



Christian Community Homes & Services Strengthens Resident Connections Through Robust Volunteer and Intergenerational Programs in Senior Living Communities

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Christian Community Homes & Services continues to enrich the lives of residents at its Hudson and Osceola campuses through a dedicated volunteer program that brings together community members of all ages. These efforts foster meaningful intergenerational relationships and enhance daily programming, reinforcing the organization's mission of nurturing graceful living rooted in faith and community.

Volunteers at Christian Community Homes & Services play an essential role in daily operations and special events. They assist with activities, deliver mail, escort residents to therapies and worship services, read to residents, share musical talents, and help coordinate larger gatherings. This support allows for expanded life enrichment opportunities that might otherwise be limited, creating a stronger sense of belonging for seniors who remain connected to the wider community.

The Osceola campus features a playground designed specifically for multi-generational interaction,

encouraging visits from local families, school groups, and neighbors. Recent examples include visits from E.P. Rock fifth graders who interviewed residents, bridging generational gaps through storytelling and shared experiences. Such programs help residents share their life wisdom while enjoying the energy and perspectives of younger visitors.

"We are very blessed to have strong and devoted volunteers," said Crystal Jensen, Director of Life Enrichment at the Osceola campus. "Their presence allows us to offer more activity programming and larger special events. Most importantly, residents know the community still cares and that they remain valued members of it."

The volunteer program welcomes individuals, families, and students. Tasks range from one-on-one visits and assisting with crafts to supporting holiday festivities, pet therapy sessions, and outings. Testimonials highlight the mutual benefits. Ann Rinkenberger, who volunteers alongside her daughters Sophia and Olivia, shared: "Being a volunteer at Christian Community Home has enriched our lives way beyond what we ever envisioned. The residents feel like our extended family, and my daughters are always welcomed with hugs, encouragement, and support from their many 'grandparents.' We have been forever and positively changed."

Another volunteer, Michelle Pommier, noted: "Volunteering at CCHO is so much fun! There are many different activities to help with, and the staff is wonderfully friendly. Best of all, I love the smiles, laughs, and hugs from all the residents!"

These connections align with the campus's design and programming. Hudson's WinterGreen independent living apartments, Pine Ridge assisted living, Pine Ridge Gardens memory care, and Willow Glen skilled nursing all benefit from volunteer-enhanced activities, including music, gardening, games, and spiritual services. The Osceola campus, built with neighborhood-style households, includes enclosed courtyards, indoor walking paths, and direct access to the Osceola Medical Center, making it easier for volunteers and visitors to engage comfortably.

As a nonprofit faith-based organization founded in 1981 by the Hudson United Methodist Church and local supporters, Christian Community Homes & Services has grown from a single skilled nursing facility into comprehensive senior living communities. The Christian Community Campus Foundation further supports these initiatives by funding resident assistance, equipment, staff development through the Helping Hands Scholarship, and enhanced programming areas where volunteer efforts amplify impact.

Volunteers contribute not only time but also compassion and presence, which studies and resident feedback consistently show improve emotional well-being, reduce isolation, and support cognitive health, particularly for those in memory care. The smaller, home-like environments at both campuses—such as the 20-room Pine

Ridge Gardens and Osceola's household model facilitate deeper relationships between volunteers, staff, and residents.

Leadership emphasizes the program's role in sustaining a vibrant culture. "Volunteers bring smiles, compassion, and giving hearts that make our campuses feel like true homes," added Jensen, who leads inclusive activities drawing on her certification as an Activity Professional and passion for creative engagement.

The organization actively seeks more volunteers to meet growing demand as the senior population in St. Croix County and surrounding areas increases. Interested individuals can contact the volunteer coordinator at the Hudson campus at 715-381-4203 or Osceola at 715-294-1112.

By integrating volunteers into the fabric of daily life, Christian Community Homes & Services upholds its values of integrity, accountability, respect, compassion, and humor. These partnerships ensure residents continue to experience joy, purpose, and connection regardless of their care needs—whether enjoying independent apartment living, receiving transitional rehabilitation, or thriving in specialized memory care.

This community-driven approach distinguishes the organization and reflects its founding spirit of local support and faith-based service. As volunteer involvement expands, so does the quality of life for those who call Christian Community Homes & Services home.

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