
Mother's Day Celebration Ideas – From Providers

- We will be carting around a traveling tea party cart. Each female resident will be given a pink carnation with a card attached along with a teabag. I also have sent this flower out to our resident's families. (See attachment) Many have already sent flowers back. I will be creating a paper Mother's Day flower garden.
- I have sent a "Mother's Day Press" letter to each family member. The message is a cute fill in the blank sheet that looks like a newspaper article, as to why your mother should be "mother of the year" and requests they attach a picture. They will be returned and laminated and placed on their lunch trays. We include ALL women, not just mothers. I have volunteers making fabric flowers that we will attach to them. The resident's council picked their mother's day menu of steak and sage dressing.
- The following Wednesday, we are having a "Family parade" and have asked families to drive past the facility as their resident sits on the front walk to wave and see their family.
- A three-tiered day. Mimosa's and flowers in the morning, an appetizer before lunch, and then a dessert cart in the afternoon, so they're getting a few visits throughout the day. We are to decorate the cart as well.
- We are doing a drive-by Mother's Day Parade.
- We are doing a hat parade. I have all of my grandmother's hats. The management team is going to wear hats, and we will parade through the facility. Then we have a cart going through with finger foods and punch.
- We have some elegant fans that we will give to each of our lady residents.
- We are doing donuts for our staff on Mother's day and special candy for the residents.
- We are sending out an email to our legislators to continue urging them to send videos to facilities, or help be part of a parade or reach out to center to help organize a parade, also to send special deliveries of treats or flowers (call ahead). I've seen our care centers set up special food delivery carts that are decorated and brought around to resident's rooms and set up photo backdrops, so this may be another idea with something specially decorated for mother's day.
- For our FHCA Facebook page, I'm compiling any photos that members sent me from either window visits or parades where the sign says Mom and am going to do a particular post on our page on Mother's Day.
- We are doing a wave parade with the families driving throughout the campus, and if they want to leave something for their loved one, we will have someone there to collect the items, while reminding families to please stay in their vehicles. We will have managers and staff throughout the route and between the residents.
- Residents are going to have masks on as well and be outside if they would like. We have families RSVP, so we know how many to prepare to have roughly.
- We are having a parade of families with residents outside with proper social distancing. Consider doing it in "shifts" so they don't congregate in a large group.

- Window visits
- Photos of mom and kids used at place settings which staff could photocopy. I would need to coordinate with family for drop off.
- Photo sharing via Zoom or FaceTime with families and friends to share memories with your resident
- Flowers-contact a local florist or nursery to see if they can provide flowers or potted flowers for your staff and residents
- Contact a local candy store to see they can provide chocolate treats for staff and residents.
- Movie watch parties, share a movie online while on Facetime or the phone with loved ones.
- If you have a closed caption TV channel, play some mom-friendly movies residents can watch in their rooms.
 - Sound of Music
 - Soulfood
 - Steel Magnolia's
 - Mothers and Daughters
 - This is 40
 - Ladybird
 - Bad Moms
 - Joy Luck Club
 - Madea's Family Reunion
 - Terms of Endearment
 - Mamma Mia
 - Bird Box
- Invite family members to share a meal with residents via FaceTime, Skype, or Zoom.
- Invite family members to have a favorite meal delivered so that everyone can eat the same thing.
- Don't forget about the staff. Your moms that are working need some love too. Provide food to staff in celebration and appreciation of their efforts. Invite family and community members to send in food from local restaurants that deliver.
- Help residents create and listen to playlists of music they love.
- Play music over an intercom and provide lyrics and sheet music for a sing-along.
- Find local performers, friends, family members, or staff who have musical talents to perform virtually for residents.
- Utilize free online resources like performances from The Metropolitan Opera, Paris Opera, Philharmonic Berlin, Broadway performers, and more.
- Share stories of childhood or raising kids. Have one person start a story and pass it on to the next person to add to it.
- Flower delivery – we are not allowing flowers to be delivered inside the facility but rather are recommending to families that they purchase a shepherd's hook and hang a basket outside their family members window, or a bird feeder, sign outside their window.
- Pop up cards from families with flowers have been very popular with the residents.