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**CARESSANT CARE COBDEN NURSING HOME RESPONDS TO CALL FOR EMERGENCY LODGING FOR DISPLACED RETIREMENT HOME RESIDENTS**

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Cobden - Caressant Care Cobden Nursing Home was asked to temporarily lodge eight residents from Country Haven Retirement Home in Beachburg after an emergency situation occurred late Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup>. By approximately midnight the residents were delivered safely to Cobden and welcomed into the Home.

“I have nothing but positive things to say about our staff at Caressant Care Cobden Nursing Home and how they reacted to this emergency situation,” says Lee Griffi, Manager of Corporate Communications. “We received eight very heavy care residents from Country Haven and our staff made sure they were safe and warm. We called in extra staff knowing these seniors would require a lot of care,” he adds.

When the residents arrived they were given blankets, food and drink, along with a bed or mattress to sleep on in the auditorium as there was no available occupancy in the nursing home at the time. “It’s unfortunate we had no available rooms at the time of this crisis but time was of the essence in finding somewhere warm and safe,” says Griffi.

Griffi adds that, “emergency situations involving the evacuation of frail and elderly residents are difficult at best. We are more than willing to sit down with officials from the Whitewater Region as well as other Nursing and Retirement Homes to have a positive discussion going forward to assist with any future emergency planning.”

One of the evacuees was assessed on arrival as needing medical care and then sent to hospital while the other seven were found alternate lodging by 5 p.m. the next day.

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