

Mental Health Awareness Month: Honoring Those Who Lift Us Up

May is Mental Health Awareness Month—a time to recognize the importance of caring for our minds just as much as our bodies. In our daily work and lives, mental health plays a vital role in how we connect, cope, and care for one another.

In a place like ours, where compassion is at the heart of everything we do, we are especially grateful for the individuals who support not only physical health, but emotional and mental well-being. Whether it's a listening ear after a long day, a kind word to a resident, or a moment of encouragement to a coworker—these small acts make a lasting impact.

This month, we want to recognize and thank those who help create a supportive, positive environment. Your kindness, patience, and understanding do not go unnoticed. You help make this a place where both residents and staff feel seen, valued, and cared for.

Let's also take this time to check in with ourselves and each other. A simple "How are you doing?" can mean more than we realize.

Together, we can continue to grow a culture of support, compassion, and understanding—one moment at a time.

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LAURA WILSON, ADMINISTRATOR

I recently returned home from a conference hosted by our national association, AHCA. It is always valuable to connect with others from across the country, compare notes on our operations, and spend time with colleagues and friends who understand both the challenges and rewards of what we do. This year's conference felt a little different, as it tugged at the heart more than usual, while also reminding all of us in attendance why we do this important work.

There were several outstanding sessions focused on artificial intelligence and the future of healthcare. The discussions highlighted how rapidly technology is evolving and the many ways AI can support caregivers, improve resident outcomes, and strengthen the work we do every day. While innovation is exciting, one message stood out above all others: we must never lose sight of our "why." At the heart of everything we do are the people we serve, their families, and the compassion that defines our profession.

As we embrace new tools and ideas, it is important to remember that technology can enhance care, but it can never replace the human connection that makes our facility special. Resident safety, quality of care, and trust remain the backbone of everything we do. The conference served as a valuable reminder that progress is most meaningful when it is guided by empathy, integrity, and a commitment to serving others well.

I also want to extend heartfelt congratulations to all of our graduates as they move into an exciting new chapter of life. Graduation is a significant achievement that reflects hard work, perseverance, and dedication. Whether you are continuing your education, beginning a career, or exploring new opportunities, we are proud of all you have accomplished and look forward to seeing the positive impact you will make in the future.

Finally, as we wrap up our Skilled Nursing Care Week celebration, I want to thank each member of our team for the compassion and dedication you show every day. This week has been a wonderful opportunity to recognize the incredible work happening across our organization and to celebrate the relationships that make our community strong. Your commitment to excellence and heartfelt care continues to make a difference in the lives of our residents and their families, and for that, we are deeply grateful.

COMMUNICATION

We're working on communication with our families and would love to have your current email address on file. This helps us share updates, newsletters, and important information more quickly. If you're comfortable, please send your preferred email to

aabbas@tieszenhome.com
If you ever have a change in address or phone numbers, we ask that you continue to communicate that with us. Thank you!

COVID SHOTS

We are pleased to share that our residents have been offered the opportunity to receive their COVID vaccinations. Keeping our residents healthy and protected continues to be a top priority. Vaccinations were administered on-site to make the process convenient and comfortable. We appreciate the cooperation of residents, families, and staff in supporting this important step in maintaining the health and well-being of



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ACTIVITY DEPARTMENT



The Marion 4th grade class has been coming over once a month for Adopt-A-Grandparent activity. They made May day baskets for their last activity. Thank you for joining us this school year.



The Girls on the Run came and presented the motivational posters they made. They answered some questions from the residents about their program. Thank you for sharing with us.



We want to give a HUGE thank you to the Marion FCCLA kids, along with Anne Pankratz, for donating the beautiful potted plants to our residents! The residents enjoyed decorating the pots.



MEN PAINTED RACECARS



The Marion kids did a walk through with their prom dresses. Jan and Paul were crowned princess and prince, Marlene and Ron were queen and king. Thank you Marion kids!!!



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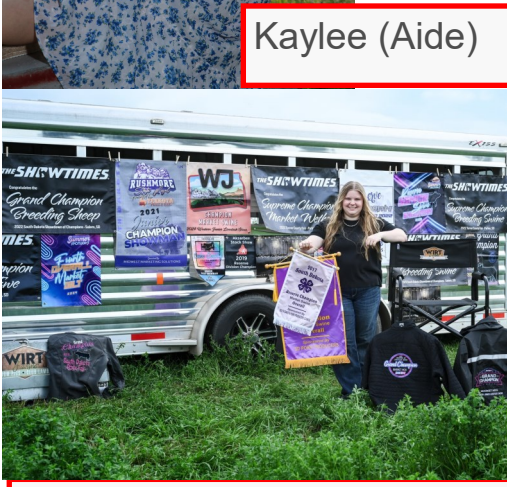
Congratulations to Lexie Preheim and Cameron Cox on their CNA Certification.



Tori (Aide)



Kaylee (Aide)



**Jovi (Aide)
Vaida, (Aide)**

Tieszen Memorial Home is a proud Booster Club Sponsor.

The Marion Booster Club, in support of Marion School, is running a campaign to enhance our athletic facilities. These upgrades will benefit students, athletes, and fans while strengthening our ability to host events that bring pride and excitement to Marion.



Upgrades include:

- Gym Divider
- Turf Tank
- Gymnasium Chairs and Rack
- New Big Scoreboards
- Relocated Score Boards in Old Gym
- New Scorer Table
- Volleyball Platform and Pole Pads
- Marion Championship Banners
- Community Donor Recognition
- Sound System Improvements

Why Now?

- The last significant improvements to the big gym were made in 2001. These upgrades:
- Expand our ability to host elementary, junior high, and high school tournaments.
 - Build on recent facility improvements made by the school district.

Timeline

Many of our local businesses have already made generous commitments to this campaign! We are well on our way to having all of these upgrades funded. Our goal is to raise all funds by **May 2026**, allowing installation over the summer and unveiling during the 2026-27 school year.

You can help us close the gap!

Make a gift in honor of an amazing community member or show your generational support of Marion students and athletes. **Donations of \$500 or larger will be recognized in the lobby of the new gym.**

CONGRATULATIONS 2026 SENIORS



**Saige (Kitchen)
Adah (Aide)**



**Donald (Kitchen)
Macy, (Aide)**



**Kenzie (Aide)
Anna (Activities)**

