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The Benedictine Sisters of Cullman announce closing of Benedictine Manor

Over the past 35 years, Benedictine Manor, a retirement residence for independent living, has provided a safe and peaceful community for its residents as a ministry of the Benedictine Sisters of Cullman, Alabama. During this time, many changes have taken place in residential and eldercare options available to seniors. Today's elders are more likely to seek living options that provide a continuum of care. Better health care options allow more elders to stay at home for a longer period of time. Because of these positive changes that provide more options for elders, fewer people are looking for the independent living option provided by Benedictine Manor. Over the past several years, the need for this ministry has decreased to a point where the Sisters have made the difficult decision to close Benedictine Manor before these realities affect the level of service we can provide to our residents.

Our prayer is that our residents will find a new place to live that will meet their needs by the end of November, 2018. We are providing a six-month time frame because most assisted living facilities have a waiting list and we want to allow sufficient time for our residents to explore their options and plan their moves.

Our Sisters are working closely with each of our residents and staff, and we are providing resources and information to make this transition as smooth as possible for everyone. We are committed to providing the same high level of service to our residents until the day the last resident completes his or her relocation.

This decision has been a very difficult one for our Sisters to make, as we have developed a loving relationship and friendship with our Manor residents and staff through the years. Please keep the Manor residents, staff, and our Sisters in your prayers during this transition.

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"WE BELIEVE THAT GOD IS HERE AND CAN BE FOUND, AND THAT A DIVERSITY OF PERSONS BONDED INTO UNITY SHOWS CHRIST TO A DIVIDED WORLD."