



## SUNNYSIDE VILLAGE

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*A Christian Senior Living Community*

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Dear Sunnyside Community Members,

Today, we wish to share an important update regarding the leadership of our community. With hearts full of gratitude for the past and hope for the future, we announce the departure of our Executive Director, Chris McGee, from Sunnyside Village. While this news may come as a surprise, we want to reassure you that our community's future remains strong, and exciting prospects lie ahead.

Throughout his tenure, Chris McGee has played a pivotal role in nurturing and guiding our community to its present state. His dedication and efforts have significantly contributed to the warm and welcoming atmosphere that continues to define and attract others to Sunnyside. As he steps down from his role, we extend our heartfelt appreciation for his service and wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

Change, as we know, is an inherent part of growth, and it presents us with new opportunities. The Board of Directors is prepared and enthusiastic about the path that lies before us. Through this transition, we can fervently chase a future for Sunnyside that will pave the way for another 50 years of answering God's calling in our community, providing care to all of our residents, and allowing for a vibrant community within our walls.

We are pleased to share that, in collaboration with Mennonite Health Services, we have already taken significant steps to ensure a smooth transition. An interim Executive Director will be introduced in the coming days to provide steadfast leadership during this period of change. Additionally, we are embarking on a search process for a permanent Executive Director who aligns with our dedication to upholding the values that define Sunnyside.

As we embrace this new chapter, we want to emphasize our commitment to preserving the essence of Sunnyside that you hold dear. Our focus is on nurturing a sense of belonging, respect, and support among all residents and staff. Together, we have forged an extraordinary community, and together, we will navigate this transition with God's grace.

During this time of change, we ask that you keep the Board of Directors in your prayers. Our sole desire is that ultimately, the decisions that we make align with the vision that God has for our community. May we be faithful stewards of His calling for Sunnyside, embracing His guidance as we navigate this transition together.

We understand that you may have questions or concerns, and we encourage you to reach out to us. Your insights are invaluable as we move forward, and we pledge to keep you informed at every step. The heart of Sunnyside remains resolute, and the future is a canvas upon which we will paint our shared dreams.

Thank you for being an integral part of our community. Let us embrace this change with hope and unity, confident that Sunnyside's future will be prayerfully considered and passionately pursued.

With warm regards,

Curtis G. Ross, II  
Board Chair, Sunnyside Village