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## NEW YEAR NEW CHAPTER SAME MISSION

#### MISSION STATEMENT

Responding to the call of the Gospel, Christopher Homes, Inc. strives to provide decent, affordable housing to vulnerable members of our community.

All who are associated with Christopher Homes, Inc. have the right to respect, dignity and a sense of well being. Therefore, through the service and commitment of our staff and volunteers, we will enable our residents to grow spiritually, socially, and intellectually, empowering them to develop their optimal potential.

Christopher Homes is a senior living ministry of the Archdiocese of New Orleans.





#### **DEACON DENNIS ADAMS RETIRES**

After 19 years of service as Executive Director of Christopher Homes, a senior living agency of the Archdiocese of New Orleans, Deacon Dennis Adams retired effective January 1, 2024.

Deacon Dennis has served in his role with Christopher Homes since 2005. Just seven months into his tenure, Hurricane Katrina devastated the area. Deacon Dennis made it his personal mission to bring home any displaced seniors who wished to return home. He led his team in large efforts to stay connected with residents, mitigate property damage and begin planning to restore and reoccupy the agency's portfolio of 21 apartment complexes with nearly 2,500 units. Under his leadership, Christopher Homes replaced or restored the nearly 1,200 damaged units in 10 years' time.



Through the recovery process and the rebuilding of the Christopher Homes properties, as well as the development of staff, Deacon Dennis became highly familiar with all facets and requirements of HUD – as well as gaps in areas that fall outside of HUD funding. He took action to fill in those gaps by collaborating with his network of resources. With his team, he facilitated partnerships with sister agencies within the Archdiocese of New Orleans, as well local organizations, such as Providence Community Housing and Giving Hope NOLA to provide a wealth of resident services that extended beyond our housing services.

Deacon Dennis, a Permanent Deacon at St. Peter Catholic Church in Covington, Louisiana, has gracefully and faithfully ministered to the senior residents of Christopher Homes. Day in and day out, he has lead his dedicated staff in upholding the mission of his agency – ensuring that all residents "have the right to respect, dignity and a sense of well-being" and enabling all residents the opportunity to "grow spiritually, socially and intellectually, empowering them to develop their optimal potential."













#### THANK YOU DEACON DENNIS FOR YOUR SERVICE!









"On behalf of the Christopher Homes board of directors and all prior board members who had the privilege to work with Deacon Dennis, we want to extend our utmost gratitude to Deacon Dennis for the committed service that he has provided to Christopher Homes over the last 19 years," said Remy Donnelly, Christopher Homes Board Chairman. "Deacon Dennis has always remained focused on the mission no matter the obstacles or challenges and has been a true disciple of Jesus Christ in carrying out that mission, leading with his heart. We will very much miss Deacon Dennis but know that Christopher Homes is positioned well for the future due to his service."

We are excited to welcome Terri North and Ned Comer to oversee the management of Christopher Homes. Terri is the President and CEO of Providence Community Housing, an organization that develops and preserves affordable housing properties across the Greater New Orleans area and owns six Christopher Homes managed properties. Terri steps into this role with a wealth of knowledge of Christopher Homes having served in a dual role as a consultant for both the Archdiocese of New

Orleans and our agency prior to joining Providence Community Housing in 2007. Ned has years of experience operating multi-family properties and has been involved in the acquisition, management, rehabilitation, redevelopment and disposition of numerous real estate assets. His ties with Christopher Homes date back over 20 years. Ned – having already been familiar with our agency as his parents resided at Metairie Manor – was hired by Christopher Homes as a consultant and played a role during the hiring of Deacon Dennis.

Christopher Homes is grateful for the servant leadership Deacon Dennis has provided over the last 19 years. The staff and residents have benefited greatly from his advocacy in the availability of affordable housing and his commitment to serving our residents beyond a housing capacity. He has made a lasting impact on Christopher Homes.











