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.
Many men only seek health care in a crisis, possibly because society teaches them from a young age to be strong and independent and not to ask for help. But the best way to stay healthy is to visit your doctor regularly, so you can watch for—and even prevent—the following issues:

- Colorectal and prostate cancers, which often show no symptoms in the early stages
- High cholesterol and high blood pressure, which can lead to heart disease or stroke
- Lung cancer, which develops over a period of years and is mainly caused by smoking
- Diabetes, a lifelong disease that is treatable but often leads to other serious health problems

There are ways to check for all of these conditions. The first step is to talk to your doctor. So if you haven't seen one in a while, set up a visit with your primary care doctor. Ask which health screenings are right for you, and find out what your risk factors are.

Men's Health Week is observed right before Father's Day to remind men how important it is to take care of their health. Getting yearly checkups with your doctor is the perfect way to do just that.

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
SPOTLIGHT ON SUCCESS

June Employee of the Month

Brian DesRoches
Director of Physical Plant

Brian has worked for Christopher Homes for over 33 years. He first started working for the company as a 16 year old high school student! His coworkers value the helping hand he always offers.

“Serving our residents is very rewarding and I enjoy the tasks that may fall outside of my job - I enjoy it so much that I have no plans to retire and will work here for many more years.” - Brian DesRoches

Outside of Work: Brian enjoys spending time with his two young granddaughters.

WELCOME ABOARD

Metairie Manor:
Donald Woods
Maintenance Tech

UPCOMING EVENTS

Jefferson Parish Senior Expo
June 14th 8:30 AM – 1:00 PM
Alario Event Center - Westwego, LA

Jefferson Parish senior residents are invited to attend a morning full of valuable health and living information. Registration is not required and attendance is free and open to the public.
Learn more at www.jcoa.net.

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Feast Day of St. John the Baptist June 24, 2019

O God, who hast made this day to be honorable in our eyes by the commemoration of blessed John the Baptist, grant unto Thy people the grace of spiritual joy, and direct the minds of all Thy faithful into the way of everlasting salvation. Through Christ our Lord.

WE’RE HIRING!

Please head over to our Careers link on www.christopherhomes.org.
There’s where you’ll find all of our available job listings.

HAPPY Father’s Day
MOTHER’S DAY CELEBRATIONS

Our communities enjoyed celebrating the mothers in our lives with various fun events. From luncheons to BINGO, to crafts and field trips, happy memories were made with our residents!
Hurricane season is here and our managers have been preparing all year long to make sure staff and residents are safe in the event of a storm. If a mandatory evacuation order is issued, all residents and visitors must leave. If an evacuation is not ordered, it's up to you to decide to evacuate or shelter in place.

**Orleans Parish**

In the City of New Orleans there are five “evacuspots” specifically for seniors. If you cannot get to an evacuspot because of medical needs, you might be eligible to be picked up from your home if you sign up for the Special Needs Registry. In Orleans Parish call 3-1-1 to register or visit www.ready.nola.gov to sign up online. If you cannot sign up on your own, a family member, caregiver or friend can register for you.

**St. John the Baptist Parish**

St. John the Baptist Parish Residents with medical disabilities or special needs are asked to call the Office of Emergency Preparedness at (985) 536-4955.

**St. Tammany Parish**

Alert St. Tammany is a public safety service provided to the residents of St. Tammany parish. People are urged to access the self-registration page at www.stpgov.org. Special needs shelter information can be obtained by calling 985-898-3074.

**Jefferson Parish**

Jefferson Parish has implemented JPAlert to let people know of possible emergencies. You can sign up by going to www.jeffparish.net and clicking on the JPALERT icon or by calling (504)349-5360. Those needing assistance evacuating are encourage to listen for a publicized phone number issued at the time of a mandatory evacuation.

**St. Bernard Parish**

In the event of an evacuation, St. Bernard Parish is urging residents to go an “evacuation staging” area located at the St. Bernard Civic Center Grand Ballroom or six other sites which can be found at the Homeland Security & Emergency Preparedness link on www.sbpg.net. In order to be eligible for this program you must have a valid ID or driver’s license. If you do not have one of those you will be processed by the St. Bernard Parish Sheriff’s office for identification purposes.

We have compiled a list of important parish websites on www.christopherhomes.org. It's on the home page in the section called “hurricane season preps”.
ROQUETTE LODGE SPRING ACTIVITIES

The residents at Roquette Lodge enjoyed a range of activities this spring, including a festive Spring Dance and a trip to enjoy the beautiful landscapes at Longue Vue House & Gardens.

