



Santa Claus is Coming to Town

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We all know that Christmas is the most wonderful time of year. So, at our facility we keep those memories alive all year long! Christmas is a big event at our facility.

Our Christmas Party has to be planned with great detail to ensure that Santa can make it from the North Pole in time to pay our residents a visit. The month of December is filled with visits from school aged carolers and church choirs bringing Christmas cheer. Trees are decorated throughout the facility with magnificent detail for residents to enjoy. Our Activities staff helps to prepare wish lists for each resident, to ensure that Santa arrives with the perfect gift. Nursing assistants and other staff members are asked to give ideas of gifts that residents might enjoy as well. Also during the month of December, we invite children into our facility to have cookies with Santa and our residents. Our residents are overflowing with excitement and anticipation by the time Santa actually arrives for our Christmas party. Our residents enjoy rocking around the Christmas tree to the best Christmas tunes, and they always brag on the wonderful snacks that are prepared for them to munch on as they anticipate Santa's arrival. "Ho, Ho, Ho!" he exclaims as he enters the main dining room to see the smile on each face. He visits and gives hugs, checks his list twice and then begins to call out the names of each resident as he gives them their gift. Each resident is invited to attend the party, but even those who choose not to, will receive a gift and special room visit from Santa himself.

Who wouldn't love a visit from Santa to remind them of younger days? As we age, we sometimes forget those overwhelming feelings of happiness and love that come with believing in the spirit of Christmas. We consider this to be an excellent choice for Best Practice because of the team work that goes into making each Christmas the best one yet for our residents. Remember he is making his list, checking it twice... better hope he finds that you've been nice!