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**PRESS RELEASE:**

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

**PORTAGE MANOR CLOSURE UPDATE – SUCCESSFUL TRANSITION AND GRATITUDE.**

We are writing today with both a bittersweet feeling and a heart full of gratitude to share some important updates regarding the closure of Portage Manor.

As of today, July 31, 2023, we are pleased to inform you that the final resident of Portage Manor has been safely discharged at 10:00 AM. This marks the completion of our facility's closure, and we are now moving forward to ensure the well-being of our residents in their new homes.

In accordance with regulations, we have completed a comprehensive list detailing all residents who were transferred from the facility, along with the date they were transferred and the name/address of their new location. This list has been submitted to the appropriate authorities as required.

We began this process with 83 residents, and at the time of the final count, the breakdown is as follows:

- Skilled Living: 11
- Assisted Living: 57
- Group Home: 8
- Home with Family: 5
- Local Apartment: 2

We are incredibly proud to share that out of the residents who remained local, 36 were successfully placed in alternative care settings. Not a single resident was discharged to a homeless shelter, as our dedicated staff worked diligently to ensure that every individual found a safe and suitable new home.

Throughout this transition, we have remained in close contact with our residents who had already moved out, and we are delighted to report that many of them are acclimating well and are happy in their new environments. We were especially thrilled to find that many residents chose to stay together, preserving the strong sense of community they had at Portage Manor.

Our staff members have shown unwavering commitment to the well-being of our residents, and we are grateful for their dedication.

The feedback we have received from residents has been heartwarming, with many expressing gratitude for their new homes, particularly for the increased privacy and independence they now

enjoy with their own bathrooms and rooms.

In conclusion, the closure of Portage Manor has been a challenging journey. We would like to extend our deepest appreciation to our residents, their families, and our exceptional staff for their cooperation and empathy throughout this process.

If you have any further questions or need additional support, please do not hesitate to reach out to us. We remain committed to ensuring a smooth transition for everyone involved.

With heartfelt gratitude and warm regards,

The St. Joseph County Commissioners