

A Message From Allen Cress

Dear Edwards Center Families,

We're still happy to report that we have not had any diagnosed cases of COVID-19 among our residents or staff. We feel very blessed to still be able to say that. There have now been other agencies, even here in our area, who have now had cases diagnosed among their residents and/or staff. While we're taking significant steps to prevent it, the possibility remains that we will be touched by it before this is all over. Please know, if that day comes we have plans in place to mitigate its spread while still supporting our staff and residents.

The economic hardship created by this pandemic has affected all of us. We're so deeply grateful for those of you who continue to provide support during this difficult time. We have had to make some very difficult decisions to ensure we remain financially sustainable, but those decisions are contributing to our ability to make it through this. To the extent it's possible, we've projected our financial position out for the next year. Those projections provide both hope and a path. In terms of both physical and financial health, we will make it through this. We're taking all the right steps and have all the right support. We have the right people in place at just the right time.

I would be remiss not to give a shout out to our remarkable HR team. The staff supporting your loved ones can only do so if they themselves are properly supported. Jeff and his team have been going to extraordinary lengths to keep as many people working and benefited as possible. I've dropped in on several of their team meetings, which they have *every single morning*. They are mindful of each staff person's individual situation and needs. They care. They're also mindful of the needs of every one of our residents. When I talk to directors from other agencies around the state each week, I'm reminded how fortunate we are to have the team we have.

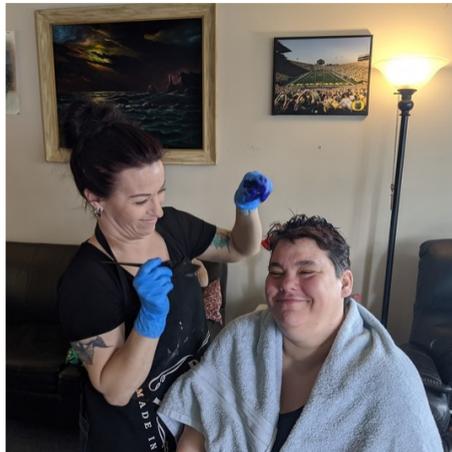
Even in the midst of everything else going on, we were still able to assume operations of our new Parkwood home. We're so excited to welcome the residents of Parkwood into the Edwards Center family! Special thanks to Jean Edwards, Michele Dardis, Stephanie Ruddell and their team for meeting the needs of our newest residents and their families!

Many of the people we serve have been displaced from their jobs in recent weeks. I'm thrilled to report that we're now starting to see some of these jobs open back up, and some of our supported workers get back to work! For so many of us, including the people we support, our jobs provide purpose, routine and, of course, paychecks. We will continue to take every precaution to ensure their safety and health, as well as that of our Job Coaches, as we cautiously move into whatever our "new normal" turns out to be.

We remain very grateful for your confidence and support.

Sincerely,

Allen



TLC At Shaw

Last week, the staff at Shaw held a day of pampering for some of the residents with haircuts and color touch-ups! In these tough times, it's important to remember the importance of self-care. Make sure to take some time for yourself this week!

Stay Up To Date

We have dedicated a page of the website to keep you up to date on all things related to COVID-19 at Edwards Center.

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We're In This Together

In these uncertain times, our highest priority is the health and wellbeing of all Edwards Center participants and staff as we work hard to get back to business as usual. We are dedicated to high-quality communication and welcome any questions at any time.

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