

Methodist Retirement Community

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Dear friends of the Methodist Retirement Community,

We appreciate all that you do for this community and your concern for the residents.

Everyone loves parties, especially birthday parties. Each month we have a birthday party for 2nd and 3rd floors in Coble Health Care Center, another for the Special Care Unit on 1st floor of Coble, and another for the Independent Living and Assisted Living residents. The parties honor the residents with birthdays that month, but all residents in that particular area of the community are invited to attend. That means that each year we have 36 birthday parties on campus. We need your help to invite your church or groups within your church to sponsor these parties.

The group giving the party brings a gift or gift bag for each person having a birthday that month (we send the names of those residents about a month ahead), refreshments for all of the guests with consideration for diet restrictions (we send food and beverage guidelines for each party), party napkins, plates, cups, etc. and hopefully, some entertainment - singing, dancing, a dramatic presentation, children's choir, group sing along, musicians, a skit, comedian or whatever your church has to offer. Including all members of the family, especially children, is very nice for our residents.

We especially need parties in the Coble Health Care Center. I would like to urge you to find a group in your church that could do a party. If 36 church groups would make this project an annual event, I know that everyone would benefit from it.

Please call the Activities Department at (919) 383-2567 as soon as you have decided your first, second, and third choices of months for this year. It is helpful to us if you can schedule the party at least two or three months in advance. An Activity staff member will be available to guide your plans and be present at your party.

Thank you for helping to arrange these 36 parties that honor our residents during their birthday months.

Margaret B. Thurston
Coordinator of Volunteer Services



