

30 Days of Thankfulness



The following is part of the “30 Days of Thankfulness.” The Homesteader would like to thank all of the residents and staff who contributed to this article. Have a wonderful Thanksgiving and always give thanks to God for the things in your life. It’s all from Him anyway! Be encouraged and enjoy!

Day 1 – We are thankful for God’s amazing love and patience He shows to us every day and for the way He provides for us and watches over us.

☞ Eugene “Shorty” & Mary Dillman, Apt. 3013

Day 2 – I thank God every day for Golden Years Homestead. I love living in the Villas. It’s been a blessing. I have met, made friends, and consider them all family. The staff is helpful and friendly.

A group of us walk in the evening, weather permitting. We don’t get our heart rate up, but we have fellowship and lots of laughs.

☞ Dorothy Maxey, Villa 23B

Day 3 – I love living here at GYH! I have met wonderful friends. I enjoy attending our activities and Gina is a great help! I am thankful for all the staff, especially the gals that help me out on a daily basis. They are great!

☞ Leslie “Butch” Jahn, Apt. 2016

Day 4 - I am so thankful for my parents. Early on I was taught of Jesus and his love for me. Yes, we sang, “Jesus love Me” and they always gave their love to me. I was **blessed**.

☞ Maxine Branum, Apt. 3002

Day 5 – What I am thankful for: I am very thankful for a lot of things, my wonderful husband, Gregg, our families, our jobs, our home, and our health. I am very thankful to know all of you at Golden Years, residents and co-workers - you have all become a wonderful adopted family to me.

I am also very thankful for becoming a U.S. citizen this year. I am very proud to have fulfilled this very exciting part of my life and very thankful to God and all of you for encouraging me not to give up with my test questions. I love you all.

☞ Nyree-Dawn Hicks, Staff

Day 6 – I am thankful for the gift of loss. I am thankful for this because it has taught me to live, laugh and love harder each day. Living with loss has made me a compassionate caregiver, loving mom, and overall a better person.

So, with each day not being promised, I am reminded to live my life to the fullest, and accept loss as a part of what made me the person I’ve become.

☞ Tina Jones, Staff



Day 7 – I am thankful for all things great and small – the Lord God made them all! I am very thankful for my sainted mother

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who brought me early to Christ, for my husband of 69 years – the love of my life and father of my children, 10 grandchildren, 32 great grandchildren, 2 great great grandchildren, and 4 more on the way! **Thank you, God!**

☞ Mary Kierspe, Apt. 2010

Day 8 – So many things to be grateful for – my husband, Jon, of 26 yrs., and my daughter, Cheyenne – who has been such a blessing to me. I am blessed to have a new home and a wonderful place to work where there is such tranquility. The greatest thing that I am thankful for is the Lord's presence in my life. He has done so much for me, I can't complain!

☞ Kim Poling, Staff

Day 9 – First, I am thankful to God for helping Harold and I live to enjoy each other and our family and friends for so many years. Next, I am thankful that we are living in the Midwest of the good old U.S.A. where the weather is unpredictable at times, but – so far – has been lovely this year. And last: but not least: I'm thankful for all the good people at Golden Years who are so helpful, kind and friendly to all who live here.

☞ Linda Towsley, Apt. 1003

Day 10 – I am so grateful for every day. I give thanks for my family and all my blessings. Thank You, God!

☞ Dorothy Kantz, Apt. 2018

Day 11 - I am thankful that I am going to be a grandma for the first time. My daughter

is having our first grandbaby in March 2018.

☞ Gina Jehl, Staff

Day 12 – I am thankful for my family. I am also thankful for my co-workers.

☞ Andy Clark, Staff

Day 13 – I am thankful to the Lord for all my blessings. I thank Him that He helps me each and every day of my life. God bless you all. Love in Him.

☞ Marie Voirol, Apt. 2017

Day 14 – I am grateful to be in a place where I'm happy and safe.

☞ DJ Hankey, Apt. 3014

Day 15 – I am grateful for everything God had done for me.

☞ Ella Lingao, Staff

Day 16 – I am BLESSED because of His grace! I am only human and have made many mistakes and bad decisions in my life.

I have always asked for the Lord's guidance and wisdom, as I know in my heart that He has a plan for my life, a plan for good and for His purpose. Each day of life is a blessing and an opportunity to be grateful! I enjoy the outdoors and all of the beauty He created for us to behold. I am given a special peace by a beautiful sunrise or sunset, the wonder in the intricacies and strength of His creation is reflected well in the beauty of a single mature oak tree. An attitude of gratitude works well for me!

