

# **Engagement Technology – Now More than Ever....**

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#### Who Are We?













#### What We're About

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- Enriching lives through meaningful connection
- Connecting elders to
  - Their interests
  - Their caregivers
  - Family and friends
  - The world around them



# Wisconsin LeadingAge / iN2L



- Conference supporter for 15 years
- 25 Communities iN2L Customers
- Power Users
  - LindenGrove
  - Oakwood
  - SSM
  - Three Pillars

# **Why This Matters!**



- "I have friends to share interests and activities with."
- "I'm known and I matter in the community."
- "I am connected with my family."
- "I'm getting more out of therapy."
- "I feel at home."



# Improvement in self–reported resident QOL<sup>6</sup> 96% Felt joy all or most of the time 98% Felt rested and relaxed 98% Felt rested and relaxed

6. Ennis Care Center

#### **Family**



Technology-enabled connection provides

- Peace of mind that their loved one is receiving excellent care
- Easy ways to stay connected virtually
- Active participation in care







#### Life Enrichment



Technology-enabled connection enables

- Empowerment, effectiveness, and efficiency
- Less time planning and more time facilitating what matters
- Easy ways to create meaningful experiences for elders







<sup>1.</sup> Front Porch Center for Innovation and Well-being

<sup>2.</sup> Mather LifeWays Institute on Aging and The Green House Project

#### **Memory Care**



#### Technology-enabled connection helps

- Reduce anxiety
- Engage to refocus
- Entertain to redirect
- Stimulate reminiscing conversations
- Reduce psychotropic drug usage



#### Research has shown

up to a 50% reduction

in the use of psychotropic drugs when seniors received personalized technology services. <sup>5</sup>

#### **Depression**



2 Points

Average decrease in depression 3

#### **Quality of Life**



**2 Points**Average increase in quality of life <sup>3</sup>

<sup>3.</sup> Lifespace Communities, Inc.

<sup>5.</sup> Western Home Communities

#### **Therapy**



Technology-enabled connection facilitates

- Unique engagement techniques for therapy
- Creative motivation for resistant patients
- Better results









Technology-enabled connection is a way to

- Differentiate the community
- Encourage move-ins
- Retain residents
- Customize sales and marketing experiences



" iN2L enables our team members to create operational and workflow efficiencies, improve resident wellbeing, and differentiate us in a competitive market."

- Ryan Novaczyk, CEO, New Perspective Senior Living

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#### **Connection Is More Important Than Ever**

- 1 in 3 U.S. adults is lonely<sup>7</sup>
- The effects of prolonged isolation are equivalent to smoking 15 cigarettes a day<sup>8</sup>
- Isolation and loneliness are connected to anxiety, sleep disorders, falls, cognitive decline, and symptoms of depression





# **Creating Connection: Family and Friends**

- Make more phone calls
- Encourage emails for those who are able
- Arrange "virtual visits" with Skype, Zoom, FaceTime, or other tools
- Remind families to send pictures and videos for residents to look at whenever they like







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- Set up livestreaming through YouTube
  - <u>Instructions</u>
- Encourage residents who are abled to lead their own virtual connection experiences





#### **Creating Connection: "Live" Entertainment**

#### Get creative with video chat

- Contact your favorite entertainment vendors, musicians, or even talented family and friends to do virtual performances
- Enlist children who are home from school to be video chat pals
- Cute puppies? All animals can be "therapy animals" on a video chat

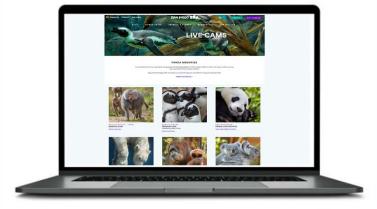




# **Creating Connection: Virtual Entertainment**

#### Utilize free resources

- Funny videos: what makes you laugh?
- Animal videos or live webcams
  - San Diego Zoo Live Cams
  - Warrior Canine Connection Cam
- Music: Google favorite singers for concert footage and music videos
- Sports and Leisure: Re-watch the classics
- Broadway HD: Free 7-day trial







