

Christmas? In July?

Body wash, deodorant, loofahs, lotions, creams & other essential items are popular gifts that seniors receive from their family members at Christmas. Around mid year though, these items start to run out, which can be hard on a senior/resident with little or no family close by. Christmas in July started as a simple idea-to replenish all these comfort items in July, and to bring our seniors some cheer while making sure that they are comfortable and have the items they need year round.

"To care for those that once cared for us is one of the highest honors" - Tia Walker



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Through the generosity and support of our community and donors, Christmas in July has evolved into a program that not only supplies our seniors with bare essentials, but a gift box that is prepared with items specifically tailored to their needs. The boxes are wrapped in Christmas paper and delivered to our local care homes, decorated as if it were Christmas. Community Volunteers and staff, decked out in Santa hats, sing Christmas carols down the hallways delivering not only the gifts, but a dose of the Christmas cheer and spirit usually only reserved for December.

Donations directly benefit the seniors at Highland Manor and Beehive Homes. This is a program with no overhead costs. The staff at Highland Manor donate their time and efforts into supplying Colonial Property Management with a list of the residents complete with their sizes, needs and wants. The team at Colonial Property Management collects and sorts through donations and use cash and gift card donations to purchase any items not collected to supplement the gift packages as well as try to fulfill any special requests (special requests are typically items like a neck pillow, sugar free chocolate, hair accessories, etc.) This is done on a completely volunteer basis so that the residents receive the full benefit of your donations.

We hope that you will consider donating to the program this year. We are looking for donations of a personal nature, such as lotions, 2 in 1 shampoo and conditioners, lip moisturizers, shaving creams, perfume/cologne and other hygiene products for both men and women (residents cannot use bar soap, mouthwash, hand soap or hand sanitizer). New clothing items like nightgowns, pajamas, loungewear and sweat suits (Medium-4X for men and women). The ladies also like clip on earrings and wristlet style purses. The popular request from the men is for "Manly scented products" like