



**Choice. Respect. independence.**

### Holiday Cards

CRI, Choice. Respect. independence. (formerly known as Community Residences, Inc.), is a community-based organization with a focused effort on providing people with developmental disabilities and/or mental health needs the resources, supports and services they need to live their lives with purpose, actively engaged in communities of their choosing. CRI's mission fully supports a person's ability to exercise control of their life's choices, and to live in and contribute to communities of their choosing, as young adults through aging in place. We believe in serving individuals within the communities in which they live & supporting the individual's choices and independence.

The holiday season can be a lonely time of the year for some people; this year, COVID is making celebrating even more difficult. This holiday season, we want to make sure that all CRI residents have a card to put on their mantel. A personalized greeting card is a warm reminder that people are loved and not forgotten.

Please join us in sharing the holiday spirit with CRI staff and residents!

### Holiday Cards

Please considering making holiday cards for our DSPs and/or for residents to show that they are not forgotten during this holiday season. CRI has over 500 staff supporting over 300 residents within our group homes and 600 more within the community.

### **Supplies**

- Paper
- Pens, color pencils, crayons, markers, puffy paint
- Stickers (optional)
- Rubber stamps (optional)
- Glue (Optional)

### **How to Get Started**

- 1) Grab a piece of paper. Any paper will do! As long as we can read your message, that's the important part.
- 2) CRI has 40+ homes that we support across Northern Virginia and Richmond. Making the cards generic will help with distribution.
- 3) Be creative! Be colorful! We value quality over quantity. As long as the card comes from the heart, we are grateful!

Cards for staff

- Add an inspirational/uplifting/caring holiday message! These messages can be longer than they would for residents. Keep the tone upbeat. Please avoid any religious or political messages to respect the individual beliefs of our staff.
- Examples: a) Happy Holidays! Thank you for all you do! b) Hopping your winter is full of warmth and cheer! c) May this holiday season sparkle as brightly as you do! d) Wishing you all the best this holiday season!
- Some volunteers have made seasonal joke cards that always bring a smile.

#### Cards for residents

- Add a message holiday! Let residents know that they are being thought of.

Examples: a) Thinking of you this Holiday Season! b) May this Holiday Season be as wonderful as you are! c) May this season bring you peace and happiness d) Sending you a virtual hug!

- Some of our residents are hard of seeing or enjoy experiencing the world through the sense of touch. Add some 3D elements to your card such as puffy paint, origami, foam stickers, felt letters, pop up card, etc.
- 4) Feel free to make cards for staff, residents or both! Please label the cards so we know if they should go to staff or residents.

#### Card FAQs

- *To whom do I address the cards?* For staff, you can say “Dear CRi Staff” or “Dear Friend”. For residents, you can say “Dear Neighbor” or “Dear Friend”.
- *Do I sign the cards?* You can if you would like! Adds a nice personalized touch and lets people know there’s a face behind the card. Ex – Bob from Cincinnati
- *Do the cards need to have envelopes and, if so, should I seal them?* You can include envelopes if you would like. It’s always fun opening envelopes; it’s like opening a present!
- *What about references to Christmas?* Christmas as a community holiday – sure! References like Santa Clause, North Pole, Rudolf the Red Nose Reindeer, Christmas trees and lights, Frosty the Snowman, are all an integral part of the holiday season. Just be respectful of the religious beliefs of the individuals.

Holiday cards can be dropped off or mailed to the following addresses:

**Chantilly HQ**

14160 Newbrook Dr, Chantilly, VA 20151

Donation boxes are located in the lobby beyond the double glass doors

Accepting donations Monday - Sunday from 10am to 2pm

**Arlington/Falls Church Maintenance Office**

7297A Lee Hwy, Falls Church, VA 22042

Donation boxes are located in the lobby just inside the front door

Accepting donations Monday - Sunday from 10am to 2pm

**Richmond**

808 Moorefield Park Dr., Ste. 120, Richmond, VA 23235

Accepting donations Monday – Friday from 10am to 1pm