

Cura Hospitality to emphasize locally grown food at Messiah Village

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A hospitality provider will bring more locally grown food to seniors' plates at Cumberland County's [Messiah Village](#).

The Upper Allen Township retirement community has inked a three-year contract with Lehigh County-based [Cura Hospitality](#) to provide food service. The contract began in November.

Cura purchases 20 percent of its food from local farms, spokeswoman Grace Hoyer said.

Cura will add "always available" food offerings, and the company will use focus groups at Messiah to develop new menus, Hoyer said.

The contract includes other environmentally friendly portions, such as helping Messiah use more biodegradable products, improving energy efficiency and possibly beginning a garden for residents and on-site composting, she said.