

## Where Would We Be Without You...



National Volunteer Week is April 20-26. It is a way for us to show our appreciation and gratitude to those that are selfless and generous of their time, talents and compassion. From showing movies, to music programs and pet therapy visits as well as local students bridging a generation gap, we are very fortunate to have many volunteers both from the community and in-house that allow us their time on a regular basis. We will be recognizing our volunteers with a few special gifts. From all of us here at OLOP, residents and staff alike, we would like to say “thank you” to all of our dedicated volunteers.



## April Birthdays



If you were born between April 1–19, you are Aries, the Ram. These independent adventurers like to strike out on their own and are natural leaders. Their enthusiasm and confidence give them big, outgoing personalities. Those born between April 20–30 are Bulls of Taurus. Bulls show a steady persistence in endeavors both professional and personal, and after working hard, they like to reward themselves for a job well done.

**Ruth Walker 04/25/1942**

The Christopher Center family will celebrate Ruth’s birthday on Thursday, April 24, at 10:00 a.m.



## Garden Buddies

Starting this month the Life Enrichment and Hospice of the Piedmont staff will be teaming together on several spring & summer special events.

Hospice of the Piedmont, Community Relations Manager Bonnie Fisher & Community Relations Representative, Amanda Burke will visit The Christopher Center family on Thursday, April 24, at 2:00 p.m.

The staff and residents will team together to work outside in the soil, growing vegetable/flowers.

They will also have the opportunity to tap into their creative side to make hand painted rocks. Items will be displayed outside our Memory Care courtyard for all to enjoy.



# Peaceful Memories

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## Happenings in April

### Scenic Drive

(see calendar for days & times)

### Pet Therapy w’ Oscar

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### UVA Madison House

Wednesdays

### UVA Catholic Hoos

Saturdays

### Intergenerational Program

Mondays

### Find a Rainbow Day

April 9

### Celebrating Easter

April 14-18

### Monthly Birthday Social

April 24

### Garden Buddies w’

### Hospice of the Piedmont

April 24

### Music Entertainment

### Aletheia United Academy

April 4

### Music w’ Mathew

April 4

### Music w’ Clara

April 8

### We Bring the Music

### “Rick Larue”

April 11

### Music Therapy w’ Lindsay

April 15 & 29

### Dennis & The Crew

April 18 & 25

### Jodie & Friends

April 28

### Sock Bunny Craft, Monday, April 14, at 2:00 p.m.

The residents will turn a rice-filled sock into a bunny with an embroidered nose, button eyes, and a bow around its neck.

### Pictures with the Easter Bunny, Tuesday, April 15, at 9:30 a.m.

Residents and staff will have their pictures taken with the Easter Bunny. The bunny will be giving out a special treat during the visit.

### Easter Graham Cracker Peeps House, Wednesday, April 16, at 2:00 p.m.

Join your neighbors in the sunroom for some afternoon fun as you create your very own edible Easter treat.

### Easter Bingo, Thursday, April 17, at 2:00 p.m.

This game is perfect to liven up our Easter celebration! Featuring Easter eggs, bunnies, candy and other festive illustrations. Special Easter prizes will be given out to the winners.

### Movie Matinee “Hop” & Easter Social, Friday, April 18, at 10:00 a.m.

Beneath Easter Island, in a giant factory that manufactures the world's Easter candy, a popular rabbit is preparing to pass the mantle to his son, E.B. (Russell Brand). But E.B. has no interest in the job and would rather be a drummer. We will enjoy warm buttered popcorn and an ice cold coke or sprite.

## April Special Events & Entertainment



**Sundays at 9:30 am** Life Enrichment staff will lead bible stories, bible trivia, Hymns & Devotions. **Wednesdays at 11:00 am** Pastoral Counselor, Obie Sue will lead Hymns, Devotions, Prayer, Scripture & Inspirational stories.

### Scenic Drive

It's that time of the year! We will load the OLOP Van to enjoy tour rides around town and the surrounding counties. The Christopher Center residents will have the opportunity to enjoy several scenic drives during the spring & summer months when the weather permits. Please see the Life Enrichment Calendar for days and times. .

