

Heritage Opens New Recruitment and Training Center

Gerry, NY – Lisa Haglund, Heritage Ministries President and CEO, shared this week that Heritage is working to assist those seeking employment in healthcare at its new location in the Chautauqua Mall.

The Heritage Recruitment and Training Center is designed to provide educational opportunities and training for those who are interested in a career in healthcare.

“The center is two-fold in what it offers our community,” she explained. “People who are interested in learning more about employment opportunities can stop in at the mall, speak with Human Resources representatives, complete applications, and even interview for a job with Heritage.”

For those who are interested in a career in nursing, Heritage offers a paid Nurse Aide Trainee (NAT) class on-site at the mall. Participants accepted into the 8-week program receive paid training, including benefits, and instruction while preparing to take the NYS exam to be a Certified Nurse Assistant (CNA). Upon successful completion of the exam, participants are immediately hired as CNAs at one of Heritage’s three skilled nursing and rehabilitation communities in Chautauqua County. Heritage offers this opportunity to both current employees and the public

“Across New York State, we have seen an increased need for healthcare workers. As an organization, Heritage remains committed to providing love, comfort, and support for those entrusted to our care. Our new Recruitment and Training Center is an investment in the sustainability of both Heritage and our local communities by offering resources and training that will make it more affordable and accessible for those who wish to pursue a career in healthcare with immediate employment and paid training,” Haglund added.

“You can start your nursing career as an NAT while being paid by Heritage, and from there, the opportunities are endless” Danielle Bozich, Heritage Vice President of Human Resources, shared.

“After you become a CNA, we continue to help you grow further in the nursing field, with employment and tuition reimbursement programs can be available for people who are interested in expanding their education. We have employees who have started in our NAT program, and are now LPNs, RNs, and even Nurse Practitioners through the support of Heritage.”

The Heritage Recruitment and Training Center is located near JCPenney in the Chautauqua Mall on Fairmount Avenue in Lakewood, NY, and will offer open interviews every Monday from 11am-2pm. For more information, please visit [//www.heritage1886.org/careers](http://www.heritage1886.org/careers).

Heritage Ministries was founded as the Orphanage and Homes of the Free Methodist Church in 1886 and has grown from its original campus in Gerry, NY, to six locations in New York with additional affiliations across the United States. As a not-for-profit provider of senior care and housing, Heritage is a leader in the industry, and is one of the largest employers in Chautauqua County, NY. Nationwide, Heritage employs approximately 1,500 team members, and serves over 2,500 individuals annually. With locations in New York, Pennsylvania, Illinois, and Washington, Heritage and its affiliates provide rehabilitation and skilled nursing services, independent retirement housing, and assisted living. For more information on Heritage Ministries, please visit www.heritage1886.org.

