



"I began my journey at Wesley Glen Retirement Community back in April of 2000 as a line cook. At the time, I couldn't have imagined how deeply this place would shape both my career and my life. Over the years, I've grown not just professionally but personally, surrounded by a community that has always felt like family.

In 2023, I was honored to step into the role of Sous Chef — a milestone that pushed me to pursue my high school diploma, something I accomplished with the unwavering support of my wife, whom I met here during my early days. Her strength and encouragement have been foundational in my success.

Near the end of 2024, I was promoted to Executive Chef — a role that's both humbling and rewarding. It's been a blessing to lead a team dedicated to serving others with excellence and compassion, especially the residents who've become such a special part of my daily life."

— Chef JR