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Brookside Care Center now accepting memory care referrals, other long-term care applications

Kenosha County's Brookside Care Center is now accepting referrals for memory care, as well as all other long-term care applications, Administrator Lynda Bogdala announced today.

Earlier this fall, increased staffing and other structural changes allowed Brookside to open additional beds for long-term care, including memory care, Bogdala said.

"We are now accepting all referrals," Bogdala said. "If we are unable to admit applicants immediately, they can be put on a waiting list for when a bed is available."

All applications are screened to determine whether the level of care needed corresponds with what Brookside offers, Bogdala added.

In addition to long-term and memory care, Bogdala said Brookside is also able to offer respite care for individuals who required a skilled level of care for a short period. A screening process is also required for this.

Bogdala encourages those interested in Brookside to call 262-653-3800 to schedule a tour.

Located at 3506 Washington Road in Kenosha, Brookside is a 154-bed facility that offers long-term skilled nursing and short-term rehabilitation care. In recent years, national publications have honored it as being among the best nursing homes in Wisconsin.

In late August, Brookside received a deficiency-free review from the state agency that regulates nursing homes. This review of health and life safety compliance covered a 15-month period that began in April 2022.

This accomplishment is a further endorsement of Brookside's status as the nursing home of choice for families in Kenosha County, said Robert W. Pitts, chairman of the Brookside Board of Trustees.

"There is truly a difference in the high-quality level of care that Brookside is able to provide to its long-term and short-term residents," Pitts said. "With rooms now available, I encourage families to come out and see the outstanding facility and the compassionate staff that make Brookside what it is."

More information about Brookside is available at www.brooksidecarecenter.com. Residency applications are available under the Admissions link; completed forms may be emailed to BCCadmissions@kenoshacounty.org, or hand delivered or mailed to Brookside, 3506 Washington Road, Kenosha, WI 53144.

Those who have further questions may contact Brookside at 262-653-3800.

Careers at Brookside:

Brookside and its sister facility, Willowbrook Assisted Living, continue to actively recruit for employee positions including Certified Nursing Assistants, Nurses of all experience levels and Environmental Service Workers.

All positions come with highly competitive wages and benefits including the Wisconsin Retirement System pension program and access to health insurance for full- and part-time employees.

Potential applicants may view available job postings and apply online at https://www.kenoshacounty.org/jobs.

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