This month we shine a light on our Materials Management Department: Moshe Weinfeld, Mario Mazariegos, and Andre Maldonado. This wonderful team works mainly behind the scenes to ensure that Sunshine receives all of the supplies that keep our staff and children healthy, safe and secure. Moshe, Director of Materials Management says, “My team knows that ensuring the comfort and safety of the Sunshine children and enabling the rest of the staff to have the supplies they need is my first priority.”

The Materials Management Department is responsible for purchasing orders for medical supplies and devices, beds, wheelchair parts, housekeeping supplies, uniforms for staff, and janitorial products. They are also tasked with auditing the medical carts, as well as ensuring the accuracy of the pharmacy orders and emergency boxes, monitoring refrigerator expiration dates, and ensuring that the PPE isolation supplies are available for use.

There are many moving parts and processes to juggle in running Sunshine properly, especially throughout these uncertain times. Moshe, Mario and Andre’s care and diligent work gives Sunshine peace of mind in knowing everything will be well taken care of. Part of what makes this department so successful is the team work and positive attitude every team member brings each day to work. When speaking to Moshe about his department and his experience at Sunshine, he expresses his appreciation for his work here. “I couldn’t be more grateful that I am blessed to enjoy such a positive work environment! My co-workers are a pleasure to work with and I feel a special connection to the Sunshine family. I don’t think there is any other facility or staff anywhere as dedicated to the children as Sunshine. It is so heartwarming to witness the dedication of the staff to the needs of the precious children of Sunshine.”

Thank you to Moshe, Mario, and Andre for their hard work and commitment to keeping Sunshine the remarkable home that it is!
Sunshine is grateful to have a staff that greatly enjoys celebrating holidays and creating fun memories with our children. Although our daily lives look a little different this year, our month of December was no different for those at Sunshine! The hallways were filled with winter decorations and the children participated in festive events, including a Police Columbia Christmas Virtual Event, the nightly lighting of our Menorah, an Ugly Holiday Attire Day, a Pajama Party, and a Monthly Birthday Parade! Thank you to our amazing Sunshine staff who bring smiles to our children’s faces and for making this holiday season special!

Sunshine Updates

Construction

Neither rain, wind or snow is hampering the construction project. The children’s new home is taking shape with flooring and roof installation nearly complete. We were all so excited to see the delivery of the new therapy pool. The construction team is very involved in finalizing details for the interior design, which will certainly have a WOW-factor!

Visitation

As we continue to safely manage all aspects of Sunshine life related to the current pandemic, we remain optimistic for the new vaccine to bring hope and promise for a more stable and predictable New Year. While we continue with our restrictions for in-person visits, we do hope parents are reaching out to Social Work to schedule virtual visits—whether they be Facetime, GoogleMeet, What’s App or the like. We are eager to greet parents at the door and welcome all in the very near future. We certainly appreciate all of your support and patience!

A New Year Poem

Another fresh New Year is here
Another year to live
To banish worry, doubt, and fear
To love, and laugh, and give!