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Pickering Manor CEO Announces Retirement

NEWTOWN, PA – Pickering Manor, 5-star non-profit life plan community in Bucks County, announced today that Chief Executive Officer Michelle Knobloch will retire from Pickering Manor effective November 30, 2022. Pickering Manor’s Board of Directors, Community Welfare Council of Newtown, unanimously elected David Woodhead, current Chief Operating Officer, to succeed Michelle Knobloch as Chief Executive Officer, effective December 1, 2022.

Knobloch’s legacy with Pickering extends twenty-six years. She joined Pickering in 1997 as a Director of Social Services and Admissions and became the Chief Executive Officer of Pickering in 2010. Woodhead has been with the firm for nearly thirteen years and the Chief Operating Officer the past three years.

Pickering Manor’s Board President John Parry commented, “It is with both sadness and joy that we announce the retirement of our valued leader and friend [Chief Executive Officer – Michelle Knobloch]. It is difficult, if not impossible to sum up Michelle’s achievements over her many years of dedicated service to Pickering Manor and the impact she has made on all of us both personally and professionally. She will be greatly missed by everyone here but will move on to enjoy this well-deserved retirement.”

“It has been a blessing and privilege to be a part of Pickering Manor for twenty-six years, and it will forever hold a special place in my heart. Thank you to all the residents, families, staff and community for the gift of your love and support that you have shown Pickering over the years and during my tenure,” said Knobloch.

Knobloch continued, “As Pickering moves forward into the 60th year, I am confident David Woodhead [as Chief Executive Officer] will continue to be an exceptional leader and proceed with the same high-quality care and dedicated service for which we are known, and our reputation was built.”

Woodhead closes with, “It is never easy to bid farewell to a friend and mentor. Michelle has been a beacon of strength and resilience, a guiding light for Pickering! On behalf of all of us here at Pickering Manor, we would like to wish Michelle nothing but the best that life has to offer and our best wishes for a long and healthy retirement!”

Pickering Manor is a 5-star community-owned and operated CCRC (continuing care retirement community) in Pennsylvania serving the community of Bucks County since its opening in 1963, formed by the generosity of Henry Russell Pickering. In 2020, Pickering Manor opened its largest expansion to date, a 26,000-square-foot facility which accommodates 15 new short-term residents, a state-of-the-art rehab unit, 15 personal care private rooms, and a renovated 32-bed skilled unit. Pickering recently added a certified 21-bed Memory Care Unit. Visit www.pickeringmanor.org for more information.



L-R: David Woodhead, John Parry, Michelle Knobloch



Michelle Knobloch bids farewell to the Community Welfare Council of Newtown.