

Changes come to Rackleff House

Rackleff Place Assisted Living (formerly Rackleff House) has a new management team and director, both of which may be familiar to Canby residents.

As of Jan. 1, Concepts in Community Living (CCL), the Oregon-based firm that first opened this project in 1990, will officially resume management responsibilities for Rackleff Place.

Nicky Harold-Hollen was rehired as the director on Dec. 1, after having previously managed this community.

Harold-Hollen brings nearly nine years of prior assisted living management experience, including managing Rackleff House from 1995 to 2001. Prior to joining CCL, she worked as an in-home care coordinator and as an activity coordinator at Marquis Care at Hope Village.

"As a long time Canby resident, I have strong ties to this community and know many of the residents, families, and staff who are involved with Rackleff Place today," Harold-Hollen said. "I am very excited to be coming home to the place that endeared me to this field and inspired my calling in life."

Rackleff Place has 25 apartments, is licensed as an assisted living residence and is located at 655 SW 13th Ave. in

Canby.

When it was first opened as Canby's first assisted living facility, it received considerable attention in the local and national media for representing an innovative new model of long-term care.

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Amy Perkett, a Canby resident and current employee of CCL, was the director at the time.

"There was a lot of interest among researchers, policymakers and journalists, which resulted in our being one of the most visited and written about

assisted living facilities in the country," said Perkett, senior operations manager. "I am especially excited about once again becoming involved with the place where I began my own career in assisted living."

Since 1994, the building has been leased to Wisconsin-based Assisted Living Concepts, Inc.

To ensure a smooth transition, CCL has been working with the residence's current operator to arrange meetings with current staff, recruit candidates for open positions, set-up accounts with current vendors and meet with current residents and family members about their service needs and preferences. CCL has also been working with state officials at Seniors and Persons with Disabilities to comply with licensing requirements and to reinstate Rackleff Place's Medicaid provider contract.

"We are very pleased to resume management of Rackleff Place and become a vital member of the Canby community," said Mauro Hernandez, CCL's chief executive officer. "Although there are many more choices today than when we first brought this option to Canby, we understand that Rackleff Place has remained a preferred option as a smaller, more homelike setting that offers high quality, affordable services."