# **Creating Connection: Modified Group Activities**

Classic group activities can still be done with proper physical distancing

- Karaoke
- Bingo
- Trivia Games









When clergy can't visit, create spiritual and religious experiences with technology

- Livestream sermons from <u>Our Daily</u> <u>Bread</u>
- Daily devotions and inspirations from <u>Utmost</u>
- Rosaries from <u>Come Pray the</u> <u>Rosary</u>
- Create an entire worship service of sermons, devotionals, hymns, and more using technology





#### **Creating Connection: Physical Activities**

#### Ensure residents keep moving

- Continue 1:1 therapy activities by replacing therapist visits with video calls
- Choose a virtual exercise class for individuals or small groups (safely distanced)
- Host a doorway dance party (standing or seated)





Explore new places to foster curiosity and learning

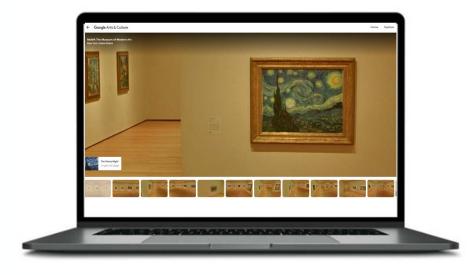
- Create an entire virtual travel experience including photos, videos history, trivia and fun facts, music, and sampling local cuisine
- Check out <u>Rick Steve's Europe</u> for travel videos





"Visit" an exhibit at a famous museum

- For a full list of free museum tours, visit the Google Arts & Culture website
  - https://artsandculture.google.com



Some of our favorites:

British Museum, London

Guggenheim Museum, New York

LIFE Magazine Photo Collection

Georgia O'Keefe Museum, Santa Fe

Van Gogh Museum, Amsterdam

The Louvre, Paris

The J. Paul Getty Museum, Los Angeles



Nurture friendly competition while strengthening minds with games

- Play classic games against players from all over the world at <u>cardgames.io</u>
- Host virtual game parties with games built for all levels of cognitive ability









Enable residents to easily keep up with what's going on in the world

- One of our favorite no-stress newsites is <u>Good</u> News Network
- Start conversations by checking in with <u>Dear Abby</u>
- Use Google Earth to enable residents to visit anywhere for a real-time update
  - TIP: Visit loved ones' homes so residents can check on them during this stressful time







Create opportunities to "exercise" the mind

- Check out more than 3,300 <u>Ted Talks</u> to nurture curiosity
- Challenge residents with free brain teasers from <u>Sharp Brains</u>
- Host a virtual learning session with an instructor via video chat
- Play virtual games and trivia using curated brain health content appropriate for all levels







Take this time to really get to know residents

• Encourage family to share photos, stories, and personal histories







#### **Creating Connection: In Room Activities**

When residents need to remain in their rooms for precautionary isolation, modify group activities for meaningful 1:1 interactions

- Puzzles
- Adult coloring pages
- Discuss interesting articles on Good News Network or Dear Abby
- Create a word of the day and challenge residents to use it five times
- Discuss the weather at the community or in their favorite place to travel with Weather Bug





- Challenge them with a brain teaser or trivia
  - TIP: Free Rice is an iN2L favorite
- Daily devotionals
- Inspirational quotes from In The Moment
- Discuss the <u>Thought of the Day</u>
- Video chat with family and friends
- Practice handwashing with a song



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# **Creating Connection: Hallway Activities**

If allowed, keep residents safely distanced in their room doorways and host activities from the hall

- Include inspirational quotes or trivia questions on food trays and discuss as a group during meals
- Bingo
- Host a hallway book club to discuss audio books or short stories
- Daily devotionals and hymn singalongs
- Crafts
- "Quarantunes" hallway karaoke





#### **Other Resources**



- ICAA <u>Coronavirus Response Center</u>
- NCCAP <u>Activity Director Resources</u>
- LeadingAge <u>Coronavirus Resources</u>
- Argentum Coronavirus Toolkit
- CDC Retirement Community **Guidance**
- CDC LTC Coronavirus Checklist
- Senior Living Foresight Virtual Summit, "Our Time To Shine"
- Pioneer Network Resource Library
- Eden Alternative <u>Outbreak Education</u>
- Aging and Health Technology Watch <u>Blog</u>
- Front Porch Guide

