



DEAR RESIDENTS, FAMILIES AND FRIENDS OF FRIENDS HOME IN KENNETT,



I am writing this to you all with mixed feelings of regret and enthusiasm. Everyone is acutely aware of the impact of the COVID virus on everything we do here at the Friends Home.

Unfortunately, the virus is more prevalent than ever and this has influenced how all of us are celebrating the Thanksgiving Holiday. The Department of Health and Department of Human Service are strongly encouraging all residents to celebrate the holiday within their community to minimize the risk of their exposure to COVID and for the safety of all the staff and residents. I regretfully concur with this guideline and I am asking everyone to consider remaining at the Friends Home for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

My enthusiasm emerges when I share with you all the amazing day our Community Life associate, Lucy, has planned along with the Dining staff to make this holiday extra special for everyone. Residents have received their formal invitation and preparations are already underway. Both residents and staff will be in their holiday finest. Decorations have been purchased and are ready to be displayed. New place settings and center pieces are designed with residents being asked to participate in the preparation.

Dining has planned an enhanced holiday meal to include the traditional homemade specialties in addition to some of our chef's treasured Thanksgiving recipes.

After dinner residents will be making their own individual holiday pies while welcoming the holiday season with music and movie favorites.

Please know I am acutely aware that this is not the same as spending the holiday with family, but I hope everyone sees our planned festivities as the safest alternative during this pandemic.

Thank you all

