



*Independent and Assisted Living in Woburn, MA*

## NEW RESIDENTS



**Carol Mafera, Suite 342** was born and raised in Oshkosh, Wisconsin and graduated from University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh. She then began her career as a schoolteacher, educating intermediate-age students. In the 1950s, she moved east and began teaching in the Winchester school system.

It was during a summer she worked as a waitress on Cape Cod when she met her future husband. In addition to raising their three sons, they traveled extensively across Europe and the United States.

In her spare time, Carol enjoys catching up on the varied programs offered on Netflix.

**Ron O'Keefe, Suite 474** grew up in Reading, is a graduate of Reading High School, and joins us from his Reading home of 53 years.

Upon graduation from high school, Ron embarked on his 37-year career with the then Boston Gas Company, now known as National Grid. Ron began as a clerk and finished his time with the company as a manager.

This father of two and grandfather of two is an outdoorsman with a keen interest in golf and fishing. When relaxing, he enjoys a good book highlighting historical events.



**Christine Parker, Suite 438** joins us from Simpsonville, South Carolina, her home for the past 35 years. Christine



was born right here at the former Choate Hospital and, during her growing years lived mostly in Texas.

She attended Catherine Gibbs School and began employment at an insurance company in Wakefield. She eventually returned to Texas and worked for an oil company and NASA.

This mother of two daughters has traveled to such places as China, Japan, Germany, and Italy, and enjoys Caribbean cruises. A musician and a dancer, Christine particularly enjoys folk, country, and Celtic music.

We extend a warm welcome to **Carol, Ron and Christine.**

## Resident Photo Album



**Happy grandparents and adorable grandchildren!**



Pictured above, clockwise from top left: our amazing, savvy, and kindhearted **Ethel Murphy**, who celebrated her 102<sup>nd</sup> birthday a few weeks ago, with grandson **Brian** and great-granddaughter **Maddy**.

**Maureen Copithorne**, who has resided at New Horizons for nearly eight years, with her grandson **Jonathan**, his wife **Crystal**, and Maureen's great-grandson **James**.

**Lucile Cashin** with granddaughter **Stephanie** and great-granddaughter **Eloise** visiting here from Pembroke.

Staff member **Barbra Graham** enjoying a visit from her son-in-law **Paul** and two-year-old grandson **Vinny**.

We just read that print newspaper readership has declined significantly due to the rise of digital media. Around here, though, we love reading the paper. Immersed in catching up on the news are *candid* photos of residents. Pictured below, clockwise from top left: Terry Ciarcia, Peggy Pellegrino, Joy Draper, David Mooney and Nick Raftopoulos (just to name a few!)



## STAFF HIGHLIGHTS

"Happy for you, sad for us," was how we felt when our very own **Nancy Souza**, RN, announced her retirement. She has been an

integral contributor to the success of our assisted living program during her more than 25 years at New Horizons. Just one day before her planned retirement, Nancy enjoyed an unexpected reception in the Terrace Lounge. Residents and staff wished her well as she begins the next exciting chapter of her life.



The surprise also included the presence of her entire team. Pictured (front row): **Cheryl Joseph, Deb Adamo, Charlene Reece** (second row): **Mima Philippe, Maureen Reddy, Nancy, Carmen Melendez, Mary Traer, Ruth Jeune, Bhwana Thapa, and Jack McDonough.**

Congratulations to **Nancy** on her well-earned retirement, to **Jack** on his well-deserved promotion in his new role as resident service director, and a warm welcome to our newest addition to the wellness team, **Mima Philippe, LPN**.

Although she has been here for just one year, **Lynne Cahill** has proved to be an outstanding colleague. In her role as administrative supervisor, Lynne has an immense amount of knowledge that she uses to keep the day-to-day tasks running smoothly. We look forward to many years working with Lynne.



**Chris Geysen**, our able and talented facilities supervisor, first walked through our doors 20 years ago. He manages his busy days well, thanks to his



skill at multi-tasking. Chris is pictured receiving his 20-year watch, given in recognition and appreciation of his years of service.

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### **Congratulations, 2025 Graduates!**

We are so proud of our high school graduates. Congratulations to waitstaff members **Isabelle Bernardin-Mathieu**, **Susie Camacho**, and **Kelsie Minghella**. We wish them well in their future plans.

**IN MEMORIUM:** We are deeply saddened by the loss of our resident **Betty Ober**, a wonderful person who made everyone's day feel brighter. We send heartfelt condolences to her family and friends in their time of grief. We also send our sympathy to the family of **Barbara Cushing-Moore**, a sweet woman who joined us from her home in Laconia, NH just a few months ago.

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**



### **Independence Day - Friday, July 4**

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator, with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness." — The Declaration of Independence, 1776



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