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Health care workers at Laurel Place and Stanford Place join HEU

More than 400 health care workers at Laurel Place in Surrey and Stanford Place in Parksville have voted to join the Hospital Employees' Union in the last week.

Judy Darcy, the union's secretary-business manager, says that the Laurel Place and Stanford Place employees are among the growing number of workers from assisted living and residential care homes to unionize with HEU.

"We welcome the workers from Laurel Place and Stanford Place," says Darcy. "We appreciate the trust that members place in the union to bring security and stability to their work lives."

Darcy says that health care workers in long-term care and assisted living facilities not only provide care and support services to residents, they act as advocates for the seniors and their families.

There are 220 new HEU members at each site including residential care aides, licensed practical nurses, registered nurses, recreation workers and occupational therapists, and housekeeping, dietary, laundry and clerical staff.

Laurel Place and Stanford Place are among a number of private, for-profit residential care complexes in B.C. belonging to the Ahmon Group. They were built under public-private partnership deals with the Fraser and Vancouver Island health authorities respectively. Both opened for business in 2008.

HEU also represent members who work at Fleetwood Place and Morgan Place, two other Ahmon Group facilities in Surrey.

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