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# 2014 Success Stories

As we look forward to the New Year, Solutions Advisors and our partner Retiring by Design take a quick look back at one of the most successful years in our firms' short histories. In just over 5 years, we have worked with dozens of great clients from coast to coast and are pleased to have contributed in some way to their success. Here are just a few success stories from 2014:

#### Fountainview at Gonda, Los Angeles, California

Within 11 months of opening the sales center, this 175-apartment luxury CCRC was 70% pre-sold and is now 96% pre-sold. Solutions Advisors and Retiring by Design handled the sales and marketing effort including sales coaching, direct mail and event planning. Construction began on schedule this past September with an anticipated late-2016 opening.



#### Franciscan Oaks, Denville, New Jersey



Solutions Advisors and Retiring by Design were hired in March 2014 to help this 285-unit CCRC whose occupancy had slumped to a low of 76%. We placed one of our own consultants there to manage the sales process and developed direct mail campaigns and a strategic event plan, resulting in a dramatic increase in both deposits and move-ins. Results average over 5 sales per month, nearly double that of prior years, even disclosing the pending sale of the community.

### Medford Leas, Medford, New Jersey

Solutions Advisors and Retiring by Design were hired in early 2014 to provide sales and marketing management for this CCRC with strong roots in the Quaker tradition. A more strategic approach to working the lead base, a restructured and refocused sales team, plus the creative use of events heralding the uniqueness of the location and culture, increased leads by 24% (from 38 in 2013 to 47 in 2014) and increased the inquiry to move-in ratio 80%, from 5% to 9%. In the 2014 fiscal year, the community nearly doubled their move-ins from 23 in 2012 to 43 in 2014, and is on track to exceed that performance in the current fiscal year.



#### Vinson Hall, McLean, Virginia



Established to serve commissioned military officers and government employees of a certain rank, Vinson Hall began a 75-apartment expansion project and hired Solutions Advisors as part of its development team to manage the sales. The expansion was 100% sold prior to opening earlier this year while at the same time maintaining strong occupancy of the existing community.

#### The Clare, Chicago, Illinois

This stunning 53-story high-rise community in the heart of Chicago's famed Gold Coast was experiencing low occupancy following a financial restructuring and new ownership. When Solutions Advisors and Retiring by Design were hired in July 2014 to drive the sales and marketing, occupancy was 117 of 248 apartments, or less than 50%. A restructured and stabilized sales force coupled with 7-day coverage of the sales office and descriptive creative coupled with a strategic event plan contributed to a successful second half of 2014. Prior to



#### New clients in 2014

We welcomed other sales and marketing clients on board this past year:

**Applewood** Freehold, New Jersey

Atherton Alhambra, California

Crista Senior Living Seattle, Washington

**Judson Meadows** Schenectady, New York

Meadow Ridge Redding, Connecticut The Overlook Charlton, Massachusetts

The Pines at Whiting Manchester, New Jersey

The Summit at Brighton Rochester, New York

**Taylor Community** Laconia, New Hampshire

# SA (MANAGEMENT

This past year also saw the addition of new management contracts including The Ambassador, an upscale assisted living community in Scarsdale, NY; Gull Creek, a senior living community with independent living, assisted living and memory care in Berlin, MD; and the rebranding and repositioning of Spring Meadows in Lansdale, PA, a new management contract that began in December 2103. We are actively seeking new management contracts for 2015.

# New team members in 2014

2014 saw our combined companies' staff increase from 19 to 30 people. We welcome the following new associates who came on board this past year:



**Bonita Patteson** Executive Vice President



**Christian Gibbs** Executive Vice President of Investments & Business Development



Jim Weinberg Chief Financial Officer



Paula Schatz Regional Director of Sales & Marketing



Alexis Martini VP. Director of Sales & Operations



Laura Kislowski Senior Market Research Consultant



Philip Decyk Senior Sales Specialist



Lois Ayers Account Manager



Deb Lyons

Production Specialist

Director of

Cecelia LaForge

**Brian Halko** 

Controller

#### In Memoriam

#### **Laurel Toole Smith, Vice President**

Sadly, we said goodbye to one of our own, Laurel Toole Smith, Vice President, who passed away in September. Among her many responsibilities as a Vice President for Solutions Advisors, Laurel was instrumental in helping to turn around Spring Meadows, an assisted living community in Lansdale, PA. To honor her memory, the staff and ownership made the decision to name the new memory care wing to open in 2015 "Laurel Meadows," and will plant the state's flower, the Mountain Laurel, around the community. To know her was to witness a rare blend of kindness, strength, independence, humor and love. She is greatly missed and will be remembered every day.



### Thank You!

Our sincere gratitude and thanks to all of our former and current clients, and our best wishes for the New Year to all!