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The Maintenance of Maintenance-Free Living

Behind the Scenes at Friendship Village Tempe

Tempe, Ariz. – Providing maintenance-free living at any of the number of retirement communities in Phoenix isn't exactly "maintenance-free." At Friendship Village Tempe, which is home to more than 900 residents, it takes more than 425 full-time staff to keep the community looking pristine.

"When you think about dining at a community of this size, just this aspect alone is a major endeavor, because our chef prepares and serves more than 1,500 entrées to residents and staff every day. Not to mention the 3,000 dishes that are washed and dried by the kitchen staff," said Darrell Jensen, Executive Director for Friendship Village, a leading life care retirement community in the East Valley.

According to Jensen, the community's housekeeping staff cleans 575 residences on a weekly basis, tidies up common areas and washes more than 500,000 pounds of laundry – the equivalent of 62,500 loads each year.

When one of the thousands of light bulbs burns out somewhere in the community, the maintenance crew finds and replaces them, in addition to being on call for plumbing, electrical or handyman requests. There is also security staff that patrols and oversees the community 24 hours a day.

According to Jensen, the grounds crew may be the hardest working bunch on campus. On any given day, they can be found tending to the 5,850 flowers, trimming the 424 new bushes and trees, and preserving the 46 acre-campus.

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At Friendship Village, employees go out of their way to provide more than just good service by offering residents hospitality. “Everyone from housekeeping to dining services to community directors offer the kind of hospitality you’d find at a resort or a high-end hotel. But the best part is, our residents never have to check out,” said Jensen.

“They are just an example of the many people behind the scenes at Friendship Village who play an integral part of making this carefree lifestyle possible for our residents. Their work is more than simply work. It’s rewarding, and truly makes a difference in people’s lives.”

Since 1980, Friendship Village Tempe has set the standard in senior living and provided its residents with a fulfilling retirement lifestyle. The community, located at 2645 East Southern Avenue in Tempe, offers 575 one- and two-bedroom apartments and garden homes, with architecture inspired by the colors and themes of the Southwest. This fun and worry-free lifestyle includes multiple dining options, 24-hour security, housekeeping and flat laundry service, scheduled transportation, on-site banking, community outings, spacious commons areas, a cocktail lounge, auditorium, recreational room with dance floor, woodworking shop, crafts room, a lapidary, weaving room, computer lab with training classes, fitness center, swimming pool, Jacuzzi, exercise classes and more.

Friendship Village is managed by Life Care Services LLC (LCS), the nation’s leader in life care retirement living since 1961.

For more information about Friendship Village, call (480) 831-5000 or toll-free (800) 842-1112, or visit the community’s web site at www.FriendshipVillageAZ.com.

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