MISSION STATEMENT

Responding to the call of the Gospel, Christopher Homes, Inc. strives to provide decent, affordable housing to vulnerable members of our community.

All who are associated with Christopher Homes, Inc. have the right to respect, dignity and a sense of well being. Therefore, through the service and commitment of our staff and volunteers, we will enable our residents to grow spiritually, socially, and intellectually, empowering them to develop their optimal potential.

Christopher Homes is a senior living ministry of the Archdiocese of New Orleans.
To take a leading role in your health, it’s important to understand your health conditions and treatment options. Here are some ways to make sure you get the information you need.

Understand what your doctors tell you about your care. Try:

- Asking questions about your health
- Taking notes at your appointments
- Asking your doctors to state instructions clearly or repeat things if needed

You can also ask your doctors to explain things in a different way. Would it help to have a brochure or booklet that you can take time to read? Would you prefer to watch a video? Everyone takes in information in different ways. Tell your doctors the ways that work for you.

Be honest with your doctors about your health. This helps them know what treatments or screenings to recommend. Help your doctors help you by giving them important details and following through on your care.

Tell your doctors if you feel stressed or anxious. Do you know that social factors can also affect your health? These include things like your neighborhood, being able to get healthy foods from stores near you, your emotions or money. If you’re worried about any of these, let your doctors know. This helps them have the whole picture when considering your care and well-being.

To follow the Health Habits blog online head to www.christopherhomes.org. You’ll find this article as well as previous health-related articles.

Also, follow Christopher Homes on:   

Facebook: @christopherhomesano
Twitter: @chi_archno
Instagram: @christopherhomesinc
WELCOME ABOARD!

Antoinette Enclarde
Service Coordinator
St. Bernard Manor

Alicia Jones
Service Coordinator
Metairie Manor

Loc Nguyen
Maintenance Tech
St. Bernard Manor

SPOTLIGHT ON SUCCESS

November Employee of the Month

Leticia Ruiz
Housekeeper
St. John Berchmans

Leticia always displays an enthusiastic and positive approach towards her work. She performs well in challenging situations and her high caliber housekeeping skills set her apart in her line of work. The St. John Berchmans staff and residents appreciate her hard work.

Congratulations Leticia!

“Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.”

- 1 Chronicles 16:34
ST. MARTIN MANOR WOMEN’S EMPOWERMENT LUNCHEON

The residents and staff of St. Martin’s Manor enjoyed a morning of inspiration at their first ever, Women’s Empowerment Luncheon held at the property on September 30. The program included prayer, remarks and readings from staff and residents. Former Louisiana Senator, Cynthia Willard-Lewis spoke about unity, faith, responsibility and strength among our female residents. Residents then gathered for lunch and socializing.

NAZARETH INN
NIGHT OUT AGAINST CRIME

In honor of the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi on October 4, Wynhoven held a blessing of the pets!

Nazareth Inn residents held their annual Night Out Against Crime event last month. The residents enjoy coming together in unity for this event every year!
As the first-ever online giving day created to celebrate our Catholic faith, the #iGiveCatholic Giving Day inspires faithful stewards to “Give Catholic” on #GivingTuesday, a global day of giving. Christopher Homes participates in this event each year to raise money for the needs of our residents: meal programs, transportation, activities, clothing and furniture.

We appreciate our residents who participated in promotional materials for our #iGiveCatholic campaign.

Follow our social media pages to receive fundraising updates that you can share with your family and friends!

To donate, visit www.christopherhomes.org/igivecatholic
OCTOBER FUN!
There were festive parties all around last month. Check out some highlights below!

WYNHOVEN PICASSOS
Wynhoven residents showed off their creativity during a recent craft class.
VILLA ST. MAURICE HEALTHY HEARTBEATS

Residents at Villa St. Maurice participated in a yearlong “Healthy Heartbeats” program coordinated by Sankofa Nola. The residents learned how to prepare heart-healthy meals and how to monitor their health through blood pressure checks. Check out the “graduates”!

ANNUNCIATION INN HEALTH FAIR

A big thank you to JenCare for hosting a health event at Annunciation Inn last month. Our residents especially enjoyed the cool treat!

ST. BERNARD MANOR ROSARY MARCH

St. Bernard Manor’s rosary group held their annual Our Lady of Fatima Rosary March on October 6. In addition to the annual march, the group meets every Tuesday, along with representatives from Our Lady of Prompt Succor parish, to pray the rosary.

HONORING SURVIVORS

Several properties honored breast cancer survivors last month. Annunciation Inn employee, Sharon Gibson, is a 21 year cancer survivor. We are grateful for God healing Sharon as she continues to raise awareness and fight for others diagnosed with cancer.
Dear Residents and Staff,

“In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus.”

(1st Thes 5:18)

In a proclamation 230 years ago, George Washington set aside the fourth Thursday in November as a day of thanksgiving. He wrote that day should be “devoted by the people of these States to the service of that great and glorious Being who is the beneficent author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be.” We should spend time reflecting upon the gifts we continually receive from our loving and merciful God.

This past June, Pope Francis designated November 17 as World Day of the Poor as he wrote, “I ask all . . . those who feel impelled to offer hope and consolation to the poor, to . . . encourage more and more people to cooperate effectively so that no one will feel deprived of closeness and solidarity.”

I am very thankful for the ministry of Christopher Homes, one of the agencies of the Archdiocese of New Orleans that serves our low-income seniors in the New Orleans area with housing and services. Through our relationship with HUD, the Archdiocese, and Providence Community Housing we are able to provide decent and deeply affordable housing to over 2,500 residents who otherwise could be forced to live in severely deficient lodging or even worse, on the street.

Through our collaboration with various community partners, approximately 700 seniors are provided daily hot meals at little cost thereby providing the food security to sustain them nutritionally and socially as they break bread together. Without these significant partnerships, many of our seniors could be forced to choose between housing, food, or medicine.

Too often, we find our residents living in their apartments without a bed to sleep on or basic furniture. If they lose or break eyeglasses or dentures, find themselves in need of medical or social services or any number of needs but do not know where to turn, our Service Coordinators are there to assist them in finding help.

Through donors in our #iGiveCatholic campaign on #GivingTuesday, we have been able to raise the funds to continue the food security program withGiving HOPE and to fund the services offered to our seniors through our Service Coordinator program, thereby offering, in the words of the Holy Father, “hope and consolation” to our residents.

I encourage everyone to visit our Christopher Homes website for the #iGiveCatholic campaign https://www.christopherhomes.org/igivecatholic and consider a donation beginning November 18. No contribution is too small or too large. All monies go to serving the needs of our seniors. In these circumstances, I give thanks to God whose will we continually serve.

May God bless you and keep you.

Deacon Dennis F. Adams
Executive Director, Christopher Homes