#### **And More!**



#### **Resident Packets:**

Out of this world resident packet
All American food resident packet
Wild for animals resident packet
American history resident packet

#### **Blog Posts:**

Keeping up staff morale up during covid-19
4 Senior Living Technologies for physical distancing
11 Activity Director approved tips during coronavirus
Innovative physical distancing activities from activity professionals



# **Brilliant Aging Resources**

- Engage residents isolating in their rooms
  - Free videos, wellness stations, exercises
  - Follow the COVID-19 Support link at www.kayvannorman.com
- Weekly column for rural newspapers to help older adults w/o internet access.
  - Functional exercises to help retain strength & mobility
  - Brilliant Aging in partnership with the Montana State Office on Aging.
  - Proving concept in Montana, then looking for sponsors to help roll it out across the country.



**Project Activate**® Tips and Tools to Retain Independence and Support Resilience!

Are you at risk for losing physical independence?

- Do you have low reserves of strength, mobility and endurance?
- 2. Are you replacing activities you would normally do shopping, attending events, visiting others with intentional exercise?

Strengthen your leg muscles every day!



www.kayvannorman.com



With feet apart and arms relaxed, stand up slowly by imagining you're an elevator rising 3 floors. Stop briefly at each "floor".

Return to sitting by making the same "stops" Repeat 4 times.



https://dphhs.mt.gov/seniors

#### **Customer Resources from iN2L**



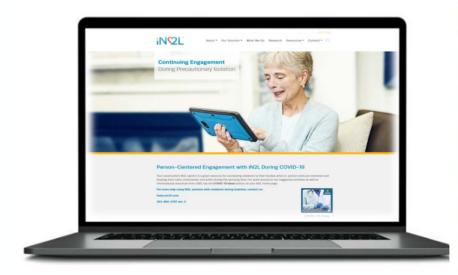
COVID-19 Ideas button provides quick access to

- Group activities (can be modified)
- 1:1 activities
- Video chat tools
- Virtual tours
- Printables
- COVID-19 info and resources
- And more!



#### Free Resources from iN2L





Marketing Documents

Family Toolkit

Recreational Therapy

Staff Tools and Education Documents

iN2L Training Documents

Activity Documents

Therapy Documents

iN2L Print

www.iN2L.com/covid-19



# **Creative Funding Options**

- CMP grants through CMS
  - Skilled Communities that accept Medicaid
  - Easy application, \$3000 per community for tablets
- Telehealth grants through FCC
- Creative partnerships
  - Project Vital in Florida
  - Foundation offerings
- Contact Debbie debbiec@in2l.com

# **Communities Getting Creative**



Grace Manor at Hunters Creek Senior Living
April 21 at 8:37 AM · 🚱

With all this good cooking we have had while in quarantine of course we have to dance it out with our IN2L chair exercises! Dance through the decades with us!





#IN2I! #loveit! Our residents are always entertained thanks to the IN2L.



# **Communities Getting Creative**





Ave Maria Home
April 1 at 9:27 AM · 🚱

Mrs. Vickie, who is part of the "Farkle Family" that comes to play weekly with her brother & other residents, was gracious to give Activity Assistant, Kelly, a tutorial on how to play via video chat. They had a blast playing in the St. Anne Green House Home and Mr. Vic won!

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Samaritan Bethany is at Samaritan Bethany.

April 3 at 2:28 PM · Rochester, MN · \*

Virtual Happy Hour – These three ladies used to live in the same neighborhood and became fast friends. One of them moved to a different neighborhood. They used to meet at 3 PM during Happy Hour in the Pub every Friday. Due to the current world situation, they have been missing each other and we decided to surprise them all with a Virtual Happy Hour using Skype on our IN2L systems. Big smiles all around and tears from this photographer!!!

They are still talking an hour later!!!!!

#StayConnected #CreatingSmiles #SocialDistance



# This says it all.....





