



Benchmark Senior Living at The Commons in Lincoln 'Competes' to Raise Emergency Funds

LINCOLN, MA – Just as she was going to sleep one night in September 2016, Crystal Patrick heard a bang on the back door followed by a voice screaming, “Get out, get out! There’s a fire!” After grabbing her sleeping children, she ran down the stairs to get out as fast as she could. Her family’s lives were saved, but their life was reduced to ashes. Fortunately, her employer, Benchmark Senior Living, created the One Company Fund for situations like this, and the fund came through for Crystal, a resident care assistant, and her family in the form of funds to purchase beds and household necessities so they could get back on their feet.

In July, The Commons in Lincoln, a Benchmark Senior Living community in Lincoln, Mass., participated in one of three annual golf tournaments that raise funds for the One Company Fund. The 7th Annual One Company Fund North Golf Classic took place at Four Oaks Country Club in Dracut, Mass., and successfully raised over \$48,000.

“Benchmark Senior Living is a company that cares for its residents, families and associates,” says Chris Golen, Campus Executive Director for The Commons in Lincoln. He also served as a coordinator and participant in the North Golf Classic. “Just like at other Benchmark communities, our associates and residents set an annual fundraising goal that we meet or exceed each year through personal donations, payroll deductions, bake sales, car washes and other activities year-round. We’re also honored to participate in important initiatives like the golf tournament to ensure resources will be available to help fellow associates like Crystal when they need it the most.”

Since its inception in 2007, the One Company Fund, a 501(c)(3) organization, has raised over \$3 million and distributed nearly \$1.4 million in grants. In 2016 alone, the fund raised over \$530,000 and awarded 194 grants totaling more than \$350,000.

About The Commons in Lincoln:

The Commons in Lincoln is a Benchmark Senior Living Continuing Care Retirement Community offering independent living, assisted living, memory care and rehabilitation with the style, service and luxury expected of a five-star destination. With a Five-Star Medicare distinction in rehab care, The Commons is a Lifecare community and leading provider of senior living services with exceptional maintenance-free living, a wide variety of premium services and a full continuum of on-site health care. For more information, visit www.thecommonsinlincoln.com.

About Benchmark Senior Living:

Based in Waltham, Mass., Benchmark Senior Living is a leading provider of senior living services in the Northeast. Founded in 1997 by Tom Grape and celebrating its 20th anniversary in 2017, Benchmark operates 55 senior living communities offering independent living, assisted living, Alzheimer's care and continuing care in Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island and Vermont. Visit Benchmark at BenchmarkSeniorLiving.com or call 888-492-9583.

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(Pictured left to right: Chris Golen, *executive director, The Commons in Lincoln*, Adam Manchester, *executive director, Benchmark Senior Living at Woburn* – Adam's team scored lowest amongst the Benchmark foursomes.)