# GREEN OAKS



National Nurses Week is a time to celebrate the incredible impact of nurses and honor the "Mother of Nursing," Florence Nightingale. The week begins on May 6 and concludes on May 12, her birthday.

The 2025 theme, The Power of Nurses, highlights their invaluable contributions and the profound difference they make every day. Nurses provide more than care and medical services—they



bring comfort, security, companionship, and joy to residents and their families. Their dedication enhances lives in countless meaningful ways.

In senior living communities, nurses are the heart of compassionate care. Their skill, kindness, and unwavering commitment create an environment where residents feel safe, supported, and valued. The power of nurses is seen in every comforting word, every healing touch,

and every moment they spend ensuring the wellbeing of those they serve.

This week, take a moment to show appreciation for the nurses who make a difference. A heartfelt thank-you, a small gift, or a thoughtful gesture can mean so much.

From all of us, we honor and celebrate the remarkable nurses who work tirelessly to help, heal, and uplift others. Your dedication is truly inspiring. Thank you!

# Circo de Mayo

While Cinco de Mayo initially observed the Battle of Puebla and Mexican heritage, it is now a global secular celebration of Mexican culture. This vibrant holiday is honored with parades, mariachi music, folklore tales, and sombreros. Decorations are often showcased in the colors of the Mexican flag (red, white, and green). Festivities may also include enjoying tasty tacos, margaritas, nachos, and more!

Community events during
Cinco de Mayo often feature

Here are some fun ways to celebrate this year:

educational workshops and

Mexican culture and history.

art exhibitions, teaching

Craft Decorations: Craft papel picado (paper banners) to embellish personal or community spaces.

Enjoy Mexican Cuisine: Prepare a taco bar where everyone can customize their own delicious meal.

Cultural Trivia Game: Engage seniors with a trivia game about Mexican culture, history, and traditions.

Music and Dance: Play traditional Mexican music and encourage residents to dance and enjoy the lively tunes together.

Movie Screening:
Watch a film or
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heritage, followed by a discussion to enhance residents' and families' understanding of Cinco de Mayo.



NATIONAL SKILLED NURSING CARE WEEK® | MAY 11 - 17, 2025

The 2025 theme for National Skilled Nursing Care Week (NSNCW), *Tapestry of Life*, celebrates the rich and diverse stories that come together in skilled nursing care. Each resident, family member, caregiver, and staff member contributes a unique thread, woven into a shared fabric of resilience, connection, and compassion. Skilled nursing centers are more than places of care—they are vibrant communities where experiences intertwine, memories are cherished, and lives become forever woven together to make it a thriving community.

Now through May 11–17, families, residents, and staff are encouraged to celebrate this theme by weaving together traditions, experiences, and shared moments. Create a memory display with short reflections on paper strips or build a chain story where each person adds a personal touch to a fun, evolving tale. Share favorite songs, reminisce about concerts, and enjoy a group listening session. Spread kindness through small gestures like painting rocks, writing heartfelt notes, or crafting word clouds. Design a patchwork of fabric, photos, or decorated paper to visually capture the connections that unite us. Coming together for a shared meal can also be a meaningful way to bond—enjoying favorite dishes, exchanging stories, and celebrating the traditions that shape each person's journey.

Established by the American Health Care Association (AHCA) in 1967, NSNCW, formerly known as National Nursing Home Week recognizes the role of skilled nursing care centers in caring for America's seniors and individuals with disabilities.

# Happy Mother's Day

Be sure to take a moment on Sunday, May 11 to honor moms, foster moms, surrogate moms, grandmothers, aunts, and the other important women role models in your life. Let her know how much she means to you by calling or video chatting. Take her out to lunch, or enjoy an afternoon together to celebrate and express your gratitude.

## **ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS**





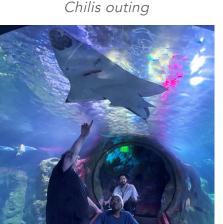




Green Oaks Drive in Dining Room Movie Presenting "Wicked."







Grapevine Mills Aquarium Trip











Facials and Nail Care with Aroma Therapy



#### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

#### **RESIDENTS**

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Maggie W	5/05
Troy J	5/19
Belinda J	5/25
Sherry C	5/30

#### **STAFF**

Lydia Mason	5/05
Edinah Mwanike	5/10

### **SPECIAL EVENTS**

May 8	Outing to be
	determined by
	Resident Council

Mother's Day Queen May 9 for the day Spa Day

May 26 Memorial Day BBQ

## **Honoring Military Appreciation Month:**

May is Military Appreciation Month, a time to recognize and express gratitude for the sacrifices made by service members and their families. This month includes several important observances, such as Military Spouse Appreciation Day (9th), Armed Forces Day (17th), and Memorial Day (26th), each highlighting different aspects of military service and dedication.



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WORD SEARCH Find and circle the 15 words listed below. Find words straight across, up and down, and diagonally. All words are forwards reading only. No backwards. Good luck!

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