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Waterford on Saddle Drive

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WATERFORD RECOGNIZES 115 YEARS OF SERVICE AS IT PREPARES TO MARK 10TH ANNIVERSARY

HELENA, Mont. — In an industry sometimes noted for both employee and employer turnover, Waterford on Saddle Drive is unique. This summer, the retirement community will celebrate its 10th anniversary, and in anticipation of that special occasion recently honored the 75 people who work there and share 115 years of Waterford service. Two employees have been there since the opening in 1997: Administrative Services Manager Karolyne Redding and Housekeeper Marlene Aksamit.

Equally noteworthy is the management team of five people, whose combined Waterford service equals 29 years.

Marie Lavinder started six years ago as a resident care assistant in assisted living and last year completed her education to become a licensed practical nurse — while working full time at Waterford.

“Waterford is what’s termed a ‘service industry,’ and as such, our staff are key to what we are committed to providing — personalized customer service,” says Executive Director Merry Lunde, who has worked at Waterford seven years. “The work experience at Waterford allows staff to make a real difference in the lives of residents while developing lasting relationships.”

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Each employee who has worked for Waterford more than a year received one part of a 10-piece pewter collection that ranges from a salt-and-pepper set to a serving tray. Employees with one to 12 months of service receive a Waterford pen-pencil set.

Waterford offers resort-style retirement and is home to approximately 150 people. A wide range of homes and lifestyle options is available.