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New Management at Sutherlin Assisted Living Community

CLACKAMAS, OR - Applegate Place Assisted Living in Sutherlin, formerly Douglas House, has a new management team and Director as of January 1. Concepts in Community Living (CCL), a small Oregon-based company with extensive experience managing Assisted Living, will officially assume management responsibilities for Applegate Place. Derek Johnson was hired as the new Director on December 3rd and has since been training at CCL's main offices while helping implement transition plans in Sutherlin.

Mr. Johnson comes to Applegate Place from Clatsop Retirement Village in Astoria where he served as administrator for this 69-unit assisted living facility with 40-plus employees. Prior to his tenure in Astoria, Derek earned his License in Nursing Home Administration, serving a one year internship at Friendsview Retirement Community in Newberg, Oregon. While earning his BA from George Fox University, Derek worked as an activities assistant, caregiver, and medication aide in residential care, assisted living and memory care communities. "I am very much looking forward to getting to know the people of Sutherlin," says Johnson. "Having worked as a direct caregiver for almost 8 years gives me a unique perspective for applying what I have learned in recent years to making Applegate Place a valued resource for this community."

Located at 1465 E. Central Avenue in Sutherlin, Applegate Place has 30 apartments and is licensed as an assisted living residence. It was opened in 1997 under a lease with Wisconsin-based Assisted Living Concepts, Inc. That lease expires on December 31. In addition to a new name and management team, its new phone number will be (541) 459-6300.

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 Applegate Place's Medicaid provider contract. Ongoing oversight and support will be provided both from CCL's main office in Clackamas and Adams House, a CCL-managed Assisted Living community in Myrtle Creek.

"We are very pleased to assume management of Applegate Place and becoming a vital member of the Sutherlin community," says Mauro Hernandez, CCL's Chief Executive Officer. "With Derek's leadership and support from our communities in Myrtle Creek, we feel well prepared to transition the operations with little or no disruption of services to Applegate Place residents and staff."

CCL is a small, privately-owned company that has been developing and managing communities like Applegate Place since 1989. With 15 supportive housing projects on the West Coast, the company's principals originated assisted living in Oregon and they continue to concentrate operations in smaller communities in this state.

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