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Mike Smith to Retire from Wheat State Manor

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Whitewater, Kansas, June 19, 2021 – After 11 years as Administrator at Wheat State Manor, Mike, a resident of Wichita, is set to retire on July 16, 2021.

Mike, 70, joined Wheat State Manor with 36 years previous experience in nursing home administration. During his time at Wheat State Manor, he was responsible for the operation of the home and many projects such as the renovation of the Alzheimer's Unit, the renovation of the interior of the home, building the management team, implementing "person centered care", implementing the Chaplaincy and resident worship program just to name a few. He was also active in LeadingAge Kansas, a not-for-profit nursing home association. He served on the KING Board and was Board Chair. He also served on the Employee Benefits Board from its design and inception, and retires as the Board Chair of that group as well. As a new graduate from KSU, he went to work for United Cerebral Palsy and was charged with opening and running its first adult residential facility for disabled adults. He was the first Administrator of The Timbers. He worked at the old Catholic Care Center formerly on the campus of St. Joseph Hospital, and was the first Administrator of that newly constructed facility when it opened in Bel Aire, KS. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree at Kansas State University in 1973 in Psychology. He has held the position of Administrator at numerous other facilities, both for profit and not for profit during his 47year career.

"In the mid 80's I began noticing what was happening at Wheat State and thought to myself 'I wish I could be the Administrator there' and in 2010, it came true. Being able to be a part of this community, the churches, the school and its culture has been the privilege of a lifetime and I have been blessed in so many ways, says Mike. My wife Nancy and I are going to adjust to retirement and then be off to our next adventure."

Wheat State Manor, Inc. has a tremendous heritage of love and caring for the whole person. Nine churches, two in Whitewater, two in Potwin and five from neighboring communities work together to make the vision of providing a nursing care home a reality. Wheat State is an illustration of God's love in action. At Wheat State, care is for the whole person. Wheat State values its Christian heritage, serve its residents with love, and provides opportunities for spiritual growth and comfort. Wheat State Manor opened its doors in Whitewater in 1974 and is operated by a nine-member volunteer Board of Directors, one from each owner church.

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