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By Carol Volpe, Activities Director

## The Orchards at Southington congratulates Audrey Vinci on her retirement

**A**fter 35 years of setting an example of excellence for assisted living professionals, Audrey Vinci retired on Sept. 28. She served as executive director of The Orchards of Southington for more than 15 years. A Wallingford native and resident, Audrey holds years of experience in the healthcare field beginning with her first job as a registered nurse at Gaylord Hospital. She segued into the skilled nursing field and then assisted living.



As executive director, was responsible for every facet of life at The Orchards, ensuring the residents are comfortable, safe and happy in their home. "They are proud of their home and love showing other people around," she said.

Under her leadership, The Orchards received multiple awards, all well-deserved, she said. The community prides itself on promoting intergenerational relationships, establishing an award-winning nature garden and butterfly sanctuary, and adopting a "green" environment with staff and residents on board. "We have a great team here," she said, adding they are instrumental in making The Orchards the great community that it is.

Her plans for retirement include sitting by the swimming pool at her Florida condo, reading, joining the Y, visiting friends and welcoming family, including five grandchildren. She and her

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Audrey Vinci, executive director, center, receives congratulations from Lisa Connolly, vice president, at The Orchards of Southington 20th anniversary celebration held Sept. 15. To the left is Dave Vinci.

By Lisa Connolly, NHA, MS, vice president,  
Hartford HealthCare Senior Services







**A**udrey Vinci, executive director of The Orchards at Southington, officially retired Sept. 28 after 15 years of dedication, vision and leadership. During this time, The Orchards has earned the reputation as one of the finest residential communities in Connecticut.

Audrey is a respected leader not only within Hartford HealthCare Senior Services but in the industry. Her expertise in creating an environment that is both elegant and comfortable is her signature. As a nurse, Audrey holds the ALSA license for The Orchards, Mulberry Gardens of Southington, Cedar Mountain







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<b>Sunday(s)</b> 10:00am CATHOLIC MASS— On TV w/Communion Community Room 3:00pm CARDS - SETBACK- Card Corner 3:15pm COFFEE & Conversation Country Kitchen 6:30pm CARDS Country Kitchen	<b>Monday(s)</b> 10:30am "GET FIT" w/Christine Community Room 1:00pm CHORALEERS Practice Community Room 1:30pm BRIDGE CLUB Veranda Dining Room 2:30pm BINGO Community Room 3:15pm COFFEE & Conversation Country Kitchen 6:00pm CARDS - Card Corner	<b>Tuesday</b> 9:30am NON-DENOM Service w/Pastor Victoria Triano - South Living Room 12:15pm BOWLING @ Apple Valley Lanes 1:15pm "GET FIT" w/Chris Community Room 1:30pm WELLNESS CLINIC 3rd Floor Wellness Office 3:00pm HAPPY HOUR! -PUB 6:30pm CARDS - Country Kit. 6:30pm BINGO - Comm. Rm. or Macintosh Dining Room	<b>Wednes</b> 9:30am ROSAR South L 10:30am BIBLE Rev. F Privat 10:30am "GET Comm 6:30pm SETBA North
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<p>10:00pm Council Meeting City Room</p> 	<p>4</p> <p>2:00pm Halloween Trivia by the fire with donuts &amp; cider The Library</p> 	<p>5</p> <p>10:15am Joy through Laughter </p> <p>1:15pm Noodle/Balloon Volleyball Community Room</p> 	<p>6</p> <p>10:00am "GET FIT" w/video Community Room</p> <p>1:15pm "Movie Matinee" Community Room</p>  
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<p>10:00pm Lunch up Luncheon </p> <p>10:00pm Carol Room</p> 	<p>11</p> <p>11:00am-1:00pm Leslie Jewelry South Living Room</p> <p>2:00pm Making Pumpkin Bread w/Carol Country Kitchen</p> 	<p>12</p> <p>10:15am Joy through Laughter </p> <p>11:00am Out Trip - Leaf Peeping in Litchfield and Lunch</p> 	<p>13</p> <p>10:00am "GET FIT" w/video Community Room</p> <p>1:15pm "Movie Matinee" Community Room</p>  
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<p>Lunch nn (aug) 10:00pm Arts &amp; Crafts Community Room Tony Falcone</p> 	<p>25</p> <p>2:00pm October Birthday Party with music by Dave Glokowski &amp; his accordion Community Room</p> 	<p>26</p> <p>10:30am The Connecticut Witch Trials with Jason Scappaticci Community Room</p> 	<p>27</p> <p>10:00am "GET FIT" w/video Community Room</p> <p>1:15pm "Movie Matinee" Community Room</p>  
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Events listed on the top of calendar are regularly scheduled weekly functions at The Orchards. Residents will be notified of any change in schedule or location. All residents are welcome and encouraged to attend OUT TRIPS. Trips are weather permitting.

**Register for out trips with our receptionist.**

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husband, Dave, a registered nurse with the Veterans Administration who plans on retiring in December, anticipate volunteering in the community. “You have to be busy,” she said.

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Commons and Arbor Rose, and has a successful history of deficiency free surveys and regulatory compliance.

During her tenure, The Orchards has earned some of the industry’s highest awards including:

- Assisted Living Federation of America Best of the Best for the WISE program
- Connecticut Assisted Living Association Green Business Award
- Food Recovery Challenge Award
- GreenCircle Sustainability Award
- International Council on Active Aging Innovation Award
- NuStep Pinnacle Award
- SeniorAdvisor.com Best of

Personally, Audrey received the Southington Chamber of Commerce: Hospitality, Generosity and Community Spirit Award.

In addition to overseeing the overall operations of The Orchards, it was not uncommon for Audrey to participate in recreational programs both within and outside of the community with the residents. She, along with her husband Dave, volunteered at numerous events and fundraisers over the years in promotion of Hartford HealthCare Senior Services.

We are appreciative and grateful for Audrey’s commitment to The Orchards over the last 15 years. Her personal style, affection for our seniors, and leadership will be missed. We wish her all the best as she enters this next chapter.



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at Southington**

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