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Changing is Growing

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A Season of Change and Reflection

As the seasons shift, we're reminded that change is a natural and necessary part of growth. Just as the world around us moves through cycles—letting go, resting, and renewing—we too experience change in ways that are both visible and internal.

This season invites reflection. It's a time to pause and notice how we've grown, what we've learned, and how we've adapted along the way. Change may show up as new routines, new faces, or new ways of thinking. It may also be quieter—building confidence, resilience, or a deeper understanding of ourselves and one another.

Change does not mean leaving behind what matters. Like the seasons, it builds on what came before. Each transi-

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Learning history at South Gate Museum.



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Welcome to our Team



Greetings! My name is Andres and I am an ILS aide and driver. I love the ocean, swimming and playing Xbox. My favorite game at the moment is Forza Motorsport. My interests include environmentalism, mental health, sustainability and engineering. My goal is to help others realize their full potential.

Being at David's Place is an entirely new and exciting environment and experience for me. I hope I can leave a positive and lasting impact on David's Place and you. I am so excited to learn from every one of you here!



January

Courtney
Jonathan
Maggie
Eliza

February

Tameka
Andy
Juan
Thomas
Gail
Ricardo

March

Fallon
Jose
Leslie
Andrew
Elizabeth
Kenny
David



Succeeding at David's Place

Marcus is a newbie at David's Place, and he's already making great progress with his Independent Living Skills! Over the past month, he's wasted no time in learning and practicing to use household appliances and fixtures safely, like the sink, toilet, and kitchen appliances. With support from his counselor and visual cues, Marcus is starting to do these tasks correctly and independently, showing more awareness of safety and responsibility.

He's also taking care of David's Place property and joining program activities more often. Marcus is engaging with peers, following instructions in group sessions, and adding to the positive energy of the program. We're proud of his progress and excited to see him keep building skills and confidence every day!



Fallon is a highly respected member of the David's Place community, known for their creativity, leadership, and inclusive spirit. They consistently strive to be a supportive friend, offering thoughtful advice and positive affirmations in times of need. Fallon generously shares their talents in art, writing, and music—having even written a book, they are now officially an author. We are extremely proud of this accomplishment and all they contribute to David's Place.

Through their creative expression, Fallon connects deeply with others and communicates their feelings with clarity and sincerity. They are a hopeful and uplifting presence, as well as a strong advocate for their peers—qualities that will serve them well as they pursue future political aspirations. Fallon also enjoys playing video games, creating diamond art, and cooking special dishes such as Korean fried chicken for everyone to enjoy. Technologically knowledgeable and always willing to share what they know, Fallon is both expressive and articulate.

They truly value their time at David's Place, and we are honored to support their ongoing journey of growth and self-discovery. ♠

Succeeding at David's Place

Maggie “Magpie” Magdalena is truly an inspiration to everyone at David’s Place. Maggie brings joy, humor, and genuine warmth into every room she enters. She loves to laugh, have fun, and build positive connections with those around her. One of her favorite activities is bowling, where she proudly wears her special Barbie shoes — the very shoes she credits for helping her knock down strike after strike. With a wide, triumphant grin, she loves to announce, “How’d I do that? Oh, that’s right — my Barbie shoes!”

Maggie is a strong role model when it comes to fairness and advocating for what is right, not just for herself but for her peers as well. When visitors come to our program, Maggie is always the first to greet them, enthusiastically introducing herself and asking thoughtful questions so she can get to know them better. Her eagerness to connect with others highlights her open

heart and genuine curiosity.

Maggie also feels deeply. She wears her heart on her sleeve and can become very sad when she senses that someone is being treated unfairly. Since joining David’s Place, she has been working exceptionally hard to understand her emotions and to use her coping skills instead of allowing frustration to take over. Whether she is taking a moment to refocus with a word search or squeezing her stress ball to work through her feelings, Maggie consistently shows dedication to her personal growth.

Maggie is a success story because she continues to choose communication, mindfulness, and self-regulation more often each day. On outings, she brings laughter, honesty, and her pure heart of gold — uplifting everyone around her.

Congratulations, Magpie! You are a remarkable human being and a true inspiration to your community. ♠



Oct 2025

Sam
Jason
Courtney
Jeremiah
Emily
Noelle
Jeronte
Amie
Elizabeth
Andy
Natasha
Dinesh
Alex
Gail
Michael
Antoine
Maggie

Jose
Hannah
Meredith
Gio
Freddy
Latanya
Beatriz
Jodi
Kay
Robert
Janisha
Leslie
Carlos
Jacob
Kent
Parker
Eliza

Nov 2025

Sam
Jason
Courtney
Jeremiah
Emily
Noelle
Jeronte
Amie
Elizabeth
Andy
Natasha
Jonathan
Alex
Gail
Adam
Marcos
Michael
Antoine
Maggie
Kenny
Veronica
Tameka
Raul
Adam
Jose
Hannah
Meredith
Gio
Gigi
Freddy
Latanya
Beatriz
Jodi
Kay
Robert
Janisha
Leslie
Carlos
Jacob
Leanne
Kent
Fallon
Parker
Eliza
David

Halloween @ DP



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tion strengthens our foundation and prepares us for what's next. As our program evolves and our team grows, these moments of change are signs of progress, care, and continued commitment.

By allowing ourselves the space to reflect, we can meet change with trust rather than fear. Growth happens when we stay open, grounded, and connected—moving forward together, one step at a time.

Thank you for being part of this season of growth. Wherever you are in your own journey, know that change is not something to be rushed or resisted, but something to be embraced with patience and hope.



David's Place

will be closed

Monday, January 19
Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Monday, February 16
Presidents' Day

Thank You!

Stephanie Fagundes
Francis Garcia
Erin Hall
John Kuchinski
Andres Moreno
Joahna Torres
Abram Veasey

Christmas @ Naples Canals



GET READY FOR WINTER

TAKING A FEW BASIC STEPS NOW CAN HELP YOU PREPARE YOUR HOME FOR WINTER, KEEPING YOU AND YOUR FAMILY SAFE

ROOF & GUTTERS

TREE BRANCHES

Check for loose shingles and flashing.
Clean out gutters and downspouts.



FURNACE

Clean or replace your filter every 4-6 weeks. Check all fireplaces, chimneys and flues

Check tree branches and trim those close to the house or power lines

THERMOSTAT

Make sure you keep your house heated to at least 60 degrees, even when you're not home. Consider installing programmable thermostats to regulate temperature



WINDOWS & DOORS

Check weatherstripping, patch or caulk as needed. Consider thick drapes to help keep heat inside

PIPS

If the temperature drops below 20 degrees, let water trickle in all faucets

HOSES & FAUCETS

Disconnect hoses and store inside. Locate the main water shut-off valve and know how to use it. Wrap outside pipes and spigots

SAFETY

Check smoke and carbon monoxide detectors and replace batteries as needed. Keep a fire extinguisher handy and ensure everyone knows how to use it. If you leave for the holidays, have a neighbor check on your home daily

EMERGENCY KIT

Prepare an emergency kit: candles, matches, phone list, bottled water, non-perishable food, blankets, first-aid kit, pet supplies, etc

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