

## Treesgiving Comes to Canterbury!

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This holiday season was joyous in so many ways and it has been fun to reflect on all of the many activities that our volunteers have been part of. From decking our halls, to decorating cookies, we had another season of magical memories.

One of my favorite events that happened during this season was the Treesgiving organization choosing our community to share their donations of pre-decorated trees with our residents. This new non-profit was created by an 8 year old boy named Jacob. He had a Christmas tree in his room, and he told his parents that he wanted to give everyone a tree that was just as beautiful. His parents told him that wouldn't be possible, but after giving it some thought, his parents decided that they would sure try! That was when Treesgiving was formed. Jacob's family and friends started receiving donations from all over to purchase new, two foot, Christmas trees. They had many donations for lights and ornaments as well. In September, they called and asked if they could donate 50 trees to our community. The excitement I had could hardly be contained! We identified 50 residents that would love a little Christmas cheer in their rooms. The trees were distributed by the volunteers and Jacob himself!



We walked room to room spreading Christmas cheer and hugging everyone along the way! A few tears of joy, many giggles of laughter, and so much love was given that morning. Everyone was so touched that a boy so young had this idea and helped to create such a beautiful gesture.

If you would like to know more about the Treesgiving Foundation, you can find them online at [www.treesgiving.org](http://www.treesgiving.org). They are receiving donations for next year! Jacob's goal is for all to have a Christmas tree to enjoy during the holidays. Let's help make his dream come true!



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