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Winter Newsletter

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“Live in each season as it passes; breathe the air, drink the drink, taste the fruit, and resign yourself to the influences of each.”

-Henry David Thoreau

Happy New Year from the LFoA Family!

Dear Friends,

As we say farewell to 2016 and usher in 2017, let us take stock on how lucky we are to have expanded our noble mission as well as we did, to have stayed true to our tenets, and to have grown our Family of Friends. Exciting changes are ahead, and there is quite a bit of hubbub around our organization at all of our various facilities, I know. But let me assure you that no one need lose their job nor sacrifice their position. I have asked George Madson, VP at Darlington, to highlight the career of a veteran employee who epitomizes the commitment we all share to each other and to our mission. As we build on that commitment, the year ahead will be our best yet, I can promise you that.

Which brings me to my last point. This winter, begin the new year with loved ones near to your heart. Remember your family. Remember your friends. Remember your Family of Friends. Warmest wishes,

Felix



Employee Spotlight: Jacob Nilson

by **George Madson**

Hello, everyone. I would like to take this time to place in the spotlight a valuable member of our team here at the Darlington facility, Jacob Nilson. Jacob has been indispensable over the better part of two decades working here at our main facility. He has been an inspector for most of that time, but he began his relationship with LFOA as a part-time volunteer back when we would hold bake sales and that sort of thing.

Jacob has always been a man of the community, and has often gone above and beyond his work as a package inspector to better the lives of our residents. He has gone out of his way on numerous occasions to make our residents feel at home, and he has formed heartfelt relationships with the rest of our staff. Every day is made brighter here at Darlington by the efforts of Mr. Nilson, and I – as well as the rest of the staff – applaud his work and his character.

I look forward seeing what Jacob brings to the table this year. May 2017 be full of pleasant surprise. Happy New Year.

Winter Puzzle!

by **Mr. Puzzles**

Can you figure out the message, or what it means? (Hint: /????-XXXX)

HVS DWZCH KOG PCFB HVWG MSOF...HKS BHM TWJS MSOFG ZOHSF VS BSJSF AORS WH
HC PDONWZ...

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