

PHILANTHROPY UPDATE

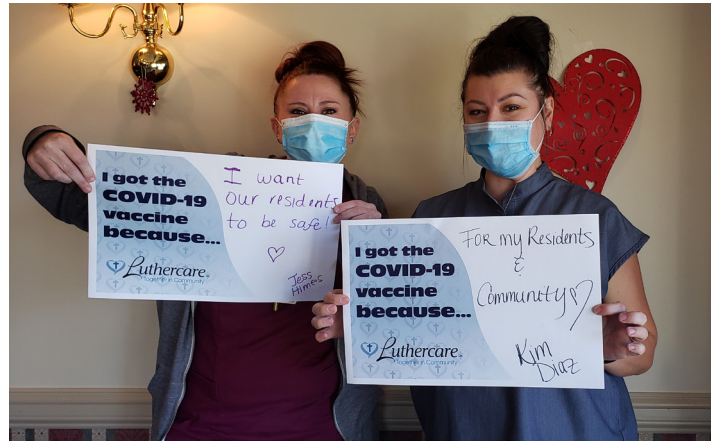
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Dear Friend,

In 2020, the Philanthropy Office published several updates highlighting the selflessness, bravery, and perseverance of Luthercare's Healthcare Heroes. For the past ten months, our frontline team members worked around the clock to protect the most vulnerable in our communities. Because of donations to the COVID-19 Relief Fund from people like you, these heroes were well-equipped with PPE for the latest resurgence of the virus over the winter months, and our facilities benefitted from the use of several contactless screeners. All of your help kept our team members and residents safe! Thank you!

This past year challenged all of us in different ways. As the parents of a toddler and a newborn, COVID-19 presented my wife and I with challenges related to working remotely, childcare, and making sure our children received everything they needed while remaining safe. We worried about our parents and family members with health conditions, and prayed for the speedy recovery of several people we knew who contracted the virus.

While the pandemic continues to present all of us with hardships to overcome, there is an end in sight! Healthcare workers and residents of our skilled nursing care facilities received their first doses of the vaccine in early January, and so far, more than 300 individuals began receiving it.



Jess Himes and Kim Diaz (pictured above, from left to right) are both nurses at Spang Crest who received the vaccine on January 7. I reached out to Jess in the days that followed and this is what she had to say about getting vaccinated and her experience over the past year:

"This has been a trying experience and I've never seen anything like this during my ten years of nursing. My team and I are tired, but it's been awesome to see everyone stepping up to get the job done and take care of our residents. I got vaccinated because I want to keep our residents and my family safe. It's just the right thing to do."

Thank you to Jess and Kim and all of the frontline Healthcare Heroes for getting vaccinated in order to protect the residents they serve! As always, we're proud of you and grateful for the excellent care you provide to so many!

In Service,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ryan Fisher".

Ryan Fisher
Director of Philanthropy