



### *Little Holiday Fun...*

'Twas the night before Christmas and all through long-term care,  
Decorations sparkled and twinkled — no wall was bare. The recreation department had concerts galore, the residents enjoyed it — they clamored for more.

The maintenance guys put up outdoor lights,  
Vendors sent cookies and other delights.  
The nurses wore holiday tops and bright pins,  
each floor had menorahs and dreidels to spin.

Kwanzaa candles were set out next to the trees,  
poinsettias brightened the desk of Security.  
IT staff donned elf hats, the business office did too,  
rehab wore red sweaters, with bells on their shoes,

Environmental services polished 'til the whole place gleamed. Everyone had seasonal spirit, it seemed.  
Outfits were chosen by residents with care,  
make-up and hairdos were all an affair.  
Aides helped as needed with jewelry and ties,  
to make sure “their people” looked fetching and wise.

The administrator walked through and shook lots of hands and listened as elders told of their plans.  
The social workers had arranged many off-campus trips, folks were excited, with smiles on their lips.

Kitchen workers, with dietary, had cooked a great feast, and when it was presented, all chatter — it ceased. For a moment a hush fell over the crowd, except for one lady, whose voice, strong and loud,  
Rang out through the day room, while all heads were bowed.

“I'm grateful to be here, to see this fine day,  
you helped me gain strength when I'd lost my way.  
You were once strangers — now you're my friends.  
You help me handle whatever life sends.

“From deep in my heart, I wish you good cheer.  
Together let's celebrate, you've all become dear.”

A few started clapping, then thunderous applause  
for surely she'd channeled the spirit of Claus. -Eleanor  
Feldman Barbera, Ph.D.

*Happy Holidays from your  
friendly Healthcare Nursing  
Team!*



**Join the Hermitage Healthcare  
Center for their Annual Holiday  
Luncheon on Tuesday, 12/13/16 in  
the Auditorium at 12:00 pm.**



**To the Hermitage Christmas Gala  
Saturday, 12/17/16 @ 5:00 pm**

Every year the Hermitage chooses an organization to sponsor for the Christmas holidays, this year we are sponsoring two. Rising Hope Mission Church and the Carpenters Shelter. Both are in need of assistance for the holidays and residents, staff, family and friends already began donating for this holiday drive. Donated items are being accepted at the front desk.



Rising Hope is committed to ministering in love to the needs of everyone. Every Tuesday through Friday, they welcome people in need to a breakfast of pastries and coffee, and they offer a lunch meal following their noon Prayer and Worship service. They also serve breakfast on Sundays, and a two-course lunch after their Sunday Service.



### **Mission**

Carpenter's Shelter supports the homeless in achieving sustainable independence through shelter, guidance, education and advocacy

At Carpenter's Shelter, they believe that every person has a right to shelter. No one shall be denied shelter or services.