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PRESBYTERIAN SENIOR CARE OF WNY AGREES TO BECOME PART OF BEECHWOOD CONTINUING CARE

Agreement Between Two Prominent Not-for-Profits Will Maintain Operations, Retain Employees

Presbyterian Senior Care of Western New York (PSCWNY) and Beechwood Continuing Care have reached an agreement on terms in which PSCWNY communities, programs and properties will become part of Beechwood. Upon regulatory approval, Beechwood will assume the assets and liabilities of PSCWNY, which include Ken-Ton Presbyterian Village, Kenmore; Presbyterian Village at North Church, Williamsville; and Lockport Presbyterian Home, Lockport. The enriched housing program at Ken-Ton Presbyterian Village is also included in the agreement.

“After very careful consideration and many conversations, we chose Beechwood because it closely aligns with our culture and is a mission-driven, faith-based organization like ours,” said Karin Ziegler, PSCWNY president and CEO. “We are pleased that we will move forward with another not-for-profit, and one that has such an outstanding reputation in the Western New York community.”

PSCWNY was incorporated in 1957. It employs 85, and nearly 250 individuals reside in its communities. All employees in PSCWNY communities will retain their jobs and all residents will maintain their current living arrangements.

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Ken-Ton Presbyterian Village and Presbyterian Village at North Church are both independent living residences for seniors. Ken-Ton is an affordable housing HUD residence, with 150 apartments, 49 of which receive enriched housing services. Presbyterian Village has 78 market-rate, condo-style apartments in three buildings surrounded by a 2.5-acre nature preserve. Lockport Presbyterian Home is an adult care facility with 54 units in four building on its campus on High St., Lockport.

Beechwood Continuing Care is a locally owned, not-for-profit senior care community in Amherst and Williamsville. It has been an integral part of Western New York, serving the housing and care needs of the senior community for more than 50 years. Affiliates include: Asbury Pointe, an independent retirement community; the Blocher Homes, assisted and enhanced living community; the Wesley Rehabilitation Center, short-term rehabilitative care; and the Beechwood Homes, a person-centered skilled nursing community.

"We are excited about the opportunity to expand our footprint and scope of services by including the unique, high quality communities of PSCWNY in our continuum of care, said Daniel O'Neill, Beechwood president. "This initiative is consistent with our mission and strategic vision to be the foremost provider of comprehensive skilled nursing, residential and community-based services in the Buffalo-Niagara area. Having PSCWNY as part of our continuum will strengthen our ability to serve the emerging needs of seniors in WNY for years to come."

The PSCWNY board of directors will seek approval from its organization's membership, which is expected to meet in the next few weeks. It will continue to operate the communities until all regulatory approvals are obtained.

Ziegler said that the agreement ensures the sustainability of PSCWNY communities, and offers a larger not-for-profit organization like Beechwood opportunities it currently does not provide in its continuum. She added that similar agreements between not-for-profit senior communities are trending in other parts of the U.S.

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