



## Keeping Us Posted

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Many residents often have little contact with the outside world. It's not uncommon for them to lose track of what's going on in the community, regardless of the steps taken by staff and families to keep them connected. "Keeping Us Posted" was designed to remind the community that these people are still a part of what's going on around them. Many residents were active in the community and we often hear that they miss being a part of those groups. Thanks to this Best Practice, they are able to continue being a part of the upcoming events in our community.

First, our Best Practice addresses a lack of community involvement. Once a person is admitted to a facility, life continues to press forward and sadly enough, they are sometimes overlooked by the world around them. Our Best Practice has been used to remind the community that our residents may have a new address but they are still very much a part of this community. They're still willing and eager to participate in as much of the outside world as they can. Secondly, "Keeping Us Posted" keeps our residents aware of the different programs and services being offered in the community and allows them to take part in things that they may not have otherwise been able to.

Our Best Practice has brought the community back into the lives of our residents and all it took was one invitation to get the ball rolling. Within a month of sending letters, 10 spots were filled by local agencies, willing to go the extra mile for our residents. They have graciously taken time out of their busy schedules to provide our residents with extra activities. Each month, a local agency member comes to our facility to decorate a board posted in our main hall that allows them to inform our residents about their services and what they're doing for the community on a monthly basis. So far, we have had a canvas painting, fried ice cream social, southern style tea party and bingo games at no cost to us. We have attended a community Senior Appreciation Day and are currently hosting a school supply drive for a local elementary school. We have plans throughout the remainder of the year to keep our residents included in things happening in the community. Our Best Practice has far exceeded our expectations!