

Packaging store launches new program

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Packaging Store employee Christie Edwards packs up a box of antique plates, which she collected from Holly Creek Retirement Community Nov. 16.

Betsy Casillas wanted to ship her great grandmother's wedding china to her son in Idaho since she moved into the Holly Creek Retirement Community one year ago. When she heard that packaging services were coming to her, she knew it was time to part with the family keepsake.

The gold-trimmed white china with floral design is well over a century old. The china has been handed down to each generation.

"I was fearful of wrapping the dishes myself," said Casillas, 78. "They are the one member of the family that will appreciate and use them."

The Packaging Store of Lone Tree has launched a new mobile program for retirement communities. On Nov. 16, they made their first visit to Holly Creek Retirement Community.

Representatives from The Packaging Store plan to visit the community regularly to assist residents with gifts or other items that need to be packed and shipped.

"It saves residents the time and stress of finding a box, packaging the item and then having to drive to a shipping location," said Christie Edwards, owner of The Packaging Store.

Additionally, many residents don't have transportation, said Kelly James, spokesperson for Holly Creek Retirement Community.

Casillas' dishes were collected by Edwards at Holly Creek. Edwards will take them back to The Packaging Store to be individually wrapped and placed in a box with loose fill.

Edwards said that her store has helped those downsizing spaces ship large items for years. During one of those appointments, someone suggested she come by retirement communities during the holidays.

Edwards is scheduling more dates for several area retirement communities.

"Ideally, we would make visits monthly, or as needed," she said.

The Packaging Store of Lone Tree is at Yosemite and Lincoln Avenue. For more information on their services, call 303-649-0105.

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