

Retirement Community Reduces Monthly Payroll Expenses by 87% with Sage Software's Abra Payroll Solution

CLIENT

Carolina Meadows

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Not for Profit

Healthcare

LOCATION

Chapel Hill, North Carolina

SYSTEM

Sage Abra

Founded in 1983, Carolina Meadows is a nationally accredited, not-for-profit continuing care retirement community in Chapel Hill, NC. As one of the nation's foremost continuing care retirement communities, Carolina Meadows brings together all the amenities of comfortable, independent living sought by today's active retirees.

"Prior to implementing Abra Payroll, we outsourced our payroll processes because we assumed outsourcing would save us time and money," said Kevin McLeod, chief financial officer for Carolina Meadows.

"Unfortunately, our outsourcing expenses continued to increase and, as changes were made within our community's network, the time lag and hassle involved with updating the system also grew. With assistance from Sage's Certified Business Partner, Net at Work, Carolina Meadows implemented Abra Payroll. An enterprise-wide solution, Abra Payroll allows companies to manage payroll operations via a personal computer.



Managing Payroll While Saving Money with Abra Payroll

Carolina Meadows began a search for an in-house payroll solution based on the following criteria: ease of use, scalability and industry reputation. The company selected Sage Abra Payroll, HR Attendance with integrated Unitime Time and Attendance. With the help of Net at Work of Raleigh, N.C., the new solution was fully operational in less than six months. McLeod adds, "With Abra Payroll, we're able to manage our payroll processes while also saving money."

CHALLENGE

To find an in-house payroll and time clock solution that is easy to use, scaleable and an industry standard which integrates to Accounting and HR.

SOLUTION

Implement Sage Abra in-house solution to achieve cost savings of over 80%

RESULTS

Payroll expenses significantly reduced. Staff has access to real-time, customizable reports.

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Net at Work's Recent Recognitions

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- ▶ CRN Fast Growth 100 Solution Provider
- ▶ INC 5000
- ▶ Crain's Business Top Software Company

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Since going live with Abra Payroll, Carolina Meadows has seen monthly payroll expenses reduce by 87%. State unemployment taxes, once earning interest for their outsourcing vendor, are now earning interest for Carolina Meadows. And they now have access to detailed, customizable reports in real-time.

In-House Payroll Management Saves Money

At Carolina Meadows, more than 600 residents and 300 staff work together to create a unique community. The services and fees of Carolina Meadows are designed to enable individual residents to live as independently as possible, paying only for the services they use. By reducing their operating costs Carolina Meadows is able to offer better services at a better price to its clients.

About Sage Abra Payroll Solution

An enterprise-wide solution, Abra Payroll allows companies to manage payroll operations via a personal computer. Users are able to create special payroll runs, evaluate data and reconcile payrolls and quarters with online analyses, generate cost accounting and labor distribution reports, secure sensitive payroll information, and prepare payroll taxes. In addition, companies are able to satisfy numerous government regulations, including both the Automated Clearinghouse (ACH) Credit and ACH Debit filing methods.

About Net at Work

Net at Work is a leading integrator of accounting, customer relationship management (CRM) and business management software. A Sage Select business partner, Net at Work represents the full range of ACCPAC, MAS and CRM products, specializing in work-flow analysis, application development, industry specific customizations and system upgrades. With a staff of 130 plus consultants, developers and hardware engineers, Net at Work supports over 1,800 clients and has received numerous awards for its high level of customer service.

About Sage Software

Sage Software has been responding to the needs, challenges, and dreams of small and midsize businesses for over 25 years. With a complete range of business management solutions and services, Sage Software helps companies improve customer relationships, reduce costs, and automate and integrate a variety of operational activities. Its solutions support the specialty needs of a broad scope of industry segments, including manufacturing, distribution, construction, real estate, nonprofit, and professional services.