

## Embracing Family

All year-long, Wellspring looks to honor and celebrate each one of our fantastic families. On this particular month, we place an even greater emphasis on the power of family connection through many reminiscent, celebratory and fun gatherings.

We invite all Wellspring family and friends to join us for a traditional Thanksgiving meal. In past years it has brought together over 100 people from over 35 different families. It is a time to enjoy quality time over quality comfort foods.



To follow the feast, a live music performance will unfold as the digestion begins and the tryptophan kicks in. In addition to various family meals, there will also be a pizza party, weekly popcorn and ice cream socials, and many other delightful occasions to get the entire family together. On November 29th, we invite you to honor and cherish the unique journey of your family by creating a "Kindred Journey" scarf. Your design will commemorate the past, and embrace the present. Hope to see you there!



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## NOVEMBER 2017 THE VILLAGE VIEW



### Branching Out

A monthly contribution from our founder Lynne Katzmann

#### Juniper Giraffes Rise Above Irma

It's nothing you ever want to have to do. It's hard, harrowing and it's also known as a hurricane.

In early September Hurricane Irma came barreling towards Florida. In the week before the storm, we knew we were likely to have to deal with her but were not sure how hard a punch she might pack and just where that punch might land. So, the teams on the ground in Florida together with a great advance team from other Juniper communities around the country began preparations.

By late Thursday September 7, it was clear we needed to begin to get ready for a possible evacuation. Our communities, in Florida and elsewhere, always have emergency plans which are filed with and approved by the state. But like all of the best plans, things sometimes change.

With Harvey hitting close by in Texas just a week earlier, resources were already scarce. There were fewer buses, little fuel and the storm was so large that many evacuation sites were eliminated because they too were in the storms sights.

Both Juniper Village at Naples and Juniper Village at Cape Coral evacuated to higher ground. The Naples team went to Autumn Leaves, a newly built memory care community in nearby Estero, FL. Cape Coral was transported by Lee County trolley and bus to East Lee County High School which was converted to a special needs shelter.



I'll spare you all the details as pictures tell the real story of a group of terrific individuals coming together to make lemonade from lemons! Check out our blog on our new website at [www.junipercommunities.com](http://www.junipercommunities.com) to see the smiles, some of the 29 family pets we sheltered, and the kind expressions of support we offered to others.



Everyone is safe; our buildings are little worse for wear and we are back on track! All thanks to our incredible Juniper Giraffes, always willing to stick their necks out and go above and beyond.

*Lynne Katzmann*

## Cherish the Journey

Join us this month as we "**Cherish the Journey**" and focus on family with autobiographical journaling, our annual food drive and support groups.

### This Month at Wellspring

NOVEMBER 13 AT 6:30PM  
REMARKABLE MUSIC

NOVEMBER 28 AT 3:15PM  
FRIEND & FAMILY PIZZA PARTY

NOVEMBER 29 AT 6:00PM  
KINDRED JOURNEY SCARF

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