Rockport sets high bar for outside visitation

Construction of comfy courtyards helps renew family bonds

With COVID rates declining in many communities, outdoor visitation will soon begin at many skilled nursing facilities across California.

Now that there are exceptions to visitation restrictions per CDPH guidelines, this is the perfect time to adopt or create safe, non-traditional ways to enable visits at your facility.

One great example of this is Rockport Healthcare, a provider that has started constructing safe outdoor areas for patients and visitors at their homes.

Rockport facilities are having extraordinary success with families joining safely outdoors daily during the COVID pandemic.

Oxnard Manor Healthcare Center Administrator Brennan Lowery agrees that their facility’s new visiting area has been well received by both residents and families, visitors have increased, and patients are happy.

“This has provided them with an opportunity to be able to see and speak with each other in person, while maintaining the safety of all individuals,” Lowery said. “It has been so well received that we have a waiting list to use it.”

CAHF’s Visitor Homecoming Collective has created outdoor visitation guidelines to consider as you move forward. View the guidelines at CAHF’s COVID-19 webpage under CAHF guidance for visitation.

View photos of the outdoor areas and recent family visits at Rockport’s Oxnard Manor, Orange, and Maywood facilities below.

Let’s join more residents with their loved ones! Are you using safe, non-traditional ways to enable visits for residents at your skilled nursing facility? Please let us know and send your photos to Raina LeGarreta for possible inclusion in a future issue of CAHF News and on CAHF’s social media.

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