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The Voice of the Pee Dee



Members of the Greater Florence Chamber of Commerce stood alongside administrator JoAnn Flick as she snipped the ribbon during the Pee Dee Gardens ribbon cutting and open house on Wednesday.



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## Pee Dee Gardens shows off changes with ribbon-cutting event

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FLORENCE — Pee Dee Gardens, a DePaul Senior Living Community in Florence, held a ribbon cutting and open house Wednesday afternoon to unveil its latest updates and renovations.

The ribbon cutting was held at 1:30 p.m. with members of the Greater Florence Chamber of Commerce in attendance. The open house was held afterward and featured tours of the remodeled building, door prizes for attendees and food and beverages.

Pee Dee Gardens, located at 3117 W. Palmetto St., is an 80-bed facility which provides both assisted-living and memory-care services to seniors.

The business has made recent changes to both its managerial staff and its housing which, according to administrator JoAnn Flick, has made Pee Dee Gardens an all-around better facility for its residents.

"We've done just a total face lift from the sign outside all the way to the back," Flick said.

Pee Dee Gardens has remodeled numerous individual rooms and even added model rooms for incoming residents to look at before they move in. The facility can also provide furnishings and décor for new residents who may need them upon arrival.

Flick said that, even more important than revamping the resident's rooms, Pee Dee Gardens has made significant changes in administration and reemphasized resident care as a top priority.

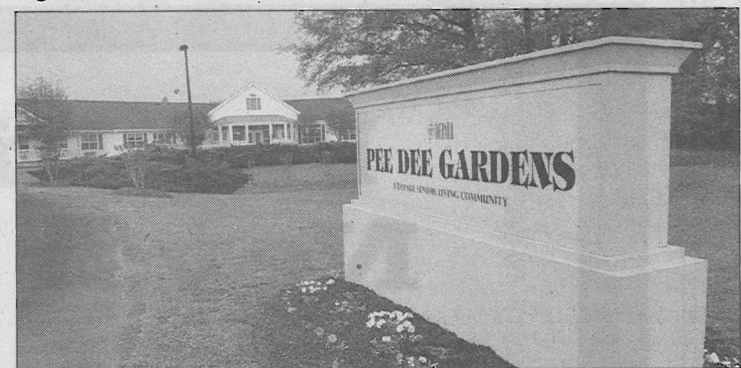
"I want people to know who Pee Dee Gardens is and I want them to know us for the care we provide," Flick said. "Anybody can have a new building. Anybody can have a pretty room. It's about care."

That mission is echoed by the staff members, including with Tuwana James, interim resident care director at Pee Dee Gardens. James said Flick's leadership skills have trickled down to her staff members and in turn made a better place for the residents to live.

"Everybody is more settled, more organized. Things are so much better," James said. "The



Interim resident care director Tuwana James and administrator JoAnn Flick have known each other for 10 years and are happy to be working together to make Pee Dee Gardens a home for their residents.



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environment and the atmosphere is different. Everybody enjoys their job and what they do."

With positive changes being made, Flick said, the next step for Pee Dee Gardens is to become a name and set a standard for senior care in the Florence

community.

"It means a lot to see Pee Dee Gardens grow in this community and to be a part of it becoming a very vital part of senior care," Flick said. "We really want to get the DePaul Senior Living name out there and better known in Florence."