

Cordell Christian Home's Resident's RDigest

Over the past few weeks we have explained the “new way of caring” to the community. We have stated how fantastic we believe the future will be for the Cordell Christian Home. We are already “weeding out” institutional living and integrating resident centered care! Director of Nurses, Karen White, stated that we are starting the process by, “Giving people more choice in their day-to- day activities.” She also commented, “When the new additions are made, residents will be able to completely choose when they want to wake up, go to sleep, participate in activities, and eat meals.” Administrator Sheryl McComas also added, “There will be more variety in meals and snacks; No med carts; and, No nurses’ stations!” We know that completion of our new building project will take some time, but that is why we are starting the changes now.

Many of you are probably wondering, why build onto the Cordell Christian Home? Why can't you make all those changes now? The answer is within the building structure itself. Our facility is big and spacious and, while that can be a good thing, it adds an obstacle when changing over to the new way of caring. As it stands, CCH has 1 laundry room, 1 kitchen, 2 living areas, 2 whirlpools, and 2 activity areas. This makes it difficult to let all 80 residents participate in their own care and individualized activities. When the building additions are made, individual living spaces or communities will be set up. Each will have their own kitchens, laundry rooms, and living areas. Nurses’ stations and medication carts will be a thing of the past. Residents will be able to bake cookies, watch TV, do laundry, help with dishes, and take baths whenever they please. Not only will CCH feel like home, but it will look like home as well!

Although construction will take much time, planning, and money, we will not lose sight of our goal. The change is to better the lives of our residents. The improvements being made today pave the way for the great things ahead. Residents are happier, employees help each other with additional tasks, and the atmosphere is more calming. These improvements in quality have been, and will continue to be what keeps us moving. The Cordell Christian Home’s bright future is something to look to with great pride and excitement!