

Morrison Staff Rises to the Corona Virus Challenge

Two Morrison Employees Receive National Certification

WHITEFIELD — During this time of uncertainties and challenges, The Morrison Communities wants to acknowledge the exceptional care its staff is providing to its residents living at Sartwell Place Assisted Living, The Morrison Skilled Nursing and Summit by Morrison, and to highlight the recent accomplishments of two of its staff members.

Morrison Activities Director Christina (Chrissy) Gooden has been awarded certification by the National Certification Council of Activity Professionals (NCCAP) after completing the Council's rigorous training program and national exam, and Mary Bates, MS, CT, the Director of the Memory Care Community at Summit by Morrison and Director of Social Services at The Morrison Skilled Nursing, has recently earned national certification as a Dementia Practitioner by the National Council of Certified Dementia Practitioners.

“We could overlook these accomplishments in light of what is happening here and around the world, but we wanted to share some positive news to brighten this dark time,” said Doug Shearer, President of the Board of Trustees. “The Morrison Communities is proud of all our employees, now more than ever. Their dedication and commitment to their profession has been unwavering. Every day they do what it takes to keep our residents healthy and safe, while also keeping them as active and involved as possible even as our doors are closed to visitors. We are meeting and exceeding all of the CDC guidelines, and the safety and health of our employees and residents remain our top priority.”

“Activities directors are the ones who create the very best in socially, mentally, and physically engaging programs for residents of independent, assisted living, personal care, and long-term care communities, as well as adult day centers,” said Louise Belanger, Executive Director of The Morrison. “Chrissy is an outstanding activities director, designing programs for our residents that are interesting, fun and well-rounded.”

“Mary has been instrumental in implementing our innovative and comprehensive program of caring for individuals with Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia, including our Community Dementia Education Series,” said Shannon Lynch, Executive Director of Summit by Morrison. “Mary's understanding of Alzheimer's and other dementia-related diseases and her ability to share her knowledge and offer practical and easy-to-use tools with staff and families enriches the lives of our residents living with dementia.”

The Morrison Communities is a nonprofit 501 (c)(3) charitable community that has been providing quality healthcare to residents of New Hampshire's North Country since 1903. For more information, go to www.themorrisoncommunities.org

