

Artis Senior Living of Princeton Junction director wins international award

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Sara Thompson, director of Life Enrichment at Artis Senior Living on Princeton Junction, won an international award from the International Council of Dementia Professionals. PHOTO COURTESY OF ARTIS SENIOR LIVING

PRINCETON – Often, people who require a memory care community may have had to give up their favorite past times due to safety concerns, or they could no longer manage those activities independently. Whether it be a love for music, reading, cooking, gardening or just being able to take a walk on their own, it can be a challenge to hold onto those pursuits when memory fails.

Since opening its doors in early 2017, Artis Senior Living has enabled many residents to rediscover what they love to do, according to a prepared statement.

Director of Life Enrichment Sara Thompson began as life enrichment assistance and within 6 months was promoted to director. She has spent 8 years in health care and is newly certified in Montessori Dementia Care.

In July, the International Council of Dementia Professionals launched a global competition for activity professionals. This competition was inspired by the dedication of activity professionals to overcome COVID isolation for seniors living with dementia. Thompson was chosen as the international winner. She, with the assistance of Artis residents, refurbished an antique tea cart to create the masterpiece that won, according to the statement.

Artis is accepting new residents and can offer a virtual tour.

Artis has also joined in a partnership with infectious disease experts from Johns Hopkins Hospital and formed the Artis Safety Council.

Artis Senior Living of Princeton Junction is located at 861 Alexander Road, Princeton Junction. For more information, call 609-454-3360.

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