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Stonehill Selected as Dementia Care Model Program Participant

Dubuque, IA, April 5, 2024 —Stonehill Communities is pleased to announce they have been selected as a participant in the Center for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) GUIDE Model program. The Guiding an Improved Dementia Experience (GUIDE) Model aims to improve the quality of life for people living with dementia, reduce the burden and strain on unpaid caregivers of people living with dementia, and prevent or delay long-term nursing home care for as long as appropriate (CMS Overview Fact Sheet <https://www.cms.gov/priorities/innovation/media/document/guide-dementia-fs>).

Participants in the GUIDE Model will have a dementia diagnosis, be enrolled in Medicare Parts A and B, and be living in their homes or community settings such as independent and assisted living apartments, but cannot live in a long-term care setting. GUIDE is an 8-year voluntary model offered in all states. Stonehill was awarded participation as part of a competitive application process.

The GUIDE Model program includes case management, caregiver support services including respite care and a 24/7 support line, and screening for health-related social needs. An interdisciplinary care team will deliver services by creating and maintaining a person-centered care plan. The care team will be led by a care navigator who is required to receive training in dementia, assessment, and care planning. Stonehill will partner with a dementia-proficient provider and community partners to deliver comprehensive services to those with dementia and their caregivers. Stonehill Communities will begin enrolling participants in the GUIDE Model in July 2025. Enrollment is voluntary.

These services will be complementary to the support, services, and resources offered to caregivers through the Caregiver Resource Center, located on the Stonehill Communities campus. Stonehill is proud to build upon the legacy of living well and meeting the needs of the community.

Prior to the start date of GUIDE and on-going, caregivers may utilize services through the Caregiver Resource Center, located on the Stonehill Communities campus at 3485 Windsor Ave. Dubuque by contacting Coordinator, Jolene Koopmann at jkoopmann@stonehilldbq.com or 563-690-9679.

The mission of Stonehill is to, in the spirit of St. Francis of Assisi, provide a continuum of quality lifetime care services in a dignified atmosphere. Stonehill offers a full continuum of services including independent and assisted living, memory care, post-acute rehab, long term care, inpatient and outpatient therapy, palliative care and hospice care, non-medical home care services, The Caregiver Resource Center, and a state-of-the-art wellness center open to the public. More information is available at www.stonehilldbq.com.
