

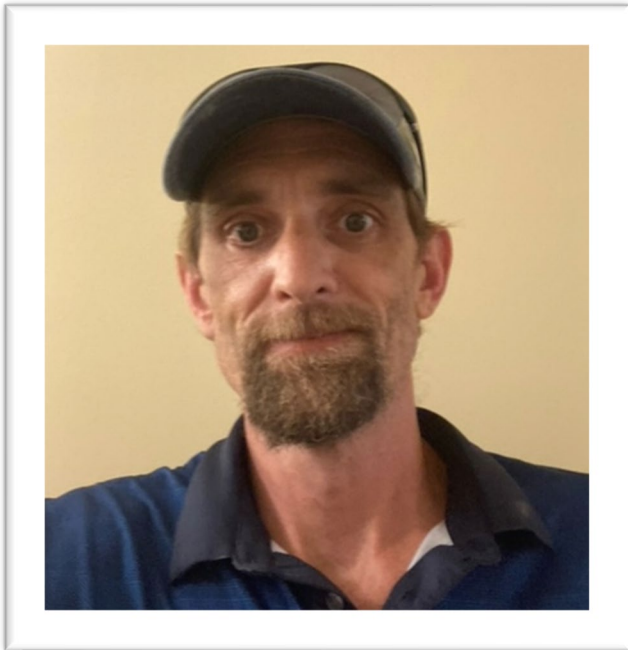
## Employee Spotlight

### Meet Mike Wharton, Facilities Maintenance Consulting for Woodlands Senior Living

Mike Wharton began his career as a Maintenance Technician at our Waterville community and in a short time made it obvious that he was the Foreman we were looking for. With Mike leading Waterville's maintenance team as the Foreman, he made an instant impact on the buildings and overall operation. When the opportunity arose, it was a no-brainer to bring Mike back to Woodlands Senior Living as a Facilities Maintenance Consultant.

Mike is willing to do anything and everything! No matter what it is, if you ask for something to be taken care of, Mike will do it! He has a second to none work ethic and does every job with a smile. His attention to detail and willingness to lend a hand when needed is just one example of why Mike is so valuable to our team here at Woodlands Senior Living.

Thank you, Mike, for all that you do to make a meaningful difference in the lives of your coworkers and the residents at Woodlands Senior Living communities across the state. ***What you do matters!***



#### **What is your current role at Woodlands Senior Living?**

I am a Facilities Maintenance Consultant. Before that, I worked as a Maintenance Foreman at the Waterville community.

#### **Before working for WSL, what was the most unusual or interesting job you've ever had?**

Hmm... Interesting job... I would say moving archives for the Maine State Museum. There were so many cool things in that place. The coolest thing was probably the oldest horse drawn hearse in the State of Maine. It was from the 1700's.

#### **How has Woodlands Senior Living helped you in your career development?**

I have learned so many things working here. The most important thing... definitely the importance of communication.

#### **If you could switch jobs with anyone within Woodlands Senior Living for a day, who would you choose?**

I think I would enjoy doing Activities in the community. Whenever I see residents participating in the activities going on, they are really happy. It brings them a lot of happiness. I would like being a part of that.

#### **What advice would you give to new hires?**

I would say that it's really important to treat all residents the way you would want your family treated. The residents in our communities are someone's Mom or Dad, or grandparent. How would you want your loved one treated?

#### **What is the most rewarding part of your job?**

Being able to put a smile on a resident's face. Whether we are just saying hello in the morning, or doing something to help make their day a little bit better from a maintenance perspective – it's not hard to do, and it makes my day!

#### **What drew you to Woodlands Senior Living originally?**

It was time for a change for me. I had worked at Woodlands Senior Living of Waterville for a few years. Coming back here was an easy decision for me.

#### **What has been your proudest moment at Woodlands Senior Living?**

Each time that I am able to help a resident, make them smile or make them laugh – I am proud. Again, it doesn't take much to make a difference and help them to have the best day possible. If I had to think of one specific moment that I am most proud of – definitely the day we took the Park Residences of Waterville residents to Fenway for a Red Sox game! The residents had a great time. We were able to hit three different states... stop and have dinner at the Old Country Buffet in Portland. One particular resident was the happiest that I had ever seen her... It was a memorable day for sure.

#### **People would be surprised if they knew this about you...**

I don't think people know how much I really love the outdoors. If I am not at work, I am likely side by side. My favorite trail is from Pittsfield to Greenville. I love Greenville!