



# The Perks Of A Long Tenure

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Long tenure is quite common at Independence Hill Retirement Community. What do I mean by “a long tenure?” Well, not only do we staff a team of employees that have been a part of the Independence Hill family for 10-30 years, but we also have a wonderful group of residents that have proudly called Independence Hill home for over 20 years. Many of our residents have lived here for over 10 years!

We love to honor both our employees and residents in various ways. The residents always look forward to our annual “Dinner of the Decade” where we celebrate this distinguished group with a very special private dinner party and a beautiful candle-lit gourmet menu. It is great fun to see these long-term Independence Hill family members together on this beautiful evening telling stories from way back, remembering when each neighbor moved in and even who moved in on the same day! It has been the beginning of many wonderful friendships.

Mrs. Holmes, a 22-year resident of Independence Hill sums it up perfectly. “The Dinner of the Decade is a wonderful way to honor the residents who have lived in this exceptional community for 10 plus years,” she said. “It’s so enjoyable to see every year how many residents continue to add to our roll. The Chefs put on a delicious meal and top it off with a dessert masterpiece.”

People move to Independence Hill for many reasons. When asked how their lives have changed since the move, their answers also vary.

“My son no longer worries about me being alone,” stated one resident. “He knows I am so happy in my new environment.”

“I have become more active – exercising, joining the chorus, volunteering at the onsite Country Store, you name it,” said another resident.

No matter their reason for making the move, one common theme prevails – residents love being a part of a community without losing their independence. Simply stated, no one tells anyone what to do or when to do it.

Our goal at Independence Hill is to keep things fresh and new. We are never afraid to try new things and neither are our residents. In fact, they have



very little opportunity to be bored. Many began taking part in new activities once they moved in, quickly realizing that at any age new beginnings are possible and are happening all around them! Residents get involved, stay involved, and new activities keep them looking forward to each new day.

“I never dreamed that in my seventies I would be able to still use my massage therapist skills,” Resident Ms. Simms remarked. “I volunteer at Independence Hill Assisted Living every week, giving hand massages to the residents. I absolutely love this opportunity!”

Call Sherrill or Laura, our Lifestyle Specialists at (210) 209-8956, or stop by and meet some of the amazing residents and team members as you tour this lovely community and the variety of options they offer.

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