

Community Happenings

from Cathy Ode, our Community Life Director

In November we honored our veterans with a live concert over Zoom right in our own living room, as a Boston-area pianist played a repertoire of patriotic music. Several veterans shared photos of themselves from “back in the day” for our display table.



We brought Decatur House families together with staff to talk about holidays at the house, share ideas for keeping family communication going over the miles, and answer questions at our first Family Meet upon November 19. (The next Family Meet-up will be in February, so families can watch for a Zoom invite.)

December activities include watching holiday movies and enjoying “Winter Lights Rides” in the house vehicles. It will be fun to see if we can find all the famous lighted Sandwich “Giants” and learn their stories.

Mid-month, we will be the lucky recipients of caroling when Sandwich High School’s famous “Sandwich Soul” singing group seranades us from outdoors through slightly-opened windows. And we look forward to our in-house holiday party later this month.

Staff spotlight: UCT students, continued

Lacey plans to attend college and become an orthopedic nurse while Isiah plans to have his own cosmetology salon someday.

Seventeen-year-old Lacey, a Sandwich native loves country music. She says her dream vacation would be “any place tropical,” like Bora Bora, Fiji or Hawaii.

But she adds, “Basketball is my life! I’ve been playing since I could walk.” She played for Upper Cape Tech’s girls’ varsity team, where she was typically the high scorer, renowned for her arching 3-pointers. Lacy was slated to represent the Rams in the Annual Cape & Islands All-Star Basketball Game earlier this year until it was abruptly cancelled due to COVID-19 fears.

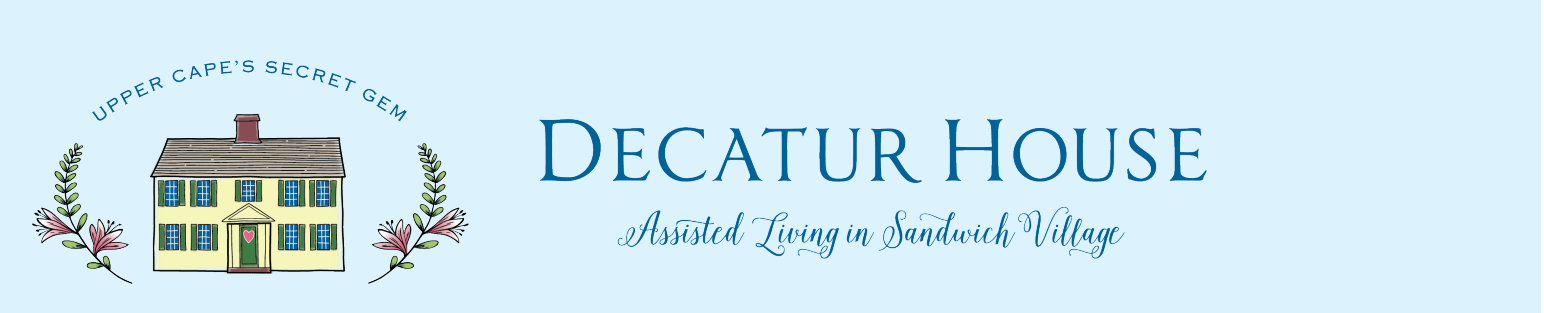
Isiah has lived in Sandwich since the age of 5. A strong swimmer, he competed on the Sandwich High School swim team when he was only in the 8th grade. He enjoys music, especially “oldies,” from the 60s and 70s. His favorite singers are Stevie Wonder, Aretha Franklin and Michael Jackson. A true New Englander, Isiah’s favorite food is lobster.

Isiah, who will celebrate his 19th birthday on Dec. 3rd, says he loves working at Decatur House. “The owners are really nice. And it’s really homey here. You don’t see that at other places.”

We love having these bright rising stars in the House. Thank you Lacey and Isiah for all you do for our residents.

Oh, and happy birthday Isiah!

Spotlight by Activities Coordinator “Mo” Boyce



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Important December Visits Update

Health experts ascertain that the month of December—and potentially January—could see a rise in Covid cases higher than we’ve encountered so far.

To stay as safe as possible, Decatur House is following the lead of partners Cape Cod Healthcare and Spaulding Rehabilitation, by **suspending in-person visits for the first week of December, and possibly longer.**

A pause in visitation will limit the possibility of residents and staff being exposed to the virus, reduce the DH community’s overall risk level, and will allow us to gage the effect Thanksgiving week has had on our region and respond informatively and proactively.

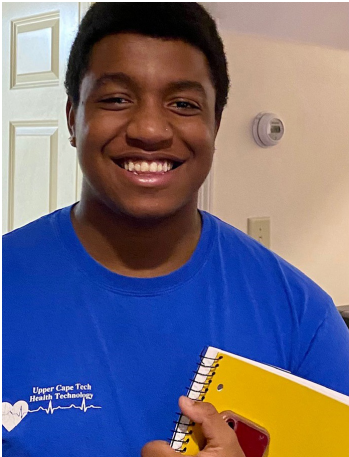
We have removed all visit slots from our online Sign -up Genius page for now. As always, we are happy to facilitate virtual visits for families. Please email activities@decatur-house.com to set these up.

Hang in there. We will get through this.

