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MEMO

TO: All Residents, Responsible Parties and Employees

FROM: Rod Mason, President/CEO

RE: Weekly Update – Back on track

DATE: December 23, 2020

Greetings all!! And, almost, MERRY CHRISTMAS! I am hoping that this note may well serve to brighten the spirits, as we are beginning to show a huge difference in our positivity of the COVID virus! In the last several days, we have tested all nursing residents, all AL residents (twice), all RL residents and all employees. ALL these most recent tests have returned **negative!** I can actually, for the first time in many, many, MANY weeks report that we have no **new cases of COVID amongst the employee family nor the resident family!** I have been so yearning for the ability to report that to you once again! Today we will be testing all employees again, and next week we will test our residents (nursing on Monday and AL/RL on Tuesday) and our employees (Monday and Wednesday) again. If the employee tests from today, and the tests from next week come back under the same conditions, we might be looking at a reopening of our services by the end of next week or early the following! Remember, we need to go fourteen days with no new positive reports from employee or resident populations in order to reopen. Please continue your prayers accordingly and continue to practice your safe hygienic practices!

Ya know, this is Christmas week... the most sacred and Holy of times of each year. Normally this week is filled with festive gatherings and happy periods of visitation and fellowship. I humbly apologize for the situation we find ourselves in at the moment, but let's do the right thing, make the sacrifice for this year so that maybe all future years will be closer to our normal celebrations! But please, do remember, passionately, the Reason for the Season!

Vaccines are coming! As announced earlier, the vaccines are in the earliest rounds of distribution. The phase 1A distribution is intended solely for staff and residents of licensed healthcare areas. For our purposes this means that all our staff and our residents in Nursing, Assisted Living and Residential Living will be our first to receive the vaccines. Not to worry, in phases 1B and 1C we are told that the rest of the IL population will be able to be served in clinics as parties to the priority distribution. Our employees are free, immediately, to go to the AMH clinic (located at StatCare) or they can await the pending on-site clinic that will be hosted here by CVS Pharmacy, administering the Moderna vaccine. We do not have final details on when that will happen, and our AL, RL, Nursing residents will be able to be served right here on site at that time. Full details yet to come!

Our historical numbers remain 102 employees, 7 contract employees and 66 residents have tested positive with full recoveries now standing at 96 employees, 7 contract employees and 59 residents. We thank God for the goodness of our recoveries and results. Blessings to you all for a splendid Christmas! Thank you all for your ongoing attention and patience. We are making it through! **Together!**