☞ Barb Thomas, Staff



Day 17 – I am blessed to have a wonderful family – husband, children, and grandchildren. Thank You, Lord for your blessings! 🌀 Deb Meyer, Staff

Day 18 – It seems that I am always giving thanks because there is so much to be thankful for. Yet, if I wanted to narrow it down to one thing I am most grateful for this year, it would be that we can still gather together to worship our Lord. Even though there is so much turmoil in the world today, we, here in America, still have that freedom to worship.

🌀 Betty Swaffard, Apt. 12A

Day 19 – I am not a resident or staff member at GYH, but I have something to be so grateful for. I am thankful for my family, kids, and my job – especially being able to deliver the mail to the residents of GYH.

🌀 Sue, USPS Mail Carrier

Day 20 – We are thankful for the many blessings God has given us – family, friends, health, freedom, and friends at GYH. Most important, our eternal life through His son, Christ Jesus.

🌀 Paul & LaDonna Reynolds, 3044 D

Day 21 – Thanksgiving... why give thanks? Our world is in a mess and seems to be getting worse as time goes by. I can give thanks and you can give thanks because God is in control. He promised never to leave us or forsake us. I Thessalonians 5:16-18 says, *“Be joyful always; pray continually in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.”* I thank God for 90 good years of life with Him and anticipate the time soon when He will call me HOME!

🌀 Gerald Holmquist, Apt. 14C

Day 22 – I am thankful this year to be living where I am now living. God has been good to me this year and I am thankful for that. 🌀 Russel Strome, Apt. 11B

Day 23 - As I ponder over my short life (hopefully, it will be long) and the days



loom closer and closer to that day of thanks, I can only be thankful for two things, beef and chicken. Eat more chicken! It’s better for you and has a lot of

protein. Beef is meatier and tastes better than I do. Don’t settle for me! Go for the best!

🌀 Gratefully, Tom the Turkey

Day 24 – I am thankful that God wakes me up every day and decides He’s not done with me yet to share His love with everyone I come in contact with. I’m thankful for my loving family that without them, I wouldn’t be who I am today. I’m truly thankful for all the wonderful co-workers that I’ve met. Last, but not least, I am thankful for the sweet residents that I clean for each day. I’ve grown to love each and every one of you! I’m thankful that you have touched my life in many ways - more than you will ever know. Happy Thanksgiving!

🌀 Shelly Trigg, Staff

Day 25 – We have known about Golden Years Homestead since its beginning, early in our marriage. We had just become parents for the first time. Our neighbors and soon to become dear friends, Ralph and Linda Baker, told us about GYH becoming a reality as a mission for the North Highlands Church of Christ. Through the years we learned more about GYH’s growth, never thinking too much

about its becoming a blessing for our lives. We are blessed with a lovely new home now at GYH, surrounded by good Christian

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neighbors, for whom we are most thankful. Our move here eight months ago was made possible by the love and support of our five children. Among all the provision of our Lord Jesus Christ, we are most thankful for them. We are very thankful and happy to be a part of this community!

☞ Don & Dixie Weaver, 3048-D

Day 26 - I have not lived here too long, but I am truly happy and have all I need living here. It was hard giving up some things, but I have three great kids and family that stop by often. I thank the Lord that He has kept me in His care and love and feel safe here at GYH. All the employees are great and I have met new friends.

☞ Marian Webber, 2015

Day 27 - I am thankful for my niece and my care at Golden Years. I am also thankful for my friends and family keeping in contact with me and bringing smiles to my day.

☞ Catherine Boschet, Apt 3015

Day 28- I am so very thankful for GYH. When I lost my son and my husband, I could not have had a better support system during those trying times. I am grateful!

☞ Peg Yarde, Staff

Day 29 - I am thankful for the many blessings that the Lord has bestowed upon my life. I am thankful for my life, health, and strength. I am thankful for my family that gives me the strength to keep

improving in all that I do and that is expected of me.

☞ Jeff Downton, Staff

Day 30- Every day I am so thankful to have a job at the age of 60! Aches and pains don't stop me. I am thankful for my wonderful family and the closeness we share. I am thankful for my home, car, my fiancé, my dog, and all my awesome friends and co-workers! But... most of all... I am thankful that I know Jesus Christ, my Savior! ☺

☞ Mary Hill, Staff



When you think things are bad,
When you feel sour and blue,
When you start to get mad...
You should do what I do...

Just tell yourself, "Duckie,
You're really quite lucky
Some people are much more,
Oh, ever so much more,
Oh, muchly much- much more,
Unlucky than you!"

Dr. Seuss

