News from HONEY LANE CARE HOME

#### Dear friends

As a cosy new season approaches and our favourite autumnal activities begin once more, we have been reflecting on a glorious joy-filled summer at Honey Lane.





# Sunshine and good times

Our residents made the most of every sunny day - of which there were plenty this year! We created our very own Costa del Honey Lane by enjoying ice lollies in the paddling pool, welcoming visits from the ice cream van, hosting barbecues and dining alfresco! Our residents got creative by picking lavender from the garden to make scent sachets to hang in their bedrooms, and had a fabulous time keeping fit with gentle music and movement sessions. Then as summer came to a close, our green fingered residents got their hands dirty with some weeding and pruning in the garden so it was ready for autumn!



Over the last few months our residents and team members have set out on many lively minibus adventures. There have been day trips to the local Roydon Marina, where we watched the boats go past over a coffee and cake. We have enjoyed scenic drives through the stunning countryside, stopping off to see the majestic deer roaming Bedfords Park. Over the months we did it all, from taking an elegant tea at our local Marriott hotel, to feeding the ducks at Stanborough Park. We are so lucky there is all manner of nature right on our doorstep and, with our own minibus on hand, we are only a short ride away!



## Celebrating our superheroes

Our residents together with their loved ones recently celebrated our team who together make such a difference to their lives every single day! We are always looking for fun and heartfelt ways to recognise and reward those who make our home joyous and our residents' days purposeful. So, we hosted a wonderful event that brought everyone together for a day of music, dancing, food and fun! Each team member was also presented with a personalised water bottle, a pin badge and thank you card with meaningful messages from residents and their families as to why they make life at Honey Lane extra special for us all!

### **Animal friends**

Some of our residents' most touching moments are spent in the company of our affectionate animal friends! We are blessed to work with several wonderful pet therapy charities who like to visit regularly. In recent months we have welcomed a miniature Shetland Pony called Candyfloss, three very playful kittens, as well as the adorable Daisy the Poodle who enjoyed sitting on everyone's lap for a cuddle. We also like to venture out to the local sanctuaries whenever we can so our residents can enjoy some mindful moments at the local animal shelters, including the Redwings Horse Sanctuary where we love spending our mornings petting the gentle natured ponies.

#### With love, Angie Sacks

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We always love reading your comments on Facebook! Here are a few recent ones:

"Fabulous photos of very happy residents. Thank you so much Honey Lane." Nicola

"Another fun filled day, thank you all." Hilda

"So lovely, what a caring care home!" Patricia

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