### Intergenerational Buddy Program

This month we welcome our new volunteers, Courtney Rose and her 3 children. Courtney Rose and her family will visit on Mondays at 10:00 a.m. to become a much-needed friend, companion, and confidante to our residents. Visits will include storytelling, simple crafts, a variety of games, small talk conversations, socials, jigsaw puzzles, music and outside fun. By bringing the old and young together we are hoping our residents receive companionship, intellectual stimulation, and the chance to feel useful. The Buddy Program is designed to help the young gain self-esteem while also teaching them how to be respectful and understanding to seniors.

### UVA Madison House & Catholic Hoos Student Volunteers

**UVA Madison House** Adopt-A-Grandparent Volunteers will visit their grandparents on Wednesdays, at 2:30 p.m. The **UVA Catholic Hoos** will visit with us on Saturdays, at 10:00 a.m. Volunteers will spend an hour leading a variety of games such as corn hole, balloon volley, skeet ball, putting, dart throwing, ping pong and more.

### Find a Rainbow Day

National Find a Rainbow Day challenges us to look to the sky and find a colorful ray of hope cast across it. Wednesday, April 9, at 2:00 p.m. we'll celebrate Rainbow Day by singing "Somewhere Over the Rainbow" and learn about Rainbows while we create Rainbow Quote Artwork.

### Spring Wreaths

The Christopher Center residents are invited to bring spring inside on Thursday, April 10, at 9:30 a.m., in the Sunroom as they join their neighbors and new friends Bonnie & Amanda from the Hospice of the Piedmont to make a beautiful spring wreath to hang on your door.

### Pet Therapy w' Oscar

Introducing....Oscar!! Beloved pup of Our Lady of Peace!!!!You may have seen our Pancake Breakfast posts for the Caring For Creatures fundraiser. Oscar was here and we fell in love with him. We are so excited we were able to adopt him. Our Residential Living resident, Susan will be his primary handler and caregiver. Both Susan & Oscar will visit with us once a week. Please see the Life Enrichment Calendar for days and times.



### Aletheia United Academy

A Christian hybrid learning community that partners with families to provide a rigorous education with a biblical worldview in the classical tradition. Join your neighbors on Friday, April 4, at 10:00 a.m., in the Christopher Center Living Room as the Aletheia United Academy Choir will be here to spread cheer through songs and visits.

### Music with Matthew

Entertainer, **Matthew O'Donnell** will be here on Friday, April 4, at 2:00 p.m., in the Christopher Center Living Room. Matthew will entertain you with Celtic Folk, American Roots, Jazz and Pop Music all played on traditional folk instruments such as the accordion, steel guitar, tenor banjo, fiddle, tin whistle and bodhran. Join him as he delights you with his musical talents, great sense of humor, storytelling and lively audience interaction to make for an enthralling and unique performance sure to leave the crowd wanting more.

### Sing Along w' Clara (Front Porch)

The Front Porch is a nonprofit music school and venue, dedicated to connecting everyone through music, offering classes, concerts, and community outreach. Entertainer, **Clara George** will be here on Tuesday, April 8, at 11:00 a.m., in the Christopher Center Sun Room.

### We Bring the Music

Rick Larue graduate of University of Miami School of Music. Performer with Miami Symphony, Florida International University Jazz Band, Vassar Clements, the Volunteers and the Mavericks. Directed High School, Middle School and Elementary Orchestras and Guitar and Theory classes in Florida and Virginia. Studio violin, guitar and mandolin instructor. Currently performing with the Lynchburg Symphony various classical, jazz and rock groups, and teaching violin and guitar. Join Rick on Friday, April 11, at 2:00 p.m., in the Living Room for a fun filled hour of music and song.

### The Music n Me

Join Music Therapist, **Lindsay Taylor** on Tuesday, April 15 & 18, at 2:00 pm, in the Christopher Center Living Room for a fun filled hour of music and song as she entertains us with her talented musical abilities.

### Dennis & The Crew

Join your friends in the Christopher Center Living Room on Friday, April 18th & 25th, at 2:00 p.m., for a stomping good time as family volunteer, Dennis Moler and his Crew perform a variety of songs from all different era's.

### Jodi Stevens & Friends

Join your neighbors, in the Living Room, for an afternoon of fellowship and fun on Monday, April 28, at 2:00 p.m., for a sing-a-long with **Jodi Stevens and Friends**.