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Pine Haven Christian Home To Transition to All Private Rooms in Skilled Nursing Facility

Sheboygan Falls, WI -- To enhance the quality of life for residents, the board of directors of Pine Haven Christian Home approved the transition of 22 semi-private rooms to private rooms. This change will assure Pine Haven maintains its excellent reputation and continues the tradition of quality care by reducing their nursing home beds from 71 to 49.

"The demand for private rooms has been growing for many years," said Jeff Jenkins, Administrator of Pine Haven. "This decision was made after careful research to assure that adequate nursing home bed capacity would continue to exist in the area if we reduced our bed count."

The senior housing industry is moving to assisted living, thereby reducing the need for nursing home facilities. When people are in need of a skilled nursing facility, they typically are using a walker or wheelchair which also means the common spaces are more congested.

There is also increasing concern by regulatory agencies regarding infection control in senior housing. Offering all private rooms will allow better disease management and the ability to mitigate the spread of communicable diseases.

"We intend to achieve our nursing home bed reduction by attrition. This will necessitate a reduction in staff which we also plan to do through attrition or reassignment. The board is committed to treating all residents and employees with dignity and respect throughout the process. We have an excellent reputation for quality care and we are committed to preserving that reputation," said Jenkins.

Pine Haven Christian Home in Sheboygan Falls opened in 1950 and expanded in 1992. They offer 49 beds in the skilled nursing wing and 140 licensed rooms in the residential center wing. Their sister facility, Prairie Crossing, offers assisted living apartment homes in a welcoming senior community. The newest addition to the community will be Pine Haven - Oostburg which is currently under development. While Pine Haven Christian Communities are supported by eighteen local churches, residents of all faiths and backgrounds are welcome. Pine Haven's mission is to provide quality, compassionate care in a Christian environment. For more information about Pine Haven visit www.pinehaven.org or call 467-2401.

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