

PRESS RELEASE – For Immediate Release
“Dumpling Sunday”

A Silver Lining Under a Pandemic
Donation Helps Shut-in Assisted Living Residents
and a Struggling Restaurant

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United Chinese Americans (UCA) and UCA Illinois (UCA IL), with a \$1,000 donation, helped assisted-living residents who are sheltering in place, and helped restaurant workers and a restaurant business that are struggling on account of the pandemic in Maryland and worldwide.

Pleasant Gardens Assisted Living, Afternoon Tea Assisted Living and Phoenix Rising Assisted Living hosted a “Dumpling Sunday,” on Sunday, April 5, for about 100 residents and their caregivers in their seven Baltimore locations. Ginza Steak House of Owings Mills hand-made and delivered the beef and celery dumplings.

Management approached the event with the caution necessary to ensure not only an enjoyable meal, but a COVID-safe meal.

Managers remarked that residents were excited and enjoyed the meal. One resident said, “I haven’t had dumplings in a long time. They were delicious. I ate too many!” Another said, “This is just what I needed on a Sunday afternoon!”

“With this gift,” said Pleasant Gardens Regional Manager Chen Wang, “UCA/UCA IL also sends to the local community a message of cross-cultural solidarity and compassion. Furthermore, we hope that donations such as this show what good things can follow when people work together. Thank you!”

“For an elderly and disabled population, and their caregivers, who have been shut in for weeks,” Wang went on, “this exotic dinner made a memorable meal!”

“We have plenty of days left in our calendar,” added General Manager, Ronald Meyer. “It doesn’t have to be dumplings. We welcome any organization or individual to donate to a struggling restaurant and bring excitement and joy to our assisted-living residents during this difficult time.

“We have been sheltering in place at all our locations since before the Governor’s stay-at-home order was issued for Marylanders,” continued Meyer. “We have emphasized enhancement of in-house entertainment programs, but also focused on enhancing residents’ immune systems by increasing our food budget for extra nutrition—this under the advice of doctors.

“To paint your own silver lining onto the cloud of Coronavirus is easy,” said Meyer: “Simply donate money to your favorite restaurant and we will arrange with the restaurant to deliver the food to our assisted-living residents and caregivers!”

ABOUT PLEASANT GARDENS

Pleasant Gardens (<https://www.pleasantgarden.org>) has served elderly and handicapped assisted-living residents in Baltimore City for the past ten years. Together with its sister assisted-living companies, Afternoon Tea and Phoenix Rising, all seven houses are licensed by the Maryland Department of Health (MDH). The assisted-living homes are in regular contact with MDH, nurses and doctors to stay abreast of news about the virus and the most recent advisory on precautions.

ABOUT UCA (www.ucausa.org)

United Chinese Americans and UCA Illinois (<https://il.ucausa.org>) : UCA is a nationwide nonprofit and nonpartisan federation and a community civic movement, inspired and dedicated to enriching and empowering Chinese-American communities through civic engagement, political participation, heritage sharing, youth development and a greater understanding between US and China for the well-being of all Americans. UCA IL is UCA 's first Chapter.

ABOUT GINZA

Ginza Japanese Steak House (<https://www.ginzajapanesesteakhousemd.com>), owned by Lily Zhao, serves Asian-American cuisine. The dumplings served on Sunday are a Chinese recipe that is popular in the northern part of the country, from which Zhao comes.

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