

## **Evergreen Living Innovations, Inc. d.b.a. Evergreen Community of Johnson County**

### **Statement of Purpose**

The history of Evergreen dates back to 1864 when the county opened the Johnson County Poor Farm to provide care for its elderly citizens who had no family to care for them. The Poor Farm eventually became the Johnson County Nursing Center and was operated as a county nursing home until 2002.

In 2003, the county privatized the operation and Johnson County Nursing Center became a separate independent 501(c)(3) non-profit with a mission to provide the best quality person-centered care to individuals regardless of payment source (approximately 75% of residents are on Medicaid). In 2009, the organization changed its name to Evergreen Living Innovations, Inc. d.b.a. Evergreen Community of Johnson County.

Evergreen Community is an award-winning nursing home and recognized by the Kansas Department of Aging and Disability Services as a leader in person-centered care. In 2020, Evergreen Community was awarded the Olathe Accessible Community Award for excellence in serving the elderly with innovative person-centered care.

Evergreen is currently in a county building and the county has plans to tear down the building. So Evergreen plans to construct a new building for a Continuing Care Retirement Community and continue providing care and services to its current and future residents. The new building will allow Evergreen to expand its nursing home and hospice services to include assisted living memory care services and independent living senior apartments with healthcare services.

Evergreen will serve approximately 120 residents and employ approximately 100 employees. In addition, Evergreen will be collaborating with Midland Care PACE who plans to locate two lots over from Evergreen Community in the Prairie Ridge Plaza development. The collaboration plans to provide a full spectrum of services to older adults in Johnson County including meals, activities, doctor visits, specialist visits, therapy, transportation, chapel services, hospice services, and more.