



EXECUTIVE HIRES

Christenson Advisors Places New President and Senior Vice President with Merrill Gardens

Christenson Advisors is pleased to announce the placement of Tana Gall, president, and Jason Childers, senior vice president at Merrill Gardens, a well respected, national seniors housing company. Merrill Gardens has 56 communities in nine states with the capacity to serve over 8,000 residents. Gall and Childers will lead the Merrill Gardens management team and 2,800 team members in all aspects of operations. Their appointment is effective immediately.

Bill Pettit moves to a new role as the president of the R.D. Merrill Company with responsibility for both Merrill Gardens and sister company Pillar Properties. Prior to joining Merrill Gardens, Gall and Childers led the team at Seattle-based Leisure Care Retirement Communities as president and senior vice president. Gall was at Leisure Care for the past 19 years and Childers was with the company for 11 years. Gall and Childers come to Merrill Gardens as the company is celebrating its 20th year of operations.

"We are so pleased to have Tana and Jason join our senior leadership team," said Pettit. "Tana and Jason's expertise will be critical as we build the platform for our operating systems for the future. They will be leading the way as we transform the company through technology and innovate new ways to best serve our senior population. We are very fortunate to have them join our team and I look forward to the opportunities their continued partnership will provide to Merrill Gardens."

Pettit added, "We sincerely appreciate the efforts of Christenson Advisors (CA). We have enjoyed our more than 5-year business relationship with CA, continuously relying on their recruiting, compensation consulting and capital raising capabilities. CA has added tremendous value to our board room, executive suite and company overall."

Welcome to Merrill Gardens, Tana and Jason!

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