It’s a Celebration

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Who doesn’t want the best of everything for their residents? Our disciplinary team said, “What can we do or implement to create a great atmosphere for our residents, families, staff, volunteers, and community?” We felt that a fundraiser was in order that would include everyone’s creative input and make money for our residents. Our Best Practice “It’s a Celebration”, gives us the opportunity to bring in all our partners. Although calendars are not a new idea, the way we created ours is!

All disciplines were responsible for gathering information and collecting pictures of various events and activities. We posted our calendar fundraiser in our newsletter and at our various resident and family meetings. We stressed the importance of everyone’s participation.

Once we gathered all the photos, we separated them into various categories. We then came up with themes for each of the month. Our calendar is designed to increase knowledge about the resident and the facility, improve communication, decrease behaviors and most importantly improve relationships.

We chose the theme “It’s a Celebration” for our calendar. Our facility is on the front of the calendar. Each month has a celebration theme. For example, January is “Celebrating Happiness”. This month features a listing of January events, i.e., National Activity professionals Week, National Glaucoma Awareness Month, etc. We then focus on pictures of our residents and staff in various happy moments. From photos of our “Happy Hour” to staff serving meals, we have plenty of smiling faces to show off! Our calendar also includes a poignant Bible verse for each month. For some months we put a picture of our residents for each day of the month. For instance during December, we have chosen residents who are pictured with Santa. Each day has a resident featured with Santa!

We feel so blessed that this activity has raised over $1500 thus far! We have used our calendars for gifts to families and door prizes for events. Start snapping those pictures and see the benefits of having a calendar.