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How do you work with staff, family and other residents to promote quality care and what can they do to help reach that goal?

*I HAVE A PURPOSE IN MY LIFE AT GOLDEN ACRES MANOR EVERYDAY!*

It is important to me to be active and friendly. It is said that I am ‘the hands and feet of Jesus.’ They say I have a calling to help.

I am able to work with many of the caregivers, residents and their families every day.

How do I (we) do that?

BINGO is a favorite activity – it is known in our community - do not cancel or postpone BINGO. We have volunteers from the community who come to help their family and friends. I am one of the volunteers even though I am a resident. I can be eyes that read, a hand to use a dauber and a voice to shout BINGO! We have fun!

Another area I can be of purpose is handing out pages to color; word search or helping someone read a newspaper. It is easy to visit about their family when they are lonely, sit calmly while they worry and tell them Jesus loves them.

How can I help families? I can send out the activity calendar. I fold, stuff, stamp and label each calendar. Activity calendars are mailed monthly so they can plan their days to participate in fun, music, games and outings. I (we) encourage family members to become volunteers. Who won't want to volunteer to go to the casino and play with free money! If you win, you win!

We show the family members we want their presence in our daily lives. Invitations are expressed, thank you for coming, you are welcome to come and please come to enjoy coffee social with us.

We don't forget the family when a resident has died. I take a card around to staff and residents who write many expressions of sympathy. Living next to the funeral home makes it easy for me to visit, even if attending the funeral is not possible.

I (we) have a shoulder to lean on, arms to hug, ears to listen. A friend for ever is never too far in this place.

Sincerely,

Alta Winters