Look for subsequent communications from us about when visits will be reinstated in the days to come.

STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Upper Cape Technical High School Students: Lacey Butland and Isiah Johnson




Since joining the care staff in March, Isiah and Lacey have become popular members of the Decatur House family. “They’re 100 percent wonderful!” resident Jeanne says about the young health care assistants. “I always look forward to seeing them.”

Friends since the seventh grade, Lacey and Isiah are upperclassmen in the Health Technology Program at Upper Cape Tech, the program that has allowed them to earn experiential credit, as well as a paycheck through working at Decatur House.

With their high school days waning, both are looking ahead to their next chapter.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<div>December</div>		<div>1</div> <div>10:30 Sit & Be Fit 11:00 Let's Reminisce 1:45 Christmas Movie Matinee 3:45 Winter Lights Ride! - sign up needed</div>	<div>2</div> <div>HAIR SALON DAY Concierge Services 3:00 Christmas Movie Matinee in LR</div>	<div>3</div> <div>10:30 BINGO 3:00 JULIE CHARLAND A Live Music Performance HAPPY BIRTHDAY ISIAH!</div>	<div>4</div> <div>10:00 Painting w/Lourana! 2:00 Classic Hang Man 3:00 BINGO 4:30 Weekly Social Time</div>	<div>5</div> <div>10:30 Let's Stretch! 11:00 High Roller (Dice) 2:00 Word Games 3:00 BINGO</div>
<div>6</div> <div>10:30 Sit & Be Fit 11:00 St. Nicholas Day 3:00 BINGO 4:00 Words-in-a-Word 4:25 Patriots vs. Chargers</div>	<div>7</div> <div>10:30 Sit & Be Fit 11:00 Beanbag Toss 2:00 BINGO 3:00 Christmas "Crafter-noons" Making festive garlands</div>	<div>8</div> <div>10:30 Sit & Be Fit 11:00 Words-in-a-Word 1:45 Christmas Movie Matinee 3:45 Winter Lights Ride! - sign up needed</div>	<div>9</div> <div>HAIR SALON DAY Concierge Services Craft projects in Dining Room 3:00 Recorded JULIE CHARLAND Concert in LR</div>	<div>10</div> <div>10:30 Sit & Be Fit 11:00 Cards & Word Games 2:00 BINGO 3:45 Winter Lights Ride! - sign up needed 8:20 Patriots vs. Rams</div>	<div>11</div> <div>10:30 Toning with Bands 11:00 Indoor Horseshoes 2:00 Group Crossword 3:00 BINGO 4:30 Weekly Social Time 6:30 "Sandwich Soul" Carols at Decatur House! HAPPY BIRTHDAY ELAINE!</div>	<div>12</div> <div>10:30 Sit & Get Fit 11:00 Ring Toss 2:00 Classic Hang Man 3:00 MUSIC BINGO</div>
<div>13</div> <div>10:00 Make a Snowy Candle 11:00 Catholic Mass (recorded) 2:00 BINGO 3:00 Words-in-a-Word</div>	<div>14</div> <div>10:30 Sit & Be Fit 11:00 Beanbag Toss 2:00 BINGO 3:00 Christmas "Crafter-noons" Gifts for families</div>	<div>15</div> <div>10:30 Sit & Be Fit 11:00 "You Be the Judge" 1:45 Christmas Movie Matinee 3:45 Winter Lights Ride! - sign up needed</div>	<div>16</div> <div>HAIR SALON DAY Concierge Services Craft projects in Dining Room HAPPY BIRTHDAY MIKAELA & JEANNE!</div>	<div>17</div> <div>10:30 BINGO Residents' Meeting at Lunch 1:30 Book Club 3:00 JULIE CHARLAND A Live Music Performance</div>	<div>18</div> <div>10:30 Sit & Be Fit 11:00 Ring Toss 2:00 Words-in-a-Word 3:00 BINGO 4:30 Weekly Social Time</div>	<div>19</div> <div>MANICURES BY MIKAELA 10:30 Toning with Weights 11:00 Cards & Word Games 2:00 You Oughta Be in Pictures! 3:00 BINGO</div>
<div>20</div> <div>10:00 BINGO 11:00 Catholic Mass (recorded) 1:00 Patriots vs. Dolphins 2:00 Scenic Rides 3:00 Words-in-a-Word</div>	<div>21</div> <div>10:30 Sit & Be Fit 11:00 Beanbag Toss 2:00 BINGO 3:00 Christmas "Crafter-noons" Lightbulb snowmen</div>	<div>22</div> <div>10:30 Sit & Be Fit 11:00 Group Crosswords 1:45 Christmas Movie Matinee 3:45 Winter Lights Ride! - sign up needed</div>	<div>23</div> <div>HAIR SALON DAY Concierge Services Craft projects in Dining Room 3:00 Christmas movie in LR Zoom family visits</div>	<div>24</div> <div>10:30 Sit & Be Fit 11:00 Music Trivia 2:00 Classic Hang Man 3:45 Winter Lights Ride! - sign up needed Zoom family visits</div>	<div>25</div> <div>MERRY CHRISTMAS </div>	<div>26</div> <div>10:30 Sit & Get Fit 11:00 Cards & Games 2:00 TBA 3:00 MUSIC BINGO</div>
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