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River Ridge Living Center is a rehabilitation and long-term care facility, located on 30 pristine acres within the Mohawk Valley overlooking the Mohawk River. It began as Montgomery Meadows in Amsterdam, south of the Mohawk River. In January 2007, Montgomery Meadows was purchased and underwent extensive renovations making it the well-run facility it is today. Also, the facility was renamed River Ridge Living Center.

The facility provides both long-term and short-term inpatient and outpatient services. River Ridge offers a variety of services for their residents including both occupational and physical therapies, personal beauticians and barbers, along with a private pharmacy and dental department.

Eric Vedder, RN, is the Director of Nursing at River Ridge and has developed a unique philosophy for his nursing staff. They combine their highly skilled nursing services with an emphasis on personal choice and quality of life when interacting with their residents. “The residents and their families often remark about the caring and compassion that is the hallmark of the nursing staff,” said Mr. Vedder. This philosophy is stated in the “Welcome” message on their website, “Home is a place that is inviting and warm.” River Ridge Living Center is all that and more.

On a visit last fall with one of our Career Readiness classes, SCAP’s teachers and students were warmly welcomed to River Ridge to participate in Music Bingo. River Ridge was very welcoming and encouraged SCAP’s students and staff to spread out amongst the residents. Assisting the residents with listening to songs and finding them on their Bingo sheets was a great time for all. It was an excellent activity for our graduates to gain experience working in a healthcare facility with an elderly population.

Nancy Murphy, Activities Coordinator at River Ridge, promotes and maintains fun events for the residents such as the Summer Carnival, an Elvis themed Luau, Oktoberfest and a celebration of All Hallows’ Eve. Some activities have gone viral; the *River Ridge Zombie Thriller* can be seen on YouTube.

At present, four graduates of SCAP’s HPOG program have selected River Ridge as their place of employment; one of these graduates, his name is Ron, has been employed at River Ridge for over 18. When asked about Ron, Sandra MacDonald the Director of HR said, “We love Ron, he is one of our best CNAs.” Through the success of SCAP graduates, such as Ron, we hope to uphold and develop our partnership with the River Ridge Living Center.