

Volunteer Appreciation Lunch

Ann, Coty, and Marlene have been volunteering at Grandview Towers senior care facility for almost two years. The ladies go once a month and assist in serving tea and cake at birthdays. This has become something they really look forward to. They have built relationships with many of the people who attend the birthdays, and the residents really enjoy the positive presence the ladies bring with them.

We knew how much this experience meant to Ann, Coty, and Marlene, but we didn't know how much of an impact the ladies were making on the residents until they got invited to a volunteer appreciation lunch! This time the ladies would be taking a seat and being served. Excited would be an understatement to the ladies' reaction when they found out about they were going to be included in this event.

I was lucky enough to tag along to the volunteer appreciation lunch. Once we got there, we were welcomed with open arms and the ladies were waited on hand and foot. After lunch, the director of Grandview Towers gave a speech about how much they value the volunteers and appreciate their work. Then the ladies were called up and presented with a Certificate of Appreciation. I feel very fortunate to have been a part of this special day and I know the ladies look forward to continuing this relationship.

I sat down and had a conversation with Ann, Coty, and Marlene on what volunteering at Grandview Towers means to them, and how they felt when they were asked to come to the volunteer appreciation lunch...

"I was excited when I found out about the lunch and really happy. This is something fun I get to do with my friends. I really like being able to give respect to people. I like going because the people there like to see me!" - Coty

"I was happy. I got a certificate and that was really great. I like going because I feel welcome and it makes people happy. I like talking to everyone and greeting them. I feel happy when I get to see them." - Marlene



"It felt really good. I was excited when I found out. I like being able to help others. It makes me happy being able to give back. I like working hard and doing well at things. I really liked getting a certificate for it to!" - Ann

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