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Elsie Murley Feels Blessed to be a resident of Evergreen Court Apartment Complex at Christian Health Care Center

WYCKOFF, NJ ... Elsie Murley is a bit of a legend at Christian Health Care Center (CHCC). At 93, Mrs. Murley is the last of the original residents of Evergreen Court, an apartment complex for independent seniors on the Center's Wyckoff campus.

“I was blessed to move to Evergreen Court,” she said. “There are no worries, no concerns. Everything is done for us.”

Mrs. Murley and her neighbors enjoy independence and community connection at Evergreen Court. More than half of the 40 apartments are designated as affordable housing with rent based on income; the remainder are based on fair-market value. Common areas for socializing, activities, entertainment, and more include a dining room; penthouse with a television, library, and exercise equipment; porch/patio area for outside activities; laundry facilities on each floor; and attic storage area.

Mrs. Murley, a native New Englander, relocated to New Jersey decades ago after

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her husband Ernest received a job offer from Bendix in Teterboro. The Murleys and their two sons settled in Lodi before moving to Hawthorne two years later. Here, Mrs. Murley worked part-time at Servo-Tech, where she tested electric motors.

In 1995, after she retired and her husband had passed away, Mrs. Murley decided that it was time to sell the house. Her son Barry encouraged her to apply for an apartment at the soon-to-open Evergreen Court at CHCC in Wyckoff..

“As a local resident and a member of Hawthorne Gospel Church, I was familiar with Christian Health Care Center,” Mrs. Murley said. “Some of us came to the Center to volunteer.”

Life at Evergreen Court proved to be an easy transition.

“I have made great friends here,” said Mrs. Murley, who lists shopping, reading, and doing word puzzles as some of her hobbies. “My original Evergreen friends are gone, but I have lots of new friends who are just as nice and wonderful.”

Last year, Mrs. Murley took advantage of a major benefit of living at Evergreen Court: access to CHCC’s continuum of care. Following a fall and hospitalization for a fractured knee, Mrs. Murley became a short-term rehab patient on The David F. Bolger Post-acute Care Unit (PACU). Here, rehabilitation took place in the new 14,000-square-foot Bolger Gym & Wellness Center, which features the state-of-the-art Transitional Care Suite for occupational therapy.

“It was a minor fracture, but I still needed rehab to build my strength,” she

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explained. “Since I was right here on campus, my friends from Evergreen Court could easily visit me.”

Following discharge, her physical therapy transitioned on an outpatient basis to the Wellness Center at The Longview Assisted Living Residence. Longview provides personalized care in a secure community that supports and fosters each individual’s maximum level of independence. Residents receive personalized assistance with activities of daily living, while also enjoying innovative programs and a diverse calendar of activities and events. At Longview, assisted living helps residents live life to its fullest.

In addition to Evergreen Court, Christian Health Care Center also offers independent-senior living at Siena Village of Wayne. With 250 apartment homes, Siena Village offers one- and two-bedroom low-income, moderate-income, and market-rate apartments. A robust activity calendar appeals to a broad range of interests. Common areas include a community room with a large-screen TV, pool table, and areas to socialize; a well-stocked library; bocce-ball court; fitness room; beauty salon and barber shop; and laundry room.

CHCC is known for the exceptionally broad range of services offered to seniors—whether they lead active and independent lives, need a little assistance with daily activities, or are in need of 24-hour nursing care. CHCC is committed to promoting health, healing, and wellness at every level and every stage of life. From our adult day

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services, assisted living, and independent-living neighborhoods to dementia care, memory support and skilled nursing, it is our goal to help each individual attain his or her highest potential for physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual well-being.

For more information on Evergreen Court, Siena Village, short-term rehab, or Longview, call (201) 848-4463, email khockstein@chccnj.org, or visit ChristianHealthCare.org.

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