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"You will never have this day again, so make it count."

~ Anonymous

A Team Effort Can Make a Difference

What started off as a pilot program involving two floors of the main apartment building has grown into a campus-wide effort by residents who are recycling take-out food containers that they bring home from the dining room. Spearheaded by two residents, this initiative has the support of the housekeeping supervisor, who has supplied wheeling carts and large bags for weekly collections.

Area representatives held organizational meetings and recruited volunteers to do the collecting of the containers, and villa representatives set up collection sites in their basements. The culinary team saves boxes to pack up and transport the large supply of containers to the recycling center in Charlotte.

Last week, residents filled a van with six large bags of containers and took them to the Innovation Barn as our donation. They were welcomed and given a full tour of the facility,

and were amazed at the processing center and the products being made from this plastic material. One item is the clear face shields that protect our healthcare workers!

Residents and staff are proud of this very worthwhile project. Otherwise these containers end up in our landfill where they won't break down. A great team effort proves that we can, indeed, make a difference!

A Fall Tradition Resumes

Apple Pressing resumed at The Pines for the first time since 2019. Thank you to Future Residents Hugh and Brenda Barger for making possible this fun event for more than 10 years. The apples come each year from Deal Orchards in Taylorsville, NC, given by the Bargers in honor and memory of Jack Sherrill, their forester during their early years in the 70's at their farm. Staff and residents worked for three hours pressing over 72 cubic feet of truck space worth of apples and had an amazing turnout. We had visitors from Healthcare, and the remainder of the juice and cider was given to the Culinary Department who offered it to residents for the rest of the day!



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