In Their Own Words: What Independence Hill Residents Have To Say

Why move to a Retirement Community? The residents at Independence Hill are happy to answer that question! Their situations may be different, but usually the underlying reasons are about the same: they want more companionship and are ready to give up cooking, cleaning, and tending to household chores and repairs.

Our residents come from all across the country and from different walks of life, but the commonalities they share make for quick and deep friendships amongst them. When asked how life changed once he moved to Independence Hill Retirement Community, Joe describes a much greater social life playing Bridge, Poker, and other games. He also enjoys line dancing and excursions.

“Life is simpler and much more fun,” Joe explained.

Other residents agree, describing how they’re now able to experience new things like becoming an athlete in the Senior Games, learning to paint, and becoming an exercise leader (when they were not even much of a participant before). Ron really enjoys the Independence Hill calendar filled with fun events, but he especially loves his time spent mentoring and volunteering with Las Lomas Elementary and Independence Hill’s GrandPals Program.

“I think it does more for me than the children,” Ron said. “It is very rewarding and enjoyable!”

People are as busy as they want to be at Independence Hill. Many choose to explore new hobbies and interests because their fellow residents are so warm and welcoming.

“I joined the chorus and started exercising and I really love it!” explained Jane. “I exercise five days per week doing a variety of classes and I am always on the go. I know this lifestyle is helping me healthier and active.”

Another very active resident, Aurora, who has called Independence Hill home for the past 13 years is a key leader in the community. She has made use of her God-given talent of music and organizes the Catholic Mass services providing the piano music for our Hill Toppers Chorus. She works closely with the Independence Hill Activities Team and continually remarks about how warm, sincere and friendly every one of the employees are.

“I lived the fast moving life in New York City for some 30 years, so

to have the choice to be as busy as I want feels relaxing and carefree which makes me love every day at Independence Hill,” Aurora explained.

As we try to find something new and exciting or familiar and comfortable for every resident, we are continually asking them what they like. We are never afraid to make changes to ensure their happiness.

George, a five-year resident, world traveler and San Antonio Airport Ambassador loves jumping on the bus and taking many trips to interesting places in and around the city.

Harold, another resident, sums it up beautifully.

“Everyone is willing to stop and talk, to help new residents become familiar with the community and activities,” he explained. “We also enjoy the food and the variety of menu items. Living at Independence Hill feels like you have joined a larger family.”

Why not enjoy a life free of home maintenance and full of new and exciting opportunities? Call an Independence Hill Lifestyle Specialist at (210) 209-8956 to see how you can experience all that this retirement community can offer you.

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Who Do You Trust & Why?

Fly Southwest lately? You pick your own seat, which can be good, but for me there’s still a little apprehension of the unknown. Who will sit by me? Are they nice? Are they sick? Did they shower? Will they infringe on “my space?” And of course, what kind of conversation might they spark up?

Yes, flying can be a little stressful and may or may not put you in an uncomfortable situation. Luckily, it’s only a flight…just a couple of hours. But let’s think about some more important travel plans, the kind that can span 30 or more years. Retirement for instance. Who are you talking to that can help you make decisions that can affect the rest of your life? Crickets…crickets…silence. Overwhelmingly the answer is often no one, Why is that? I believe it’s the fear of the unknown and a question of who to trust.

How is sitting on a plane next to a stranger and striking up a conversation different than meeting with a financial advisor for the first time? It’s not. There’s no fee to meet and see if the relationship is “there,” if it “fits,” and if you’re comfortable with that financial advisor. After all, in retirement you still have a lot of years left. You need someone you can trust, someone who will put your priorities first, someone who asks about your family, who has thought about your succession plan as well as their own, and someone who wants to build a relationship not only with you, but also with your loved ones.

Seek a financial advisor who will give you a complimentary analysis of your situation – meaning it won’t cost a thing! Then decide. Are they capable? Can they help me? What if something happens to them? Ultimately, can I trust them?

We are extremely sensitive to these issues and want to make sure first and foremost that you are comfortable with us. We want you to have the knowledge necessary to make the tough decisions. For us, it’s easy. We value our relationships and put our clients first. We believe they know that we genuinely care, and we believe that you will be able to identify that, too!

Where you sit is up to you. Who will you choose to sit next to you on your flight?

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Lupita Sosa has been serving the members of Independence Village for 16 years. “This is where I am suppose to be”, comments Lupita, “I don’t see them as a resident, but part of my family. If I am not having a good day it never lasts long. They greet me with a hug, smile and it totally changes how I am feeling.”

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