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Horizon House Residents & the Spirit of Giving

(Seattle, WA) The spirit of giving is always alive and well among Horizon House residents, but our mission, which includes “service to the broader community,” is never more in evidence than during the holidays.

Resident seamstresses and knitters have spent the past several months creating handmade quilts and pajamas and hand-knit hats, mufflers, and mittens which they donated to a variety of local charities, including Harborview Mental Health Outpatients, Mary’s Place, Plymouth Housing, and YouthCare. Resident woodworkers designed and built wooden toys, from building blocks to circus animals to sternwheelers, from leftover wood donated by our Renovations department. Yet another group of residents in Supported Living and Memory Support—many of whom found it far more rewarding to be able to give than to receive—sanded and finished the toys.

In addition to these donations on the part of individuals and small groups, the Horizon House Residents’ Council organized a yearlong fund drive among all residents to recognize the exceptional service and support Horizon House employees provided them throughout the year.

The Residents’ Council raised just over \$268,000 in support of the 2015 Employee Recognition Fund. At our annual holiday party, 304 regular full- and part-time employees, from the concierge, to the construction managers, to the certified nursing assistants and many more, received checks based on their hours of employment. Horizon House employees hail from 27 different countries; these “bonus” checks enable them to share the holiday spirit worldwide.

Horizon House, founded in 1961, is a dynamic, not-for-profit retirement community dedicated to dignified aging, life fulfillment, and service to the broader community. For more information, please visit www.horizonhouse.org.

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