

## Noble Living...



This past year marked an important milestone at Noble Horizons. Thanks to the generosity of our donors, we successfully completed the renovation of the Noble Café, a space that has quickly become a favorite gathering place for residents along with our extended community.

With more room to sit, connect, and linger, the café now better reflects what life at Noble is all about: community, conversation, and belonging. Seeing residents enjoy this renewed space has been incredibly rewarding.

At the same time, we continue to navigate an increasingly complex healthcare landscape. Providing exceptional care today requires not only clinical expertise, but also persistence, advocacy, and collaboration. Navigating Medicare and Medicaid systems to ensure our residents receive the best possible care truly takes a village.

I am continually humbled by our staff. Their dedication goes far beyond job descriptions or schedules. They show up every day with compassion, patience, and a deep sense of responsibility to the people we serve. They know our residents as individuals, not numbers, and they care for them with dignity and respect. I am profoundly grateful for their commitment and heart.

Your support makes all of this possible. From enhanced spaces like the café to the behind-the-scenes work that ensures quality care, your generosity strengthens every part of our community. On behalf of our residents, families, and staff, thank you for believing in Noble Horizons and for being part of the village that sustains us.

With sincere appreciation,



**Bill Pond**  
Administrator, Noble Horizons

## What We Learned About Connection

During the pandemic, the residents of Noble Horizons were among the safest anywhere. Through thoughtful planning, clear protocols, and a team that never wavered, we protected our community with care and determination. It wasn't easy! Masks were not anyone's favorite accessory. Staying six feet apart went against every instinct to hug, gather, and pull up an extra chair. And a closed campus without regular visits from loved ones felt especially heavy. Still, our diligence mattered. It worked.

We are nothing but resilient at Noble and we were determined to find the sunshine in it all! Staff found ways to brighten doorways with conversation. Families learned new technology faster than they ever planned to. Programs shifted, adjusted, and sometimes got a little creative. There were moments of frustration, yes, but also plenty of laughter. Our residents reminded us daily that connection is not just nice to have. It is part of what makes life meaningful.



The Café renovation grows directly out of that experience. Located across from the fitness center, it is more than a refresh of space. It is a place to linger over coffee, wave someone over to join you, and of course catch up on

the local gossip. No agenda required. Just an easy, welcoming spot that makes togetherness feel natural again.

Next on our wish list is an upgraded audiovisual system so every resident and guest can experience our programs and events fully. Every speaker deserves to be heard and there's nothing like watching residents tap their toes and sing along when the music is heard. The energy lifts, and the room comes alive in a way you can feel.

Keeping our residents safe is a top priority but protecting laughter and celebration is a simple joy.



**Danielle Bailey**  
Director of Community Relations



## *Noble Welcomes New Director of Nursing - Tanya Hadsell*



When **Tanya Hadsell** stepped into Noble Horizons as its new Director of Nursing, she knew quickly this was the right place at the right time.

“The building felt calm and comforting,” she recalls. “It felt like a home. The team was warm and welcoming right away. I felt accepted.”

That sense of fit matters to Tanya, whose nursing journey began early. She became a Certified Nursing Assistant at just 16 while still in high school and knew immediately she wanted to pursue nursing as a career. From there, her path unfolded steadily and intentionally. She worked as a nurse in a behavioral health setting, took on infection control responsibilities, and moved into leadership through staff development, nursing supervision, and assistant director roles before stepping into a Director of Nursing position.

What drew her to Noble Horizons was its resident-centered approach and the involvement of families in care. “You have to look at residents as a whole person,” she says. “That includes mind, body, experience, and support system.”

She also noticed something increasingly rare in healthcare. Longevity. “The staff, the private rooms, and how personalized everything is really stood out,” Tanya explains. “This is a place where people stay.”

At a time when nursing faces a national staffing shortage, Tanya believes culture makes the difference. She describes the nursing team at Noble as accepting, collaborative, and open to new voices. Since stepping into her role, she has also been struck by the contrast between nonprofit and for-profit care models and the flexibility Noble provides to truly prioritize residents.

What also resonates with Tanya is Noble Horizons’ willingness to look honestly at challenges and address them head-on. Rather than relying on rigid systems or check-the-box solutions, she sees a culture that values problem-solving, accountability, and continuous improvement. “I am motivated by figuring things out,” she says. “Whether it is staffing, care delivery, or a process that needs refining, I want to understand it and make it better.” That mindset, she believes, is critical in today’s healthcare environment and aligns closely with Noble’s commitment to thoughtful, resident-focused care.

On hard days, Tanya stays grounded in purpose. “Even making a small positive change matters,” she says. “Taking a difficult situation and making it better shows people they are worth the effort.”

Looking ahead, she is excited to bring her experience to the team and implement thoughtful improvements that benefit both residents and staff. When asked what reminds her why nursing matters, she points to moments of connection. Sitting with a resident during a difficult time. Talking, laughing, and restoring a sense of normalcy.

“That is why I chose nursing,” Tanya says. “To care for people the way I would want my own family cared for.”

“You have to look at residents as a whole person - mind, body, experience, and support system.”