SENIOR FEST

Christopher Homes sponsored and attended the New Orleans Council on Aging’s Senior Fest at Lakefront Arena on May 10th. It was a morning full of fun with remarks and visits from local public officials as well as entertainment from several community organizations. Representatives from Christopher Inn, Mater Dolorosa, St. Martin’s Manor and Villa St. Maurice attended to provide information about Christopher Homes.

MATER DOLOROSA HEALTH FAIR

Mater Dolorosa held a health fair in May. Several healthcare providers were on hand to offer residents health and safety information. The fire department attended as well and will continue to visit the community every few months to provide additional safety tips. Residents gathered for the grand prize raffle following the event, where one lucky resident won a 43” TV! A big thank you to the vendors who participated and provided additional raffle prizes!
One of New Orleans’ notable religious figures, Henriette Delille, was a woman of color who experienced a religious transformation in her twenties, leading her to be an influential member of the community. She, along with a group of Christian women, joined together to nurse the sick, care for the poor and instruct the ignorant. This group was the start of the Sisters of the Holy Family, officially formed in 1842.

The sisters served all members of the community, including slaves, children and adults. They eventually took in elderly women and therefore opened America’s first Catholic home for the elderly of its kind, as recorded in the National Register. This establishment is now the Lafon Nursing Facility of the Holy Family.

Henriette Delille’s cause for sainthood was opened by Saint John Paul II in 1988 and she has been named Venerable – the second stage of elevation to sainthood.

The Sisters of the Holy Family has missions in other parts of the country and the world, but New Orleans has always been the order’s home. The order still serves many ministries throughout the New Orleans area, including the management of Delille Inn and St. John Berchmans’ Manor.

“I believe in God. I hope in God. I love. I want to live and die for God.”

- Mother Henriette Delille

The staff and residents at Delille Inn and St. John Berchmans’ Manor recently dedicated two portraits of the Venerable Henriette Delille. Rev. Howard Byrd blessed the memorial and several Sisters of the Holy Family shared the history of Henriette and the progress of her canonization.
Dear Residents and Staff,

“For a father’s blessing gives a family firm roots” Sirach 2:9a

On June 16, we will celebrate Father’s Day, a day to honor the fathers in our lives. I use the plural for father here, to recognize, while each of us have but one biological father, most of us can identify several men who have had fatherly influence in our lives. Uncles, brothers, cousins, stepfathers, coaches, neighbors, and many others.

My dad is 92 years old and doing well. However, after losing his wife and my mother recently, he is struggling to find his way. They were married for 71 years and he says he wanted another 71 years with her. Daddy has been a great influence in my life, teaching me the importance of respect for others and the accomplishment of hard work.

Another man who influenced me in a positive, fatherly role was my high school basketball coach, Ernest Meredith. I recall a game against a team that only had five players. Early in the first half one of their players fouled out, Coach called time out and sat one of us on the bench and we continued playing 4 on 4. Later, another fouled out and Coach again sat one of us down and we finished the game playing 3 on 3. Even though we won handily, Coach Meredith’s sense of fair play and sportsmanship taught me a lesson that has benefited me far beyond any ball skills he taught.

The role of a father is one of sacrifice and giving of self. Fathers are often the unsung heroes who leave home early each morning and spend the day laboring to feed, clothe, and house their family.

As I noted above, not all fathers are biological but all men who faithfully fill the role of father have the charism of a sacrificial leader. They give of themselves without counting the cost and teach others by leadership and example to develop into the person God has created them to be.

We recently experienced examples of men giving of themselves to be just such sacrificial leaders, Fathers to thousands in the sacramental sense. Eight men of our Archdiocese chose to forego the attraction of what this world offers in order to answer the call of God and be ordained into the priesthood of Jesus Christ. Reverend Fathers Douglas Busch, David Frank, Andrew Rudmann, Andrew Gutierrez, Leon Poche, Jr, Daniel Darmanin, Daniel Okafor, and Damian Zablocki are now spiritual fathers and they have blessed each of us by their fiat to God’s call.

Archbishop Aymond said in his homily at the Ordination Mass, “The Lord Jesus has spoken to the hearts of these men, ‘Come, follow me. I need you to lead and serve my people.’” That is what fatherhood means.

As we approach Father’s Day, let us remember those men who have cooperated with God and our mother to bring us into this world but also those men who mentored us as a father providing leadership and guiding us to be the best we can be. Let us also remember those men who have given up a worldly life to be spiritual fathers for us and who offer to God our gifts, prayers, hopes, and sacrifices that we may one day receive the eternal life with the Father of all.

Know of my prayers for each of you.

Blessings,

Deacon Dennis F. Adams
Executive Director, Christopher Homes