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News Release

Sunnyside Village Breaks Ground for a New and Expanded Health, Rehabilitation and Memory Care Center

SARASOTA, FL., May 26, 2018- Sunnyside Village leadership, residents, employees, and board members assembled for a milestone moment in the senior living community's history. Over 200 people gathered on Wednesday, May 23 to watch gold-colored shovels break ground for the construction of Sunnyside's new and expanded health, rehabilitation, and memory care center. The two-story, 44,326 square foot structure will add private room accommodations for rehabilitation patients and long-term skilled nursing residents. The Sunnyside Therapy Center, which is currently open to the public and is Medicare approved, will also reside in the new building and will feature state-of-the-art equipment, including an indoor therapy pool. The expansion will also include a complete renovation of the existing skilled Health Center which will add 18 apartments for assisted living memory care.

The groundbreaking program included insightful perspectives from Sunnyside leadership, a prayer of blessing, and a hymn of celebration. Sarasota community business guests and leaders from senior living communities were also on hand to mark the day. After the event, attendees mingled to view the project renderings and enjoy delicious refreshments prepared by the chefs of Sunnyside.

Sunnyside's Executive Director, J. David Yoder, conveys the importance of the day and the development.

“Sunnyside is dedicated to the strong mission of serving others and effectively caring for their needs. We are committed to keeping our residents engaged at every level of care. During the groundbreaking, we wanted to affirm this by including our residential living, assisted living and skilled nursing resident council leaders in the ceremony. Sunnyside is their home. This new addition will expand our proficiency to focus and provide for our residents' needs, now and into the future.”

The new building has been modeled with the innovative household-design, where activities of daily living occur within spaces reminiscent of large family home giving residents that "feel of home". The open floor plan concept clusters resident care rooms near a living room, dining room and kitchen, which offers a comfortable connection among household living spaces. The household model enhances accommodations and nurtures social interactions among residents for an advanced person-centered care program.

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As special guest speaker for the groundbreaking ceremony, Steve Bahmer, President and CEO of LeadingAge Florida, acknowledged support for the project. LeadingAge Florida, which values service, advocacy, and education, represents hundreds of senior living organizations and business associates around the state.

“LeadingAge Florida’s mission is to support nonprofit, mission-driven organizations that expand the possibilities for seniors as they age. Sunnyside’s new building expansion represents the fulfillment of that mission,” Bahmer stated. “We are proud to be associated with an organization like Sunnyside that continues to invest in the lives of its residents, to improve the environment and services, and delivers the highest quality of care.”

The new and expanded health and rehabilitation center will feature:

- 50 private and 10 semi-private rehabilitation and nursing rooms
- 18 private assisted living memory care rooms
- Inpatient and outpatient therapy center open to the public
- State-of-the-art physical and occupational therapy gym
- Indoor therapy pool
- Multiple living rooms, multi-purpose rooms, and activities rooms
- Outdoor veranda, balcony, and courtyard

The new building site is located on Sunnyside’s existing property next to its current health and rehabilitation center at the corner of Bahia Vista and Honore Avenues. The project is designed by SFCS Architects and overseen by General Contractor, McIntyre, Elwell, and Strammer. The overall project cost is estimated around \$20 million with the new addition expected to be complete in the fall of 2019. The renovation of the existing health center building and memory care portions are slated for completion in 2020.

About Sunnyside

Sunnyside Village is a non-profit Christian Senior Living Community operating since 1968 and affiliated with eight area Mennonite churches. The organization’s mission is to honor God by enriching the lives of residents, staff, and the community by providing homes and programs in a Christian environment. Sunnyside Village offers independent living, assisted living and skilled nursing to nearly 400 individuals on one campus. For more information, visit www.sunnysidevillage.org. Sunnyside Health and Rehabilitation nursing licenses: SNF#1535096, AL#0007952.

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