



# THE {FULL} LIFE

## Touchmark at Emerald Lake Newsletter



## Community News

Progress continues after 18 months of construction in McKinney, Texas! As the spring weather approaches and the building exterior finishes are nearing completion, the focus has shifted toward the installation of independent home finishes. A big milestone for any project is achieving permanent power, which occurred last month. After the first meter was set, the team started up the HVAC units in nearly half of the homes, allowing for the installation of cabinets, flooring, and fixtures. Our team recently reviewed the first completed model home and is currently developing the punch list for quality control.

Several team members from Touchmark's home office in Oregon worked here on campus with us over the past

two months as preopening activities continue to ramp up. There has been a lot of activity at the Information Center and home deposits continue to be collected. Hard-hat tours of select independent homes are now underway for prospective residents, and we'd love for you to come and see them for yourself!

In the months ahead, the common area finishes will continue to take shape. Millwork installation and furniture orders are underway. There is still much work to do, but we are closing in on the final push toward opening the doors later this year.



## Team Member Spotlight

Meet Martin Chavarria, Touchmark at Emerald Lake's Health Services Director! He is a Touchmark veteran who started with us at just 16 years old on our Dining

Services team at Touchmark on Coffee Creek in Edmond, Oklahoma. At that time, Martin had several cousins who also worked at Touchmark, who encouraged him to get his first job. He says everyone at the community was welcoming and eager to show him the ropes.

From there, Martin worked his way up serving in various roles including front desk concierge, Move-in Coordinator, and Resident Relations Director before moving into Health Services after receiving his bachelor's degree. Martin shares some of his insights below:

### **What is the most enjoyable aspect of your job at Touchmark?**

The people (both residents and team members) and

our culture. Touchmark's culture allows people in our community to bond like a family, which is comforting to anyone who chooses to live or work here.

### **What is your favorite Touchmark value and why?**

All of Touchmark's values resonate with me, but right now I would say my favorite is, "I build community one relationship at a time." This is what we have the privilege to do every day with everyone that we interact with in Texas. It is important to build those relationships and introduce as many people who would benefit from being involved with our organization as possible. As I have been saying, Texas is soon to experience the Touchmark difference!

### **When you're not working, what do you enjoy doing?**

I enjoy being active! I love being outdoors, whether that's taking a run or walk with my dogs, or exercising at the gym. Most recently, I've also been enjoying exploring Texas and all it has to offer.

## Upcoming Events

### **Dallas Arboretum Tour and Lunch | Thursday, April 13 from 11 am - 1:30 pm**

The Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Garden presents Dallas Blooms, the largest annual floral festival in the southwest. Meet us at the Arboretum at 11 am, or ride with us on the Touchmark bus, which departs the Touchmark Information Center at 10 am. Cost: \$14/person plus the cost of individual lunch purchases.

### **Barbecue at Bonnie Wenk Park | Thursday, April 20 from 4 – 6 pm (weather permitting) 2996 Virginia Parkway, McKinney**

Texans and barbecue go together like Willie Nelson and country music! It's the perfect time of year to be outdoors, play a game of cornhole, and enjoy some sweet iced tea. No cost.

### **Lunch and Art Tour | Thursday, April 27 from 11:30 am – 2 pm | 119 West Virginia Street, Suite #100, McKinney**

We'll start with lunch at El Mejor Mexican Cantina and finish with a tour at the Heard-Craig Center for the Arts. The center is located in a beautifully preserved historic home built in 1900. Cost: \$10/person plus the cost of individual lunch purchases.

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