

## **Buckner Retirement Services Weekly Update September 1, 2020**

Dear Buckner Residents and Families,

I am happy to report that as of Sunday, all our evacuated Calder Woods healthcare residents and associates are back safely in Beaumont, and most of our independent living residents have returned as well.

Each time our associates are met with a challenge, I see them rise to the task, putting their commitment to care for our residents above all else. That is why they are heroes.

The writer and academic Joseph Campbell is considered a leading authority on heroes in stories and movies. According to Campbell, anyone can become a hero if they give themselves to a greater purpose. In stories, the hero accomplishes it through a quest or journey.

This year has been quite the series of tests for our teams, but each test makes them stronger and their dedication greater – and I could not be prouder. Part of the reason our evacuation of Calder Woods was so smooth was because of the way the pandemic has influenced our operations and communications. The same with our communities' abilities to receive the evacuees during their time of need. Adversity makes us better.

Our response to challenges is why I know from the bottom of my heart that we will find a way to safely and effectively reunite our residents with their families in a way that gives everyone confidence.

Last Friday, the Dallas Morning News published an op-ed by Buckner International President Albert Reyes about the healing power of love and faith. I invite you to read his words at [Tinyurl.com/ReyesDMNOpEd](https://www.tinyurl.com/ReyesDMNOpEd).

One of the keys to reuniting families in nursing facilities is testing, but we need our federal and state elected officials to prioritize senior living communities in the same way they do hospitals and physicians. This is an important point to highlight when petitioning your government officials.

If you are moved to join our grassroots campaign to reopen nursing and assisted living care levels, you may email me at [Charlie.Wilson@Buckner.org](mailto:Charlie.Wilson@Buckner.org) to receive a customizable letter to send Governor Abbott and other state officials – or click [here](#).

For a detailed timeline regarding COVID-19 cases specific to your community, visit [Tinyurl.com/BucknerPandemic](https://www.tinyurl.com/BucknerPandemic). The following is a summary for quick reference:

### **Community COVID-19 Active Case Summary (Residents & Associates)**

	<b>Active PUIs</b>	<b>Active Positive Cases</b>
Baptist Retirement Community	0	0

Buckner Villas	0	0
Calder Woods	0	0
Parkway Place	0	3
Ventana	0	1
Westminster Place	0	0

Please continue to visit the BRS website ([www.BucknerRetirement.org](http://www.BucknerRetirement.org)) for our community case tracker and timelines, as well as our lists of [Frequently Asked Questions](#) (FAQ) –you may also call 855-754-3338 with questions at any time.

Thank you for allowing us to serve you, and God bless.

Sincerely,  
Charlie Wilson  
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