

Samaritan Bethany

December 22, 2021

Dear Residents and Families of the Home on 8th,

This week, the Home on 8th welcomed 20 National Guard members to assist our caregiving team on a temporary basis. To prepare, they are going through orientation and will be shadowing with our staff on the neighborhoods. Their first independent day providing care will be this Friday.

We requested this help from the state of Minnesota to provide much-needed relief and support for our staff. Due to COVID-19, we have lost staff who decided to leave for various reasons, and it has been very hard to replace them. We are grateful for the National Guard who will join our team for approximately 2 weeks, and potentially longer.

Every single day, we appreciate the many sacrifices that you and your families make to help care for our community's older adults. I understand how exhausted everyone is as we move into the second year of COVID-19. The National Guard assistance is one way that we're trying to provide relief and support, as we look for more permanent fixes.

If you have questions about how we'll be using National Guard members or any other concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to me at 507-424-4041 or kberg@samaritanbethany.com.

Sincerely,

Kyla Berg
Community Leader – Home on 8th