

LEARN THE TRUTH ABOUT OUR EMPLOYER

The Washington Post investigated Brius Healthcare — the company that owns our nursing home.

Here is what they found:

- Brius owner Shlomo Rechnitz takes millions of dollars out of Brius homes that should go toward better wages and patient care.
- In 2018, Brius homes paid nearly \$110 million in rent, supplies and services to companies controlled by Rechnitz.
- Rechnitz appeared to enrich himself by over-charging his own nursing homes for these goods and services. Brius homes paid 40 percent more to these companies than comparable nursing homes in California.

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As advocacy groups call for transparency, documents help trace the flow of public money to a complex network of related companies

- Tax returns for four of Rechnitz's companies show they took in \$38 million from Brius homes in 2013. Of that, nearly \$28 million was paid to Rechnitz and his wife.
- Brius has lots of money to pay better wages and provide better health insurance. It received more than \$800 million in federal Medicaid and Medicare money in 2018 and has received \$54 million this year in Coronavirus relief aid.

Here is what people told the Washington Post about Brius and Shlomo Rechnitz:

"We hear all the time from these facilities, 'Well, we're not profitable, therefore we can't pay our workers more. But I can't help but think that when you add all of this together, somebody is making a lot.'" — Assemblyman Jim Wood

"I know Mr. Rechnitz's approach to funding his nursing homes. Typically those decisions would be made looking at the bottom line rather than what was the right thing to do for the residents." — Michael Wasserman, former CEO of Rockport Healthcare Services, the company that operates Brius homes.

"I ran a billion-dollar nursing home chain that presently is scaring the daylights out of me." — Micahel Wasserman to state health officials warning them that Brius homes were not equipped for COVID-19.

"These entities were obviously cash-generating machines," — Gordon Yale, a forensic accountant who reviewed tax documents detailing millions of dollars that flowed out of Brius homes like the Novato Healthcare Center into companies controlled by Rechnitz and his wife.

"These are taxpayer dollars that are flowing in. They're intended to care for these elderly and frail residents and you have these schemes that are siphoning them away." — Fred Seavey, NUHW Research Director

Here's what we need to know:

Brius has plenty of money for good raises and affordable healthcare.

We can win it, if we fight for it — together.

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