

Press Release

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Assisted Living Provider Streamlines Care Provided to Seniors

Charlotte, NC - The Laurels and The Haven Assisted Living Residences recently added a safeguard to protect their residents from third-party caregivers who are not affiliated with an agency or employed by the company. Prior to March 2008, residents and their family members had the ability to enhance the care and services already provided by The Laurels and/or The Haven by hiring a third-party caregiver to provide extra medical or non-medical assistance. These third-party caregivers were a direct employee of the family and thus, did not require any standardized hiring practices such as federal criminal background checks, drug testing and sex offender registry checks. Failure to adhere to these practices poses a threat to all of the residents, not just the residents for whom the care was being provided.

Nancy Nye, Executive Director for The Laurels and The Haven at Carolina Place recently stated, "It is imperative we properly examine each caregiver who works within our residence whether they are directly employed by us or not. We are responsible for providing a secure environment and this is an added measure to ensure their safety."

In an effort to protect the residents, The Laurels and The Haven have partnered with 4 local home care agencies who meet or exceed our own hiring practices. Those agencies are:

Comforcare Senior Services - <http://www.comforcarecharlotte.com/>

Home Instead Senior Care - <http://www.homeinsteadcharlotte.com/>

Partners in Care - <http://www.partnersincare-nc.com/>

Homewatch Caregivers -

<http://www.homewatchcaregivers.com/locations/homecare.aspx?homehealthcare=Charlotte>

The Laurels Assisted Living and The Haven Alzheimer's and related Dementia Assisted Living are located in North Charlotte (Highland Creek) and South Charlotte (Carolina Place). For further information, please reference the above contact person or visit their website, <http://www.seniorlivingnow.com/>

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