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Q: What is Project Envision?

A: **PROJECT ENVISION: A 20-year plan for a mission-driven Messiah Village** seeks to strengthen Messiah Lifeways at Messiah Village’s long-term financial security and sustainability, ensuring that our mission will continue to thrive in the decades ahead. Founded in 1896 as an outreach of the Brethren in Christ Church, Messiah Lifeways has deep roots of service and vision. As we reflect on 120 years of service, a clear theme emerges – innovative change. In 1904, the Board of Managers approved an addition to 1175 Bailey Street to serve more residents. By September 1936, a brand-new Messiah Rescue & Benevolent Home was built on Paxton Street in Harrisburg. Today, Messiah Lifeways serves nearly 2,600 persons each year through its network of senior services for adults aged 55 and better.

Q: What is being built?

A: There will be three distinct work sites.

- **Village Square** – will include 84 apartment homes ranging in size from 800 square feet 1 bedroom apartments to 1,700 square feet 2 bedroom/2.5 bath apartments with a den. Underbuilding parking will be available. Village Square will also serve as the central hub for wellness and enrichment activities for residents and community members. A café and upscale casual restaurant will be at the center of Village Square.

- **Enhanced Living Expansion** – 26 new apartments ranging in size from 600—768 square feet will be built in a new personal care licensed neighborhood. The new apartments will offer larger accommodations with kitchenettes and separate living and sleeping spaces.

- **Private Nursing Rooms** – Construction of two new nursing neighborhoods will bring 32 new highly sought after private rooms. Each neighborhood will house 16 rooms, along with a large great room with spaces for dining and a warm and welcoming living room. The new private rooms will feature private bathrooms and showers in each room giving residents a homelike environment. Building 2 new nursing neighborhoods gives Messiah Village the flexibility to offer all private rooms in the Wagner short-term rehab nursing neighborhood through additional renovations.
Q: How long will construction last?

A: We anticipate that new buildings/neighborhoods may be ready for occupancy in the summer of 2017 but dates are subject to change. With site work that began in November 2015, the total construction process should last 18-22 months.

Q: How much is this project costing?

A: The total project cost is just over $77 million. Thanks to BB&T for believing in this project and providing favorable financing terms. Vendors and subcontractors from a 100-mile radius of Mechanicsburg, PA are being used for this expansion; a choice that adds vitality to the regional economic outlook.

Q: Which areas of campus are most affected?

A: At the height of the project, three distinct areas will be surrounded by construction fencing.

- Village Square site work is happening just off Mt. Allen Drive in the cul-de-sac that was home to Cherry Circle cottages. The cottages were demolished in December 2015 to make way for the new Village Square building. The materials were separated and reused or recycled as much as possible.
- The 2 new nursing neighborhoods are being built off of the existing Hampden neighborhood, sometimes referred to as Door #9.
- The new Enhanced Living apartments are being built off of the current Nittany neighborhood and will extend out towards the current clinic parking lot and the grassy area near the clinic. As of December 18, the current clinic entrance is closed. Canopy demolition and site work is slated to begin as early as February 2016.

Q: Will crews be working overnight or on weekends?

A: The majority of work will be done during daylight hours, Monday through Friday. Some Saturdays may be scheduled as make-up days in case of inclement weather. Messiah Lifeways has requested that no work be done on Sunday unless it is a dire emergency. Any overnight or early morning work will be limited and will be communicated in advance.
Q: Where can I find visitor parking?
A: Provisions have been made to preserve parking for visitors and families, particularly those coming during normal business hours Monday through Friday, when the highest percentage of team members are also working. Visitors should park in the Yellow Lot, near the Chapel. As always, a number of visitor spots have been maintained at the Village Commons for prospective residents with appointments at the Welcome Center West and for Fireside Grille diners, Pathways Institute members, Silver Sneakers patrons, and others using the Community Room or Galleria Room.

Q: Where can I find the Nursing Home Administrator or Director of Nursing during construction?
A: In January 2016, site work will begin on the 2 new nursing neighborhoods. In advance of that, the current nursing administration offices have relocated. The Nursing Home Administrator, Director of Nursing and other nursing leaders can be found in the Executive Team Suite just off the Village Center Lobby. The Executive Team will be working from 625 Messiah Circle, a cottage that has been renovated to accommodate their offices. All team member phone extensions remain the same.

Q: Where will the contractors and vendors park?
A: Off-campus accommodations have been made for construction crews. A small number of work vehicles may be on site from time to time, in addition to heavy equipment needed for the project. Please remember that the old main entrance is a construction-only entrance for construction vehicles.

Q: Will I still be able to use the Village Center canopy area for quick pick-ups and drop-offs?
A: No. As of early January 2016, the current canopy will be enclosed in construction fencing. The current main reception area (flagpole entrance) in the Village Center will be accessible by foot, for team members, but will be locked. Fob access will be required.

Q: If I’m visiting a resident in a Nursing Care neighborhood or Enhanced Living neighborhood, where should I park?
A: The campus map shows that the yellow lot is designated for visitors, particularly during the normal work week. You can park there and enter through the Chapel lobby. Over the weekend, or in the evening, you may be able to find parking a bit closer to the buildings if you prefer. If you are picking up a loved one for an appointment, you may find it easier to park at the Bailey Street canopy, use your 4-way flashers for 10-15 minutes, and use that as a pick-up and drop-off spot. Team members are trying to make more wheelchairs available to help navigate new routes. Please talk with a team member if you need assistance.
Q: How can I find out about planned or unplanned utility outages that might occur during construction?
A: This site will be updated frequently. We may also use social media to report on major construction happenings, so follow Messiah Lifeways and Messiah Village on Facebook by "liking" our pages or follow us on Twitter @MessiahLifeways.

Please send your comments or questions to PEFeedback@MessiahLifeways.org.

Thank you for your patience.