

Ringling in the New Year!

As 2022 came to a close, our community was able to reflect on all the acts of kindness and little everyday victories that upheld such a caring environment at Shekinah. Members and staff traveled all through the community to spread some joy and to celebrate the holidays with cheer! From the Shekinah Homes Society, we'd like to thank everyone who contributed to our loving family and we wish you a Happy New Year!

Introducing our new logo!

We are proud to introduce our recently updated logo! The heart in the home represents our loving community and caring home environment. It is the people who make our house a home, filled with love, together making up the Shekinah community



Victoria Ballet

This December, Fiona and staff got dressed up to attend Victoria Ballet's Tea for Tutus.

The event runs on several Wednesdays throughout the year. After an hour of dancing, members of the audience get to chat with the dancers. To celebrate the holidays and greet the coming New Year, dancers performed The Nutcracker. We're already counting down the days for our next afternoon outing to the ballet in March!

Crafting Christmas Cards

In preparation for this year's Christmas party, Core Members from the Ark, Keel, Bethesda, and Happy Rock homes made Christmas cards and decorations with the help of Assistants and Home Coordinators. Members crafted trees, gingerbread men, reindeer, and more using glitter, buttons, construction paper, and pom-poms. These cards were sent to friends, family, and staff to invite them to our holiday gathering.



Signing Together

Over the past few months, our six new Communal Living Assistants and Executive Director participated in and successfully completed our third Signed English class. The course was led by Dorothy Tait, assisted by Core Members June, Fiona, and David B. Everyone gathered weekly over Zoom, gradually improving skills and putting them to use in the community. Signed English is the primary language of many of our community's Core Members and these courses ensure that staff and members can communicate and connect meaningfully. Congratulations to all participants for their involvement and dedications to learning a whole new language!





Christmas Party

This holiday season, the Shekinah community had the pleasure of hosting a Christmas party! Core Members, family, and staff gathered in the breathtaking Gorge Pavilion where the tables were adorned with handmade snowman centerpieces and gingerbread houses. Posters on the wall made by staff shared with guests how the holidays are celebrated in countries across the world. Guests brought homemade decorations for the Christmas tree and connected with friends and loved ones over pizza, veggies, and home-baked desserts. Everyone showed off their best dance moves as local musician Morien Jones performed classic holiday tunes with his guitar. Later, Santa made an appearance, handing out each Core Member's Secret Santa gift with a grin and a 'Ho Ho Ho!' The event was a fantastic opportunity for members of our community to celebrate their year's accomplishments and to feel merry in the loving environment of the Shekinah community.



Bethesda and Happy Rock's Christmas dinner!



A Butchart Gardens Christmas

Core Members from the Ark went to Butchart Gardens to see the 12 days of Christmas. Everyone enjoyed the lights and music that played throughout the gardens. When it got cold they went to the Blue Poppy for hot drinks and a delicious meal to warm up. Songs were sung and smiles were in great supply in the cool, starry night.



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