To all Residents, Families, Friends & Staffs,
Spring is finally here! The temperature is just as I expected, beautiful, warm and sunny. The trees are blooming, the birds are chirping and the flowers are flourishing. The residents are all so excited about our outdoors programs; Just being outside make them happy.

During the past two months we celebrated many holidays in which the Residents loved. Here at Holliswood we celebrated St. Patrick’s Day commemorating the history and the background culture of the Irish. Within the months we have also celebrated Easter where the Resident and the Staff went on an Easter egg hunt throughout the facility. I even joined in with the Resident for the Easter egg hunt! Not forgetting the beautiful Passover Seder which was put together by the Recreation Department.

And of course I would like to thank all of the employees here at Holliswood Center for their ongoing hard-skilled working experience making all the Residents happy.

Lastly I would like to end with a quote.
“The residents may forget your name, but they will never forget how you them feel”

Ari Steinberg
THE SEDER

On the first night of Passover (first two nights outside of Israel) Jews are commanded to have a special family filled ritual to remind them of the significance of the holiday. This meal is called the Seder. The Seder however is no ordinary holiday meal.

Passover begins on the fifteenth day of the Jewish month of Nissan. Passover last for seven days; it's a ritual feast that marks the beginning of the Jewish holiday of Passover.

Matzah- is an unleavened flatbread that is a part of Jewish Passover meal.
Memorial Day

Arlington Civil War
graves Memorial Day
Armed Forces
decorate honor
patriotic
cemeteries flags
Last Monday
remember

Civil War Work

Father's Day

Father's Day is Sunday,
June 19. Can you find
these words that have
to do with dad?

ATHLETIC FUNNY

DAD KIND

DADDY SPORTS

ESPN TENNIS

FATHER TIE

FISHING TOOLS

FOOTBALL

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**A note from Kenny**

I've been a Licensed Nursing Home Administrator for many years, and National Nursing Home week has always been special to me. This year the official celebration is during the second week of May, but at Centers facilities throughout the northeast, it's a month long festival. National Nursing Home Week is so special because it recognizes the important contributions of every single person on the team. Where would any of us be without each other? And more to the point, what would the lives of our residents be like without the help and support they enjoy from everyone. Just look around any facility and you'll see what I mean. The buildings are cared for inside and out. Things we take for granted like heat and hot water and a manicured lawn in the summer time are all managed by the facility maintenance staff. Even helping out with small chores, like hanging a picture or helping take in a delivery of supplies, plays a part in turning our facilities into people's homes. The laundry is done, the linens are changed, hearty meals are prepared and served, floors are kept clean, holidays are celebrated with parties and decorations, and our visitors are greeted warmly when they walk through the front door. And I know I speak for every Administrator when I point out the critical contribution of all those who toil behind the scenes on our administrative teams, keeping mountains of paperwork moving so that the rest of us have what we need to deliver such exemplary service. There's no question that at Centers Health Care we have some of the finest RNs, CNAs, LPNs, social workers and therapists in the industry, but it takes everyone together to make an ordinary skilled nursing facility into a home worthy of the Centers Health Care name. To everyone on our team, in every department, in every facility, this month is all about you – we salute you and we thank you.

Kenny Rozenberg, CEO

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**Awakened at Centers™**

Our last newsletter included an article by our CEO, Kenny Rozenberg, about National Alzheimer’s month. In every one of our Centers facilities are at least a few residents who are living with this disease, and in some there is a sizable group. This month we are proud to announce that we are making our Awakened at Centers program available to all of our facilities. The Awakened program is something that was designed to help members of the Centers Health Care family meet the special needs and challenges of those living with Alzheimer’s disease and other dementias. After piloting the program in the Holliswood Center with great success, and incorporating best practices uncovered in some of our other facilities, we now have a proven curriculum that will set the bar for the way this population is cared for. The Awakened program provides structure, engagement and stimulation through carefully coordinated cognitive and physical activities. This is a clinical program under the direction of our recreation department and developed with the assistance of Dr. David Trachtenberg, Professor of Psychiatry at NYU Medical Center. Already, family members of residents who are enrolled in the program have overwhelmingly applauded it. In fact, some families have chosen Centers Health Care for their loved one specifically based on our Awakened program. If you’re interested about learning more, ask the administrator or recreation director if the Awakened program will be coming to your facility in the future.
Recognizing the Best of the Best

We all know that May is not just about spring flowers and Mother's Day. It’s also about National Nursing Home Month where we celebrate the contributions of everyone who helps to keep our facilities running smoothly and our residents happy and well cared for. But why limit that celebration of excellence to once a year? We have great staffers doing great jobs all year long. So to recognize that, we’ve launched the Centers Health Care Employee of the Month program. Every facility now has a framed poster that will highlight their Employee of the Month. Honorees can come from any department and already we’ve seen people selected from Housekeeping, Maintenance, Dietary, Nursing, Therapy and more. Honorees receive a certificate and personal photograph as well as seeing their photo placed on display for a full year along with the other Employees of the Month. If you weren’t chosen, keep trying! In time we hope to see everyone take their place among the honorees.

For our Moms and Dads

Of all the holidays we celebrate, only two are devoted to everyday people who share one thing in common – they are our Mothers and Fathers. Everyday people doing extraordinary things. They solve problems they have never encountered and make it sound like it’s all part of a day’s work. They put food on the table, a roof over our heads, and clothes on our backs. They see that we’re educated, that we know right from wrong, that we believe in something greater than ourselves, that we grow up with a love of country and a pride in our accomplishments. And they do it all with no practice, no lessons, and often with no coaching. They bring their first child home and just start doing it, being a Mom or a Dad. Everyday people? Hardly. More like everyday heroes. And here at Centers we have the honor of calling thousands of these heroes - Moms and Dads – our residents. So from all of us to Moms and Dads everywhere, thanks, and have a great day!
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Volunteer Week April 10th-16th

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Did You Know!

What man-about-town is getting tips from his sweet heart about dressing more stylishly so that they can compete as a couple in next year Golden Globe Awards. Looking better already “Phillip”!

The moral of the above story is that my two friends are really a couple. They met right here at Holliswood Center and became very close.