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#### Dear

Mount Carmel Care Center ("Mt. Carmel") writes to inform you of an event that may involve some of your information.

This letter provides an overview of what happened, our response, and the resources available to you, should you feel it is necessary and appropriate to take additional action.

#### What Happened?

We became aware of suspicious activity involving our computer network and promptly began an investigation. The investigation determined that the network had been accessed by an unknown actor between August 17, 2023 and October 15, 2023, and during this time files were copied. As a result, we conducted a detailed review of the files to determine the type of information present and to whom it related, and on June 6, 2024 we completed the review. We are notifying you because the review identified some of your information.

# What Information Was Involved?

The information identified in the involved files includes your name, date of birth, account number with routing number, account number, account number with bank name, and Social Security number.

#### What We Are Doing.

We take this incident and the security of information in our care very seriously. We moved quickly to respond and investigate the suspicious activity, assess and secure our network, and notify potentially impacted individuals. As part of our ongoing commitment to information security, we are currently reviewing our policies and procedures, as well as assessing new cybersecurity tools, to reduce the risk of a similar incident from occurring in the future. We also notified federal law enforcement and will be notifying relevant regulators, as required.

As an added precaution, we are also offering 12 months of complimentary access to credit monitoring services through Equifax. Individuals who wish to receive these services must enroll by following the below enrollment instructions, as we are unable to enroll you.

#### What You Can Do.

We encourage you to remain vigilant against incidents of identity theft and fraud by reviewing your account statements, explanation of benefits statements, and monitoring free credit reports for suspicious activity and to detect errors. Suspicious activity should be promptly reported to relevant parties including an insurance company, healthcare provider, and/or financial institution. Additional information and resources may be found below in the Steps You Can Take to Protect Personal Information section of this notice.



## For More Information.

If you have any questions, please contact us at 1-888-244-3092 between 9am and 9pm Monday through Friday. You may also write to Mt. Carmel at 320 Pittsfield Rd, Lenox, MA 01240 or MCCCdata@mcccl.org

Sincerely,

# Jodi Ouimette

Jodi Ouimette, Administrator Mount Carmel Care Center





Enter your Activation Code:

Enrollment Deadline: November 30th 2024

## Equifax Credit Watch™ Gold

\*Note: You must be over age 18 with a credit file to take advantage of the product

#### **Key Features**

- Credit monitoring with email notifications of key changes to your Equifax credit report
- Daily access to your Equifax credit report
- WebScan notifications<sup>1</sup> when your personal information, such as Social Security Number, credit/debit card or bank account numbers are found on fraudulent Internet trading sites
- Automatic fraud alerts<sup>2</sup>, which encourages potential lenders to take extra steps to verify your identity before extending credit, plus blocked inquiry alerts and Equifax credit report lock<sup>3</sup>
- Identity Restoration to help restore your identity should you become a victim of identity theft, and a dedicated Identity Restoration Specialist to work on your behalf
- Up to \$1,000,000 or identity theft insurance coverage for certain out of pocket expenses resulting from identity hef <sup>4</sup>

#### **Enrollment Instructions**

#### Go to www.equifax.com/activate

Enter your unique Activation Code of 374403613532 then click "Submit"

## 1. Register:

Complete the form with your contact information and click "Continue".

If you already have a myEquifax account, click the 'Sign in here' link under the "Let's get started" header. Once you have successfully signed in, you will skip to the Checkout Page in Step 4

#### 2. Create Account:

Enter your email address, create a password, and accept the terms of use.

## 3. Verify Identity:

To enroll in your product, we will ask you to complete our identity verification process.

#### 4 Checkout

Upon successful verification of your identity, you will see the Checkout Page.

Click 'Sign Me Up' to finish enrolling.

#### You're done!

The confirmation page shows your completed enrollment.

Click "View My Product" to access the product features.

