



Executive Director Announcement 10.25.2021

The Sunnyside Village Board of Directors is pleased to share that Christopher J. McGee has been selected to serve as the next executive director at Sunnyside Village. Mr. McGee brings 20 years of experience in the aging services field. He is currently a vice president of operations with a large organization where he oversees 23 senior living communities that include skilled nursing, assisted living and independent living throughout the eastern US. Chris has served in other leadership roles, such as skilled nursing administrator and executive director. He also brings direct care experience in that his first position in the field was as an occupational therapy assistant. He has worked in nonprofit and for-profit organizations.

Chris has a BA in Healthcare Administration from Providence College and is a licensed Rhode Island nursing home and assisted living administrator. He currently lives in Rhode Island. He and his wife plan to move to Sarasota in the coming months. They enjoy participating in church services, walking their dogs and exercising.

The board was impressed with his personal and professional values, relational approach, operational knowledge and previous experience in campus development and expansion. Curtis Ross, chair of the Search Committee stated "Chris' leadership experience with Life Plan Communities will continue to make us a premier choice for current and future residents and his desire to continue our mission of 'honoring God' will further our impact in the community in a way unique to Sunnyside."

Chris shared, "I am convinced that Sunnyside is an amazing operation blessed by God. It would be an honor to be able to help lead Sunnyside into its next chapter. I am eager to meet the remarkable residents, family members, staff, and others at Sunnyside Village."

Christopher McGee will formally start as executive director on January 12, 2022. This will allow for an orderly transition with J. David Yoder, the current executive director, who is retiring January 14, 2022. The board continues to be grateful for the compassionate and excellent leadership J. David has provided over nearly 14 years and wishes he and Nancy well in the next chapter.

The Board of Directors invites residents, employees, volunteers, family members and others to express their appreciation to J. David for his significant service and to offer their welcome and good will as Chris begins his service as the new executive director. The board appreciates the support and prayers of employees, residents, and others during this transition.

MHS Consulting was engaged by the board to conduct a national search. MHS Consulting supported the six member Search Committee all of whom are current members of the board of directors. The process included written surveys, virtual interviews, in person interviews, reference and background checks, and sharing of organizational information with the candidates.