

# WEATHERING THE STORM

*Affinity Living Group working to ensure safety of residents during Hurricane Florence*

**A**s Hurricane Florence begins to batter the coast of the Carolinas, Affinity Living Group staff members are working hard to ensure the safety of residents, especially those located in the direct path of the storm.

With 80 communities in North Carolina, where the brunt of Florence's force is expected to hit, storm preparations have been underway all week. Generators are fueled, food is stocked and teams are ready to hunker down with residents in their communities to safely ride out the storm.

"Safety of our residents is our number one priority," said Affinity Living Group President and CEO Charlie Trefzger. "We are monitoring the hurricane around the clock and staying in constant contact with our communities to ensure they have food, fuel, generators, medications — everything they may need to take good care of our residents throughout the duration of the storm."

Currently, nine communities along the NC coast have been evacuated and welcomed by sister communities further inland. Staff and residents at Carteret House, Castle Creek Memory Care, The Gardens of Pamlico, The Gardens of Trent, Leland House, New Hanover House, Onlow House, Tyrrell House and Windsor House boarded buses yesterday as they heeded evacuation orders in their respective areas. Those residents have since settled in at their tem-



Residents from The Gardens of Trent in New Bern evacuated to sister community Four Oaks Senior Living, where they are enjoying activities with staff, volunteers and their new neighbors.



Residents at Rich Square Villa took their mind off the approaching storm with games and activities.



Staff at Caswell House in Yanceyville, NC, prepared to welcome their guests evacuating from The Gardens of Pamlico on Wednesday.

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Teams have remained in contact with families of residents to ensure that contact information is updated and

notify them of the community's status and evacuation plans. Facebook pages for each community are being updated regularly as another way to keep families and loved ones in the loop on

local plans and statuses, and staff will be answering calls 24/7 through Sunday night.

For up-to-date information on a specific community, visit their Facebook page.