

June 27, 2018

Dear Stakeholders

The Board of Directors of Pleasant Hill Village, a Church of the Brethren related retirement community, regrettably announce the closing of its skilled nursing care facility: Pleasant Hill Healthcare as of September 1, 2018. The independent and assisted living apartments will continue to serve seniors in the Girard and Macoupin County area. Staff will work with families and the state to relocate our current skilled nursing and memory care residents to other facilities. We intend to accomplish this in an orderly and compassionate manner.

Pleasant Hill enjoys a long and remarkable ministry. Its goal has always been to welcome and care for those in need. It began life as "The Home" founded in 1905 as a refuge for seniors in need and orphans. This mission continued until the late 1920s. In 1976, a new nursing home was built and licensed for 98 skilled care residents. "The Home" became Pleasant Hill Healthcare, and it has faithfully served thousands of seniors in need of care for over 42 years.

So, why close a facility this valuable?

Primarily, we can no longer financially support its operation. The principal payor for Pleasant Hill Healthcare is the State of Illinois. Currently, the state owes Pleasant Hill Healthcare over \$2 million in approved and pending applications. The State of Illinois pays \$128.48 per resident day. However, the current cost of providing quality care is approximately \$160 per day.

Pleasant Hill Healthcare cannot subsidize the state's unpaid bills. Nor can it continue to lose money caring for its residents. Low reimbursement, along with months of state money in arrears, renders continuing this service unfeasible. The building's age makes selling it impractical and the cost of building a new facility is in the 17 million dollar range. After careful study and prayer the board concluded the current nursing care facility has come to the end of its useful life.

The consensus is that the best way to carry on Pleasant Hill's mission of caring for seniors is to focus on the Independent Living and Assisted Living apartments. In this way we hope to continue to serve as many people as possible for years to come.

Pleasant Hill Village is only one of a shrinking number of faith-based, nonprofit senior living providers in Southern Illinois. We believe high quality care is critical, thus the decision to set our

focus on the components we believe can efficiently and responsibly carry on our mission of service to seniors going forward.

We intend to be an important ministry in our community for years to come. We appreciate and cherish the support of the Girard and Macoupin Communities as well as the Illinois District of the Church of the Brethren. The board and staff look forward with hope to a smooth transition. We welcome the challenges ahead as we step out in faith to continue to serve area seniors.

In the days ahead, we will work closely with residents, families and employees affected by the closure of Pleasant Hill Healthcare. There will be 61 residents and over 60 employees affected by this closure. We plan to arrange an opportunity for local area facilities to come to Pleasant Hill Healthcare and be available to residents and their families as well as staff members. During this time, facility representatives will be asked to bring information about their facilities to share with our community to aid in helping everyone make a smooth transition. The date and time of this meeting will be shared. Please don't hesitate to contact us, if you need additional information.

Very Truly Yours,

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