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Aging In NOLA

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2024

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



to provide valuable information, screenings and fun games for the residents. Thank you to the vendors who participated in this 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	Lakeview Hospital
Ace Vending	Law Office of Robbins Graham
Ace Vending	Learning Center
Alphonso Lawn Care	Living Cornerstone Church International
Asian American Lions Club	Brooke Madere & LaPlace Lions Club
Bagnell's Funeral	Barbara Malter, State Farm
Best Buddies	Mary Kay
Bethany Christian Center	Mary, Queen of Peace School
Big Easy Kiwanis Club	McDonogh 35 Auxiliary Coaches Adrian
Cort Bolton, New Orleans Vending	Bernard
Seline Boone, The Cooper Law Firm	Randy G. McKee- McKee Law Firm, LLC
Nancy and Steve Burtchell	Morning Glory
Troy Carter- United States	New Orleans Central City Lions Club
Representative	NOPD, 1st District
Castellon Pharmacy	NOPD, 5th District
Catholic Charities New Orleans	NOPD, 8th District
Center Well	Ochsner Cancer Institute
Chalmette Elementary School K-Kids	Oak Street Medical Center
Church of Judah	Orkin
Donna Dague, Fussell Group Insurance	Paramount
De Biew Nola - Katera Moore	Real Sisters Social and Pleasure Club
Delille Inn Staff	-Ms. Troy Benjamin
Mike Dum	Second Zion Baptist Church
Edward Jones	Southeast Home Health
Family and Friends of St Bernard Manor	St Bernard Christian Academy
Foundations Hospice	Catherine of Siena School
Lora Gibson and Family	Martin Manor Staff
Girl Scouts Louisiana East, Troop 40345	The Big Easy Social Club
God's House Church	The Body Shop
Kathleen Hampton	The Legion of Mary
Holy Cross School	Tru Brothers Social and Pleasure Club
Humana	Walgreens - Gentilly Location
Jefferson Indoor Sports	Willing Vessels Outreach
Jen Care Senior Medical Center	Zulu Social Aid and Pleasure Club
Kappa Alpha Psi	