, who both distanced themselves from Christ just before the crucifixion). The five anthers were the five wounds on Christ’s body, and the three stigmas the nails. The leaves were the spear that pierced His side and the tendrils the scourges that flayed His flesh.

Just follow the rock path up to the trellis to get close enough to see how beautifully intricate the blossoms are that inspired Bosio. Maybe you can find other symbols? 
A Notice From our Life Enrichment Staff

Life Enrichment Outings

Before we take Residents on outings, we call families or other responsible parties for permission to take those who are not their own decision makers. If we are unable to reach anyone to obtain permission, we cannot take the Resident. To be sure your loved one does not miss out on outings if we are unable to reach you, you may write a letter to Saint Simeon’s stating that you give permission for all outings. The letter can be directed to Becky Ashwill, Life Enrichment Supervisor, and will be posted in the Resident’s medical chart.

We will still notify you when we will be going on an outing, so that you do not phone or arrive at Saint Simeon’s for a visit and find your loved one away unexpectedly.
Would you like to receive the Quill by e-newsletter?

Send an email to lmorris@saintsimeons.org

The Quill is in color when you receive it by email, and it helps reduce postage costs to Saint Simeon’s!

**August Birthdays**

- 8/3 Scotty Brainerd
- 8/3 Kay Herring
- 8/4 William Lavendusky
- 8/7 John Lawhon
- 8/8 Roshen Framjee
- 8/9 Maurice Forrester
- 8/11 Ford Bankston
- 8/12 Marie Millar
- 8/15 Clyde Buchanan
- 8/20 Veda Duncan
- 8/20 Grant McCabe
- 8/24 Peggy Null
- 8/30 Patricia Bartlett
- 8/30 Rita Momme

**August Resident Council Meetings**

- **COTTAGES & 1ST FLOOR DOTSON ASSISTED LIVING**
  - Tuesday, 7/30, 10:30 – Deisenroth Bistro
- **2ND FLOOR DOTSON ASSISTED LIVING**
  - Tuesday, 8/27, 10:30 – Upstairs Dining Room
- **D-HALL ASSISTED LIVING**
  - Tuesday, 8/27, 1:15 – Common Room
- **MEMORY CENTER**
  - Thursday, 8/29, 3:00 – Home 6
- **HEALTH CARE CENTER**
  - Thursday, 8/29, 10:30 – Garden View Dining

**Welcome our New Family Members**

Martha Eskridge, Gene Rubenstein

**We Remember in Our Prayers**

- Marilyn Baker
- Kenneth Greenwood
- John Griffin
- Lloyd Hensley
- Vivian Lassiter
- Dick Momme
- William Richmond
- Lucille Sund

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Simone’s BIGGEST FAN

Are you Simone’s Biggest Fan? Well, you’ll have to prove it first! Through August 30th, come have your picture taken with Simone, post it on Facebook, and tag Simone. Be sure your photo shows both you and Simone and is as creative as possible (costumes, funny faces, etc. encouraged!). The competition winner will win bragging rights of being Simone’s Biggest Fan and a $50 Visa gift card. The competition is open to all Residents, friends, and family of Saint Simeon’s. Please contact Lindsay Morris at 918-794-1945 or lmorris@saintsimeons.org to schedule your special photo shoot with Simone.