#### HONORING DEACON DENNIS

Archbishop Aymond hosted a retirement party honoring Deacon Dennis' many years of service to Christopher Homes.

Friends and staff of the Archdiocese and Christopher Homes Board Members and managers attended to wish Deacon Dennis a wonderful retirement.













The Clarion Herald published a feature on the vital role Deacon Dennis Adams has fulfilled as Executive Director of Christopher Homes over the last 19 years.

Read more at: https://www.christopherhomes.org/news

#### **KEEPING RESIDENTS WARM**

Thank you to Kappa Psi Alpha Fraternity for their generous donation of blankets to the residents of St. Martin's Manor. Fraternity members, including Congressman Troy Carter, brought joy and warmth to our residents!







#### THANKSGIVING CELEBRATIONS

Residents across all of our properties enjoyed delicious Thanksgiving feasts due to the work of resident councils, community organizations and staff.

























### CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS

































#### WALK TO END ALZHEIMER'S

Christopher Homes was a proud sponsor of the New Orleans Walk to End Alzheimer's. Several Metairie Manor residents and staff participated in the walk as they do each year!



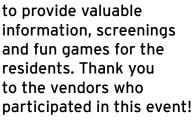


#### ROUQUETTE LODGE HEALTH FAIR

The staff at Rouquette Lodge coordinated an on-site health fair for the residents. Many of our community partners participated in the event









#### **GIVING HOPE AWARD**











Christopher Homes received the "Making a Difference" Award at the Giving Hope Foundation's Annual Gala. The award acknowledges the dedication of our ministry's mission to help seniors in need. Our staff celebrated this award at a recent manager's meeting. We are blessed with a caring, hardworking and dedicated team!

#### THANK YOU

We extend our gratitude to the many organizations, businesses, schools and individuals who have shared blessings with our residents in the form of food, personal needs, talents, gifts and time over the holiday season. We thank you for the joy and love you brought to our residents and we keep you in prayer.

A&L Sales

Ace Vending

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Alphonso Lawn Care

Asian American Lions Club

Bagnell's Funeral

**Best Buddies** 

**Bethany Christian Center** 

Big Easy Kiwanis Club

Cort Bolton, New Orleans Vending

Seline Boone, The Cooper Law Firm

Nancy and Steve Burtchell

Troy Carter- United States

Representative

Castellon Pharmacy

Catholic Charities New Orleans

Center Well

Chalmette Elementary School K-Kids

Church of Judah

Donna Dague, Fussell Group Insurance

De Biew Nola - Katera Moore

Delille Inn Staff

Mike Dum

**Edward Jones** 

Family and Friends of St Bernard Manor

Foundations Hospice

Lora Gibson and Family

Girl Scouts Louisiana East, Troop 40345

God's House Church

Kathleen Hampton

Holy Cross School

Humana

**Jefferson Indoor Sports** 

Jen Care Senior Medical Center

Kappa Alpha Psi

Lakeview Hospital

Law Office of Robbins Graham

Learning Center

Living Cornerstone Church International

Brooke Madere & LaPlace Lions Club

Barbara Malter, State Farm

Mary Kay

Mary, Queen of Peace School

McDonogh 35 Auxiliary Coaches Adrian

Bernard

Randy G. McKee- McKee Law Firm, LLC

Morning Glory

New Orleans Central City Lions Club

NOPD, 1st District

NOPD, 5th District

NOPD. 8th District

Ochsner Cancer Institute

Oak Street Medical Center

Orkin

Paramount

Real Sisters Social and Pleasure Club

-Ms. Troy Benjamine

Second Zion Baptist Church

Southeast Home Health

St Bernard Christian Academy

Catherine of Siena School

Martin Manor Staff

The Big Easy Social Club

The Body Shop

The Legion of Mary

Tru Brothers Social and Pleasure Club

Walgreens - Gentilly Location

Willing Vessels Outreach

Zulu Social Aid and Pleasure Club