

Memorandum

TO: Residents of Manors I, II and III
FROM: Kathy Loscheider, Executive Director
RE: Smoke-Free Housing Environment
DATE: May 9, 2007

In 2006, the U.S. Surgeon General issued a comprehensive scientific report which concluded that nonsmokers exposed to secondhand smoke at home or work increase their risk of developing heart disease by 25-30% and lung cancer by 20-30%. The finding is of major public health concern due to the fact that nearly half of all nonsmoking Americans are still regularly exposed to secondhand smoke.

In addition to the widely reported health impacts of second-hand smoke, senior housing communities have experienced a number of significant events in our facilities stemming from seniors complaining of second hand smoke from their neighbor's apartment and major apartment maintenance issues caused by long-term smoke exposure.

Beginning June 1, 2008, Christian Care will prohibit smoking in all residential apartment units on the Phoenix campus. Smoking will be permitted in designated outdoor areas only. This memorandum serves as a 1-year notice of a change to our Resident Handbook. The following change will be incorporated into our Resident Handbook and is an addendum to your lease. You will sign and receive the lease addendum at your next recertification.

Smoking: Effective June 1, 2008, smoking is restricted to designated outdoor areas. Please keep the premises clean by using the proper receptacle for cigarettes. Smoking is not permitted inside the apartments or the common areas of the building.

We believe the decision to institute a smoke-free housing environment will benefit all our residents by maintaining a healthier indoor environment in our buildings.

Please contact Gerrie Lord, Apartment Manager, or Jessica Dominguez, Assistant Apartment Manager, if you have any questions regarding this revised policy.