



# *Wesley Manor: Redefining Home*

## Reframing, Renewing & Renovating Together

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Dear Wesley Manor Family and Friends:

I continue to be amazed by how quickly the construction at Wesley Manor is taking shape. New floor slabs have been successfully poured, walls and framing continue to accelerate, and roof trusses will soon be going up. Wow! And although it is not visible to you at this point, the interior of the short term stay center in the former Gillmore Hall is rapidly being outfitted with 2016 infrastructure. For those of us who live on, near or frequent the campus, pay special attention a new “wood rain screen” element currently on display immediately outside Wesley Manor’s front entry. The screen will cover much of the existing front façade of the community, which when coupled with the envisioned color and green spaces, will breathe new life into Wesley Manor’s mid-century modern style.

And as I have reported to you every month thus far, we remain on schedule, with completion of the short term stay center anticipated by late September. Renovations will be well underway on South and Sanders at that point, with all work still set to be completed in early 2017. The Steering Team is nearing completion of our Critical Path Plan, which is meant to address all operational issues in advance of opening our new as well as renovated areas. We remain so blessed to have many talented individuals working toward these common goals!

### June Spotlight...**How Will Dining Change?**

Dining is and will always be extraordinarily important to all of us. And the quality of Wesley Manor’s food has traditionally been a great source of pride. That will not change! But – it will expand in a way that allows all residents to enjoy a wonderful dining experience, regardless of level of care. Although not the standard in most larger communities, “home cooking” is of vital importance in our quality of life, and we will certainly be carrying this principle into our households and neighborhoods.

Residents in the assisted living environment will have even greater options! These residents will have the ability to dine either in the main dining room or “restaurant” with other assisted living residents and guests, or in any of the nursing households or neighborhoods they may choose to visit! These residents may even assist in preparation of food in the neighborhoods and households. The pleasures of cooking are so dear to many of us – regardless of age or gender. Why must we give this up? It fills me with great joy to be able to say to you that “We Do Not”!

As I shared above, the quality of food and dining is important to us all, regardless of our health status or level of care. And although the quality of food in our existing skilled nursing areas is traditionally very good, we are altering how we prepare, transport, serve and dine in a radical

fashion! No longer will food be plated for skilled nursing residents in a central kitchen and wheeled through the community on a plastic tray inside a metal cart. One of the main tenants of neighborhood and household life involves a transformation of dining. Some food will be prepared in the central kitchen, and some will be prepared in the neighborhood or household, depending upon the desires of the residents who live there! We will then serve those same residents just like we do at home – we plate food right there and serve it at a table we set with napkins, glasses, silverware and china! Oh my, I cannot wait until this is our standard. The difference in quality of life will be profound.

I look forward to sharing with you again next month as our journey continues. Thank you for your continued support of Wesley Manor!

Very truly yours,



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