



Montgomery Place

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SUBJ MONTGOMERY PLACE ZOOMS INTO NEW SPIRIT OF CONNECTIVITY
FOR COMMUNITY LIFE DURING THIS TIME OF COVID-19

Tonight, the residents of Montgomery Place endeavored to perform a virtual sing-along via Zoom. Song books were delivered door-to-door for those who wanted to participate. Paula Givan hosted the event and music was made!

I truly admire our residents' resilience, effort and patience as they are teaching themselves to learn new technology. It might take 15 minutes to get everyone connected to a Zoom meeting, but they help each other and are patient until everyone can join. Virtual gatherings like this only are possible thanks to Montgomery Place's installation of the fiber-optic high-speed internet completed in 2019.

Residents are sharing virtual events with each other. Each day, our staff broadcasts options for events via our noon and 5pm live news on Channel 4 as well as with emails and flyers.

At Montgomery Place, our list of events is growing! I now see multiple options available throughout the day. Exercise classes, movies and various meetings help break the monotony of endless COVID-19 news on cable and network news programs. It is wonderful to see residents starting to plan calendars for June activities. Hope is on the horizon!

Our noon and 5pm broadcast team has started introducing other staff members to the residents. Each day, they feature a staff member who tell a bit about themselves and the roles they play in daily life at Montgomery Place. Occasionally, we feature brief YouTube clips with humor or music of interest to residents. Moments like these— when we share a bit of ourselves or bits of humor—help make our day complete.

We remain free of COVID-19 at Montgomery Place. Fingers crossed! On Tuesday, we began offering testing to independent living residents and will continue to do so for about a week because we only can complete 20 tests per day. Tests are submitted to the University of Chicago where results are ready in 12 to 24 hours. When results return, each resident will be informed of their results via telephone from our staff. Several weeks ago, all skilled nursing care and assisted living residents were

tested and none have presented symptoms since then. At this time, we do not plan any additional testing for residents who live in these areas.

May you all be well, until we chat again tomorrow!

Please let me know if I can answer any questions or be of further assistance. Just call my mobile phone number, 773-617-1317, at any time.

Enjoying life (virtually) together, makes us stronger.