



February 7, 2022

Dear St Johns Residents, Responsible Parties and Staff

St John's Retirement Village (St. John's) began as a dream of William, Emil and Katherine Stoll in 1958. With the receipt of their generous gift, St John's United Church of Christ developed a plan, and for decades, seniors and their families have benefited from the services offered by the not-for-profit, community organization.

Approximately two years ago, the coronavirus (COVID 19) appeared, and similar to senior facilities across the country, St. John's fought against the deadly virus before the advent of life-protecting vaccines. Following national guidelines and working with the state and county, St. John's invested significant resources to protect residents, families and employees. Unfortunately, the Stollwood Nursing Facility was severely threatened and could not be sustained; therefore, in September 2020, St. John's closed the Stollwood Nursing Facility.

St. John's continued to focus on memory care and assisted living services and hoped financial stability would return with the help of financial relief through the national Payroll Protection and Provider Relief Funds. However, COVID-19 continued to mutate creating new infections and major challenges, including decreased demand and interest in St. John's services, insufficient labor resources and frequent lockdowns through 2021 and into 2022.

As of today, the fiscal assistance has ended, fewer seniors have moved into St John's and expenses have increased significantly. The Board of Directors has had serious and lengthy discussions about St. John's long-term financial viability, and on February 3, made the decision to close St. John's. The organization simply cannot continue with the forces acting against it. The administration is working with an expert attorney to create a transition plan to close St. John's, which includes communicating with and assisting residents and families in finding new living arrangements, working with our healthcare partner, Dignity Health Woodland Memorial Hospital and Yolo County and selling the property.

It is an extremely difficult decision to close St. John's, which has been home to our residents and families, employees and community members. We have been honored to serve this community and believe the footprint of St. John's will continue to play an important role in providing aging services.

In the days ahead, staff will communicate with St. John's residents who are encouraged to call Janet Martinez at (530-650-4700) or (530-662-1290) with questions.

St. John's Acting Administrator, David Reimer (559-970-1240), will respond to all other inquiries, including those from the government, business and media.

Sincerely,

St John's Board of Directors