



“We just wanted to share first of all, that we both have enjoyed our weekly volunteering with the patients on the TCU. We have had lovely conversations with so many of them... It was just a bright spot of color in an otherwise gloomy MN winter day. **Kathy & David Cooper – Volunteer Guest Services Transitional Care**



“Volunteering at Catholic Eldercare has motivated me to volunteer more. I love how all the other volunteers are so welcoming and how the residents at Catholic eldercare always have a smile on their face. It shows how well Catholic Eldercare cares about their volunteers and residents. I just want to thank you for allowing me to volunteer here and also being so understanding. Can't wait for more times and coming back to volunteer on the weekends I come home from college.” **Mikena Senarighi – Volunteer Long Term Care Bingo**



“I am really impressed with the staff's kindness and care for the Adult Day Care group at lunch. The space is serene and lovely! I enjoy escorting the group to the dining area, serving food and drink, and

visiting with them and the staff at lunch. I'm looking forward to my February stint!" **Maggie Catambay – Volunteer Adult Day Program**



"My experience with both staff and the participants has been great. I look forward to and enjoy my time there very much. I'm impressed with the care and attentiveness of the staff, and of course, I find the adults in the program to be friendly, interesting, and very appreciative of the staff." **Ed Colon, Volunteer Adult Day Program**



"I enjoy coming in to aid with the dinner staff. It is a great atmosphere! If you could let the staff know that I greatly appreciate their help I would be very grateful. Thanks again!" **Madison Gallagher, Volunteer Long Term Care Dining Room Assistant**



"Everything with volunteering is going well. I've really enjoyed getting to know the different residents and have begun getting to know some of them on a deeper level. After I help out with the drink cart, I will sit with some of the residents as they have their meals. Sister ___ is truly an amazing person and I

have really enjoyed getting to know her.” **Catie McCrossan, Volunteer Long Term Care Dining Room Assistant**



“My role has mostly turned out to be direct involvement with the day program participants. I'm very pleased about that! Staff knows I am happy to help in other ways, but I thoroughly enjoy interacting with program participants and staff members. (What a kind, caring and dedicated group of people they are!) I will happily continue to help where I am needed most. Thanks for checking in with me, and for giving me this opportunity! **Janet LeGarde, Volunteer Adult Day Program**



“I have really enjoyed working with Kathy and the Pets Program...I think my biggest surprise was how much Kathy puts into making sure that the residents, my cat and I, and other visitors are comfortable and enjoying our time together. She has made me feel welcome and like I am contributing to making residents feel happy in their home.” **Ann Saliars, Volunteer Catholic Eldercare Pets with a Purpose Program**



“I am really enjoying working with the adults in the Day Program. I love hearing people's stories and just talking...being able to spend this time with the adults at Catholic Eldercare, has made me realize how important it is for people to have others to talk to and others that might just listen for a while. It makes people feel worthy and good about themselves when others are interested in the stories they have to

tell. It also helps people feel not quite so lonely when they have the chance to chat with others even if only for a short period of time.” **Madeline Kehoe, Volunteer Catholic Eldercare Adult Day Program**



“In general I love the time I spend at CEC volunteering. It is time well spent and the rewards are so personal that I feel uplifted when I leave...the 1:1's have begun to feel like friendships...I am just constantly surprised at how welcoming the residents are.” **Autumn Kern, Volunteer Long Term Care Activities Assistant**