

## August 2022 Neighborhood News



### What is an ADON?

An ADON is an Assistant Director of Nursing. These individuals are nurses that work to assist the Director of Nursing on a smaller scale by monitoring nursing staff, nursing activities, and patient care for the residents on each of their designated Pavilions. Our ADON's are essential to ensure our residents receive the best possible care that is delivered with the highest standard of service in terms of kindness, efficiency, and effectiveness.

### Traci Williams, RN (Birch ADON)

Traci is a native of Traverse City, who loves the outdoors and everything Northern Michigan has to offer. She is a mom of two energetic boys that constantly keep her on her toes. Traci has spent her nursing career focusing on geriatric care and enjoys learning from her resident's knowledge, and fascinating experiences. Traci enjoys being a part of the continuum of care provided by the Pavilions, and finds it most important to serve our elder's by providing the highest quality care we can.

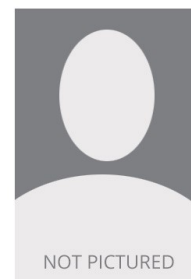


### Marta Pratt, RN (Cherry ADON)

Born and raised in Traverse City, Marta started her career at the Pavilions as a Universal Worker 19 years ago, becoming the Cherry ADON in 2013. Marta did not plan to become a nurse but fell in love with the geriatric population. She received her nursing degree from Northwestern Michigan College. Marta considers the Grand Traverse Pavilions her second home and cannot wait to see it return to its pre-covid glory!

### Naomi Rode, RN (Dogwood/Elm ADON)

Also a Traverse City native, Naomi enjoys spending her free time with her husband, family and bulldogs. Naomi made the decision to enroll in nursing school after taking care of an elderly neighbor when in high school. During that time she gained an appreciation for the elderly, and all the things we can learn from them. After obtaining her degree Naomi took a break from geriatric care to gain acute care experience but quickly returned to LTC. Naomi enjoys the home-like environment GTP creates, and that our staff not only care for our residents, but also care for one another.



### Christina (Chrissy) Wagatha, RN (Rehab ADON)

Chrissy started at the Pavilions in 2017, after completing her Bachelors Degree in Health Sciences at GVSU. She then completed her nursing degree locally through NMC. Throughout her career at the Pavilions Chrissy has worked her way up the ladder in positions such as CNA, LPN, RN, Campus Manager and now as the Maple Rehab ADON. Chrissy enjoys working at GTP because it allows her to make meaningful differences in the lives of her residents. Outside of work Chrissy enjoys quality time with her husband and son, as well as coaching youth volleyball and participating in outdoor seasonal activities.

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## August 4 Backroom Gang



## August 11 Miriam Pico & Friends



## August 18 Bay Area Little Big Band



## August 25 K. Jones & The Benzie Playboys



## Walk to End Alzheimer's

Join the Alzheimer's Association Walk to End Alzheimer's and unite in a movement to reclaim the future for millions. With more than 5 million Americans living with Alzheimer's, and nearly 11 million more serving as caregivers, the time to act is now. Walk to End Alzheimer's will take place **Saturday, October 1st** at the Open Space Park in Traverse City starting at 9:00 a.m. All funds raised will help provide educational programs and support services for families, caregivers and those that suffer from Alzheimer's disease in the N.W. Michigan region. To be involved in this event, or to learn more, visit the Walk to End Alzheimer's website at <http://walktoendalz.kintera.org/traversecity> or call 231-929-3804 for more information.

TOGETHER, WE CAN END  
ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE

## Eyes, Teeth, & Toes...Oh My!

From their eyes to their toes we have your loved one covered! Grand Traverse Pavilions Main Building has contracted with in-house vision, podiatry and dental services to bring appointments right to our residents' doors.

These clinics are made available monthly by Dr. Sheldon, a local Podiatrist, as well as by Dr. Rudzinski, DDS, and Dr. Akers, OD, both who come to us from Mobile Medical Support. If you would like more information, please contact your Pavilion ADON or Social Worker.

Podiatry Clinics are available for Cottage Residents also. Contact your Life Enrichment Coordinator for details.

## WELCOME



We would like to introduce Sara Brown, the newest addition to our Administrative Assistant team! Sara is a busy mom of three who has lived in Traverse City for the last six years. She will be primarily working at the front desk on the weekends from 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. to help make weekend visitation easier for everyone! Sara states the elderly has always held a special place in her heart and she is glad to be able to assist them and their families.

### Social Workers

Aspen/Birch - Stephanie Annis...932-3207  
Cherry - Emily Tyrrell .....932-3307  
Dogwood - Cindi Pobuda.....932-3407  
Elm - Holly Kazim.....932-3507  
Rehab - Kim Kucharski.....932-3727

Main Building - 1000 Pavilions Circle Traverse City, MI 49684 (231) 932-3000  
Evergreen Cottage - 521 Cottageview Drive (231) 932-3600  
Hawthorn Cottage - 523 Cottage Arbor Lane (231) 932-3620  
Willow Cottage - 525 Cottage Arbor Lane (231) 932-3640  
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