



Independent and Assisted Living in Woburn, MA



Summer Luncheon



It may have been too steamy outside for our planned luncheon on the patio, but that didn't stop our chefs from serving a traditional barbeque menu inside. As an added treat, there was live music by **Mary Beth Maes**. Pictured above (l to r) is **Chef Ernie Mayorga** preparing the grille, and residents **Barbara Gumuchian** and **Ray Pothier** enjoying their meals.

The Sounds of Music

Thank you to resident **Victor Skowronski** for introducing us to renowned musician and storyteller **Jacqueline Schwab** (pictured right standing). He first met the pianist at an English country dance, where Victor is a regular participant.



During her performance at New Horizons, Jacqueline captivated the residents with her musical talent and ability to intertwine stories of our country's immigration history. As **Scott Alarik** of *The Boston Globe* wrote, "from the soundtracks of Ken Burns' documentaries to the PBS American Roots special with The American Pops Orchestra, pianist

Jacqueline Schwab is known for evoking the American musical past, but in a fresh, personal way.”



New Beginnings

After 31 years of contributing to the success of our food service department and mentoring numerous colleagues, executive chef **Rick Greene** has announced his retirement. Rick led the department with a calm demeanor and common-sense approach, and residents always enjoyed affable interactions with him.



In this exciting next chapter, Rick plans to enjoy one of his favorite pastimes - playing golf. This dedicated family man is also looking forward to day trips with his wife Denise, and spending more time with his three sons, 11 grandchildren, and three great grandchildren. We send warm wishes to Rick and his growing family.

We extend a warm welcome to our new executive chef, **Jim Paradis**. He has experience in the food industry, predominantly in retirement communities, and is well-prepared to step into his new role here. Be sure to personally welcome him when you see him around. We will formally introduce him at the next resident meeting scheduled for August 4.

2025 GRANT WINNER CELEBRATION

Across greater Boston, 150 organizations recently opened packages to find a message proclaiming "You got it!" Through multi-year grant awards of \$30,000 to \$750,000 each, the Cummings \$30 Million Grant Program supports community nonprofits working to improve local lives.

This year's grant recipients represent a wide variety of causes, including housing and food insecurity, workforce development, immigrant services, social justice, education, and mental health services. A complete list of the 2025 grant winners is now available at CummingsFoundation.org.

To date, Cummings Foundation has awarded more than \$600 million to greater Boston nonprofits.



Kudos to New Horizons executive chef **Rick Greene** and members of our waitstaff team for once again catering the Grant Winner Celebration. Pictured above (l to r): **Doug Lynch, Lucille Collins, Mohamad Al Chalbi, Susie Camacho, Giavanna Prezioso, Heidi Prezioso, Teresa Gouveia, and Rick Greene.**

IN MEMORIUM: We are deeply saddened by the loss of our kind-hearted **Betty DeCaprio** who first became a resident nearly eight years ago, **Barbara Cushing-Moore**, a soft-spoken person who resided here a short time, and **Marie Price** who lived here for seven years, always ready with a warm smile for all she encountered. We send heartfelt condolences to their family and friends in their time of grief.



Come see what fun we have at [New Horizons at Choate!](#)



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