

# Ketchikan Pioneer Home

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## Meet MEL the MAGNIFICENT!!!

MEL....also known as “MEL Kiddo” (as one of the KPH Elders call him) has worked for Ketchikan Pioneer home for the last 16 years. He also works full time at the Ketchikan Peacehealth Medical Center’s Long Term Care

Unit. Currently, he is a CNA II working on the 3rd floor of KPH. Mel considers the care and safety of our Elders his top priority. He also says

“environmental cleanliness and order is a focus; because for me order is next to cleanliness.” You can always find Mel busy with organizing supplies, transporting Elders, assisting in daily care and ensuring the work and living atmosphere is not only safe but FUN!



Mel always goes above and beyond when it comes to participating with the activities in our home. For example, on our 1st ever Disney Day, Mel dressed up as our Prince Charming and he delivered a flower to every “princess” in the building. During the holiday, Mel put on Santa’s red suit and delivered presents to all our Elders on Christmas day. You can feel and sense his dedication in creating a positive and happy place to work and call home.



Mel comes from a family of three health care workers. His wife Dearly

currently works in the Long Term Care Unit at Peacehealth Ketchikan Medical Center and was a former CNA at KPH. His daughter Dearly Elaine, a recent graduate of Ketchikan High School (Class of 2020), is a CNA at Peacehealth’s Activities Department and is enrolled in the Nursing program at Linfield University in Oregon.

Mel hopes to go back to the Philippines and travel more after his daughter finishes nursing school and is successful in her career. His hope is continue to remain healthy in body, mind and spirit. But don’t fret, his plans also include coming back to Ketchikan to visit too!! Thanks Mel for making KPH a magnificent place to work (&play)!



# Santa visits bring



# Smiles for Miles...



# DECK THE HALLS

## *Home Decor Inside & Out*

This holiday season, the KPH staff & families, community members and Elders pitched in to ensure our home was as festive as it could be! Throughout the building you could find the holiday spirit. We asked families to bring “personalized” trees for their loved ones to enjoy in their rooms. We had volunteers spend hours outside in the cold and windy weather to put up lights and décor. Others brought in Gingerbread houses to add to various spots throughout the home. Lastly, we challenged staff to decorate their assigned neighborhoods to see who would earn the 2020 Holiday Cup trophy! It was wonderful to see the KPH team pull together to decorate the home as best as we can. We are pleased to announce that the FIREWEED neighborhood won with their “Winter Wonderland” theme. Congrats Team FIREWEED!



# Holiday Elves...spreading Cheer





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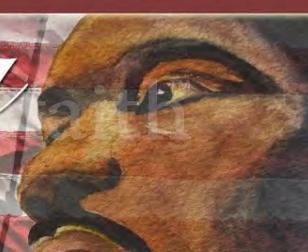


CAPRICORN  
Dec 23 - Jan 20  
pragmatic, ambitious,  
composed, humorous



AQUARIUS  
Jan 21 - Feb 19  
independent, humanitarian,  
original, intellectual, aloof

Martin Luther King Jr.  
Day



January 18th  
Administrative Offices Closed

# Fishing for "SOCK"eye??



Check out our Elders "fishing" for new socks! We wheeled around our fishing station (made by Board President Bob Sivertsen) throughout the home and handed off a fishing pole to the Elders. No casting necessary, we just dropped the line and they reeled in a fancy new pair of socks! Not sure what drew in the most smiles—the fishing pole OR the socks?



# PINATAs & POPPERs Celebrating 2021





Goodbye  
2020