*Tanya Hadsell*

# Noble's Housekeeping Team

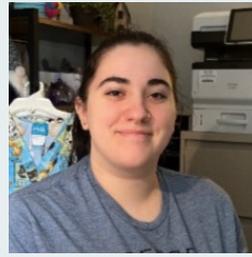
Our Housekeeping team is an integral part of the Noble Horizons care experience. Through their dedication, compassion, and genuine relationships with residents, they help create an environment that feels safe, welcoming, and truly like home. The reflections that follow capture the meaning behind their work, in their own words.



"I love working at Noble because I enjoy the residents and how they share the stories about their younger years. They love talking about their families and they love to hear about my life as well. It makes me feel so good to see their faces light up when I walk into their rooms. If I can brighten their day and just listen to them, it makes me feel so good!

It is a wonderful thing to have a job where you can make a difference in someone's life. 😊"

*Patti Ferris*



"As a housekeeper here at Noble Horizons, I understand that my work means more than just cleanliness, that it helps create a safe and comfortable environment for our residents. Because of this, they can feel at home, which allows me to create connections with residents, hear their stories, and lend a helping hand, which is a few of the many things I love about working with the senior population."

*Mia Ciccotelli*



"I like working with the residents at Noble Horizons because I enjoy spending time with them and listening to their stories. It makes me feel good to know I can help brighten their day, even in small ways. I also appreciate being part of a caring community where

I can make a positive difference.

What I think it means for residents at Noble Horizons is having a home that feels cared for and manageable. It can also mean having someone dependable and respectful in their space, which helps build trust and a sense of security."

*Susanna McCarthy*



"Working with the senior population has truly been a blessing. What I once thought would simply be a job has become a meaningful opportunity to get to know and understand so many different personalities and perspectives I might not have encountered otherwise. It has deepened my appreciation for this generation and helped me better understand their struggles and hardships with greater empathy. Being surrounded by such caring and considerate staff, I hope our residents feel that same sense of safety, comfort, and happiness every day." ❤️"

*Adrianna Ciccotelli*



"I truly enjoy my work and being around the residents each day. What started as a job has become something much more meaningful to me. I take pride in cleaning every room because I want each person to feel comfortable and happy in their

space. I am grateful to the ladies and gentlemen here for giving me the opportunity to do this work for so many years. I always try to give my very best, and I hope they can feel how much I care. It means a lot to me to be part of this community."

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"I truly enjoy helping people in any way I can, especially by making a difference in the lives of those seniors who are with us here at Noble Horizons.

Not only do I do for them, but they do for me by sharing their knowledge, their wisdom, and their stories about life, both the good and the bad. I feel blessed to be part of their journey.

These people have become part of my family, and I have become part of theirs. I will do whatever I can to make them happy. I love my job!"

*Toni Black*

# Auxiliary Happenings!

*A Letter from President Teri Aitken*



Another year has passed – where did 2025 go?

It was another busy and rewarding year for the Noble Horizons Auxiliary. We kicked things off with our second annual *Come As You Are* party featuring the *Birds, Bees, and Apple Blossoms* art show, followed by our traditional *Book & Tag Sale* in September and the

ever-popular two-day *Holiday Market* in December. As always, the incredible support of our community made each event a success.

Because of that generosity, the Auxiliary was able to continue enhancing the lives of our residents – from flowers on dining room tables and new books and periodicals in the library, to Netflix access, special off-campus excursions, and beloved events like the lobster luncheon. These meaningful extras simply would not be possible without our supporters.

Looking ahead, be sure to watch the calendar for 2026 dates for the *Book & Tag Sale* in late August and the two-day *Holiday Market* in December. And please save the date for our third annual *Come As You Are Party* on Saturday, April 11, 2026. Be sure to stop by *The Country Store*, where you will find unique gifts including greeting cards, home décor, accessories, and more. All proceeds from our fundraisers and store sales go directly toward enriching the lives of our Noble Horizons residents.

We would also love to welcome new members to our Auxiliary team. Whether helping with events, creating gift baskets, crafting items for the Holiday Market, or planning future fundraisers, there is always something meaningful to be part of. If you are interested in joining us, please reach out at 860-671-1174 or [teriaitken2000@gmail.com](mailto:teriaitken2000@gmail.com). Thank you from the bottom of my heart for your continued support.

Teri Aitken  
President, Noble Horizons Auxiliary



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## Upcoming Events at Noble!



### “Udderly Artistic”-Where Agriculture Meets Acrylic

- Dates: Exhibit Opening March 20th, 4pm-6pm
- Place: Noble Horizons Learning Center
- Time: Saturday & Sundays 11am-4 pm through June 7, 2026



### Noble Auxiliary Come As You Are Party

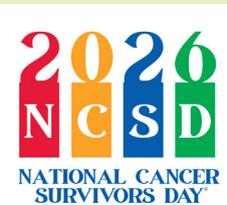
- Date: April 11, 2026
- Place: Noble Horizons Community Room
- Time: 5pm-7:30pm

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Noble’s AMAZING events!



### Kentucky Derby Social

- Date: May 2, 2026
- Place: Noble Horizons Community Room
- Time: 4:30pm-7pm



### National Cancer Survivors Day

- Date: June 7, 2026
- Place: Noble Horizons Community Room
- Time: 1pm-3pm

