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### **Small Contained Fire Breaks out at Meadows Senior Living on Campus of Community Wellness Partners**

*"All tenants safely evacuated and temporarily relocated"*

Last evening at approximately 7:30 pm a small grease fire occurred in the kitchen of an apartment at Meadows Senior Living, on Middle Settlement Road in New Hartford, which is located on the campus of Community Wellness Partners. This particular unit, which houses both Meadows tenants and ESSHI tenants, is located close to Middle Settlement Road. Emergency personnel was quick to respond and all tenants were evacuated safely. Only one tenant sustained minor burns and was transported to the hospital. Community Wellness Partners President and CEO, Jeremy Rutter, stated, "Emergency response acted quickly and as a result our tenants are safe. We are grateful to the Town of New Hartford Fire Department and our team for their swift response and care of our tenants. As a result of their efforts, our tenants have all been safely relocated with family or within a suitable housing establishment." Vice President of Home and Community Based Services for Community Wellness Partners, Lisa Truax, was on site immediately when she received the call that a fire had broken out in the building. "Above all else, our first priority was to get our tenants out safely. Following that, it was to get them to a warm, safe place to stay. We accomplished all of that with Lydianne Menendez, Property Manager of the Meadows, local fire officials, and the County all within a very short period of time." Officials from Community Wellness Partners do not have an exact timeframe of when the building will be habitable but will work as quickly as possible to get their tenants back in their homes. "Displacement, for any reason, is a difficult thing so we understand that and are here to support our tenants and their families during this time. Fortunately, we have the support of our community and resources within reach to provide our tenants with whatever they need" stated Truax.

Combining 150 years of service, Community Wellness Partners is a faith-based, 501(c)(3) nonprofit affiliation of LutheranCare® and Presbyterian Homes & Services. This affiliation offers the most complete continuity of health and wellness services for older adults in Oneida County, New York. Community Wellness Partners serves older adults each day throughout its continuum, which includes Home Care, Independent Living and Assisted Living, Rehabilitation, Skilled Nursing and more.



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