

# GENTOG MARCH NEWSLETTER

## Staff Spotlight

This month we would like to take the opportunity to highlight our phenomenal Assistant Childcare Director, Matty Sam! She graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in early childhood education from a University in Guam. Matty's passion for nurturing young minds started there and led her to Gentog in 2019, where she found her calling.

Matty's love for our Gentog kids is evident in every moment they spend together, you will often find her singing and dancing to a tune with them. She infuses every interaction with boundless enthusiasm and genuine care and creates a nurturing environment where our children thrive. Her dedication to their growth and development, along with her commitment to fostering a sense of community, makes Matty an invaluable asset to our center. Thank you Matty, for truly making Gentog a place where love and learning go hand in hand.



We are also excited to spotlight Ashley Garner Blaison, our wonderful Assistant Senior Care Director, whose vibrant spirit and dedication to service helps enrich the lives of everyone at Gentog. With a passion for art, singing, and goofy dancing, Ashley's spirit for life extends to her dedication to serving communities. From volunteering as a victim advocate in Clackamas County to lending her support to schools, orphanages, and safe houses for girls in Mexico, Nicaragua, and Uganda, it's clear how important it is to her for people to know Jesus through her love.

Her love for senior care began at the age of eight, volunteering at a senior center where her grandmother resided, sparking a passion for brightening the lives of seniors. With more than a decade of caregiving experience, Ashley brings a wealth of compassion and respect to her role at Gentog, ensuring that every resident feels loved, seen, and valued. Thank you, Ashley, for embodying the spirit of Gentog and making a difference in the lives of our seniors each and every day.





# What are we learning?

As we prepare for the arrival of spring, our children are diving into a journey of discovery with our learning theme this month, "Marching Into Spring." Throughout March, our little learners will explore the magic of the changing seasons, diving into topics such as Spring Changes, the Water Cycle, Plant Life Cycles, and the vital role of Pollinators.

With hands-on activities, interactive lessons, and outdoor adventures, our children will uncover the beauty and wonder of nature blooming around them. Each day will be filled with exploration, learning, and joy. Join us as we embark on this exciting journey of discovery, embracing the vibrant spirit of spring at Gentog.



## Special Visitors

Recently, Gentog was honored to host a group of 8 college students and 2 teachers from Japan, who brought with them such an incredible energy. These students who are studying early childhood education, spent a few hours immersing themselves in our intergenerational program, eager to understand firsthand how we create a nurturing and inclusive environment for both children and seniors.

The experience was wonderful, our guests embraced every aspect of our program with enthusiasm and joy. From dancing with our grandparents to playing with our kiddos, and even singing us some Disney songs, their presence brought a sense of unity and celebration to Gentog. We are immensely grateful for this opportunity to connect across cultures, and we eagerly anticipate the day when we can welcome them back to our community.



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