<sup>1</sup>WebScan searches for your Social Security Number, up to 5 passport numbers, up to 6 bank account numbers, up to 6 credit/debit card numbers, up to 6 email addresses, and up to 10 medical ID numbers. WebScan searches thousands of Internet sites where consumers' personal information is suspected of being bought and sold, and regularly adds new sites to the list of those it searches. However, the Internet addresses of these suspected Internet trading sites are not published and frequently change, so there is no guarantee that we are able to locate and search every possible Internet site where consumers' personal information is at risk of being traded. <sup>2</sup>The Automatic Fraud Alert feature is made available to consumers by Equifax Information Services LLC and fulfilled on its behalf by Equifax Consumer Services LLC. <sup>3</sup>Locking your Equifax credit report will prevent access to your credit report at any other credit reporting agency. Entities that may still have access to your Equifax credit report include: companies like Equifax Global Consumer Solutions, which provide you with access to your credit report or credit score, or monitor your credit report as part of a subscription or similar service; companies that provide you with a copy of your credit report or credit score, upon your request; federal, state and local government agencies and courts in certain circumstances; companies using the information in connection with the underwriting of insurance, or for employment, tenant or background screening purposes; companies that have a current account or relationship with you, and collection agencies acting on behalf of those whom you owe; companies that authenticate a consumer's identity for purposes other than granting credit, or for investigating or preventing actual or potential fraud; and companies that wish to make pre-approved offers of credit or insurance to you. To opt out of such pre-approved offers, visit www.optoutprescreen.com <sup>4</sup>The Identity Theft Insurance benefit is underwritten and administered by A



#### STEPS YOU CAN TAKE TO PROTECT PERSONAL INFORMATION

#### **Monitor Your Accounts**

Under U.S. law, a consumer is entitled to one free credit report annually from each of the three major credit reporting bureaus, Equifax, Experian, and TransUnion. To order a free credit report, visit www.annualcreditreport.com or call, toll-free, 1-877-322-8228. Consumers may also directly contact the three major credit reporting bureaus listed below to request a free copy of their credit report.

Consumers have the right to place an initial or extended "fraud alert" on a credit file at no cost. An initial fraud alert is a 1-year alert that is placed on a consumer's credit file. Upon seeing a fraud alert display on a consumer's credit file, a business is required to take steps to verify the consumer's identity before extending new credit. If consumers are the victim of identity theft, they are entitled to an extended fraud alert, which is a fraud alert lasting seven years. Should consumers wish to place a fraud alert, please contact any of the three major credit reporting bureaus listed below.

As an alternative to a fraud alert, or nsumers have the right to place a "credit freeze" on a credit report, which will prohibit a credit bureau ron releasing information in the credit report without the consumer's express authorization. The credit freeze is designed to prevent credit, loans, and services from being approved in a consumer's name without consent. However, consumers should be aware that using a credit freeze to take control over who gets access to the personal and financial information in their credit report may delay, interfere with, or prohibit the timely approval of any subsequent request or application they make regarding a new loan, credit, mortgage, or any other account involving the extension of credit. Pursuant to federal law, consumers cannot be charged to place or lift a credit freeze on their credit report. To request a credit freeze, individuals may need to provide some or all of the following information:

- 1. Full name (including middle initial as well as Jr., Sr., II, III, etc.);
- 2. Social Security number;
- 3. Date of birth;
- 4. Addresses for the prior two to five years;
- 5. Proof of current address, such as a current utility bill or telephone bill;
- 6. A legible photocopy of a government-issued identification card (state driver's license or ID card, etc.); and
- 7. A copy of either the police report, investigative report, or complaint to a law enforcement agency concerning identity theft if they are a victim of identity theft.

Should consumers wish to place a credit freeze or fraud alert, please contact the three major credit reporting bureaus listed below:

Equifax	Experian	TransUnion
https://www.equifax.com/personal/ credit-report-services/	https://www.experian.com/help/	https://www.transunion.com/credit- help
1-888-298-0045	1-888-397-3742	1-800-916-8800
Equifax Fraud Alert, P.O. Box 105069 Atlanta, GA 30348-5069	Experian Fraud Alert, P.O. Box 9554, Allen, TX 75013	TransUnion Fraud Alert, P.O. Box 2000, Chester, PA 19016
Equifax Credit Freeze, P.O. Box 105788 Atlanta, GA 30348-5788	Experian Credit Freeze, P.O. Box 9554, Allen, TX 75013	TransUnion Credit Freeze, P.O. Box 160, Woodlyn, PA 19094