#### COMFORT AND LOVE LETTER SUMMER 2023



## **Comfort and Love's Newest Residents**

We welcome all our new residents: Jack Campbell, Beverly Grover, Joyce McCready, Alfred Rieschick, Mike Engel and Carole Hayes

We are pleased you have joined our community and we are excited to have you here!

# **Comfort and Love Spotlight**

Christi Verduzco - Christi moved to Wichita from Okinawa, Japan in 2004 where she served in the United States Air Force. In 2012, she became a CMA. She has 3 grown kids and 4 grandkids. Believe it or not, she even used to be a roller derby competitor! Christi is an amazing part of Comfort and Love. She shares her love, loyalty, and commitment with everybody at Comfort and Love.

We are thankful and grateful to have her with us!

### **Comfort and Love's Newest Care Partners**

Raj Lal, LPN | Sonya Nicholson, Food Service Manager / Chef Yolanda Greenley, Chef | Nikita Greenley, Chef | Alexa Scott, CMA Alyssa Wright, CMA | Cindy Wang, CMA | Evelyn Worku, CMA | Jody Curry, CMA | Karen Alley, CMA | Leslie Wirths, CMA | Tiffany Gouldsby, CMA | Kais Warren, CNA | Michelle Thomas, CNA | Nicole Seymore, CNA We are thankful to have you as part of the Comfort and Love family!

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#### COMFORT AND LOVE LETTER SPRING 2023



### **Comfort and Love Ambassador**



This month's Ambassador is Don Thomas. Don has been with us for over 9 months. He was born with a "scientific curiosity" in the west Texas Pan Handle of Silverton, Texas. At a young age, he was fascinated with radios. By age ten he was repairing radios and by age thirteen, was operating a radio repair business in his father's shoe repair shop. Graduating from Silverton High School in 1957, he studied Electrical Engineering at Texas Technological University and joined the United Air Force during the Korean Conflict, serving stateside, he taught aviation electronics at various installations.

In 1973 he moved to Wichita and joined Cessna Aircraft instructing aviation electronics in the US, Canada, Europe, and Australia. As a benefit, Cessna management allowed Don to obtain his private, commercial, instrument and multi-engine flight ratings as he flew himself to many training schools. He said, "I will fly whatever I can get my hands on, including helicopters, but I don't like them as they just beat the air." In 1980 he joined Boeing as a Manufacturing Engineer retiring with a "Golden Handshake" in 1995.

Don's wife Jean (a familiar face around Comfort and Love) retired as VP of Commercial Federal Bank in Wichita. They have two grown adopted children and have sponsored seven Vietnamese refugees following the fall of Saigon and five exchange students from Brazil, Germany, Poland, and have traveled the world.

Don's hobbies are aviation, ham radios, classical music. Don's keen wit always attracts a smile as resident friends enjoy his favorite meal of chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes & gravy, green beans and for dessert, pecan pie.

## In Memory of Reece Bohannon

Reece passed on March 15, 2023. He was a retired science and technology school teacher, and a beloved coach of basketball and golf at Cowley County Community College and the public schools in #470 in Arkansas City, KS.

One of his crowning achievements was receiving the Presidential Life-Saving Award from President Gerald Ford, the nation's highest civilian award, for establishing orphanages in Haiti, which are still in operation.Reece was a happy, humble, and compassionate man and everyone at Comfort and Love loved him. We always enjoyed having his wife, Linda, visit and bring joy to our household.



We also miss Judy Hartshorn who has moved to Ohio to be closer to her sister and family. She was always very pleasant and a spunky joy to have with us and we will miss her.

