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OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE HEIGHTS AT MT. VIEW

SAANICH – Seniors in the Greater Victoria area are celebrating a significant achievement with today's official opening of The Heights at Mt. View, a new residential care community.

The Heights at Mt. View, a 260-bed residential care residence will provide high-quality care in a modern environment, allowing for seniors to live close to their families in the Victoria region. The Heights at Mt. View will replace care suites at Mount Edwards Court Care Home and Central Care Home with Residents set to move from both aging residences to The Heights on November 20th and 21st.

"The Heights at Mt. View has a welcoming, home-like environment," said Michelle Stilwell, Parliamentary Secretary for Seniors, who attended the opening on behalf of Health Minister Terry Lake. "This reflects the commitment to expand community supports that help ensure seniors have the best possible care, closer to home and loved ones."

"We take seriously our responsibly to prudently manage the tax dollars we receive from residents to best meet the needs of our communities," said Denise Blackwell, Chair, Capital Regional Hospital District Board. "By supporting truly worthwhile projects like The Heights at Mt. View we are providing more care and housing options for our growing senior population and investing in the lasting health of our community."

The Heights at Mt. View demonstrates innovation in residential and dementia care project development. This unique partnership between the Capital Regional Hospital District, Island Health and Baptist Housing replaces two obsolete residential care buildings with a state-of-the-art facility to meet the increasingly complex care needs of the aging population in the Capital Region.

"We are proud and excited to be a partner in this exciting new facility,' said Don Hubbard, Island Health's Board Chair. "Excellent care for frail seniors is a high priority at Island Health. We look forward to welcoming Greater Victoria seniors to The Heights at Mt .View where they can continue to enjoy a high quality of life in the community and region they call home."

“Today, in our 50th anniversary year we celebrate with this official opening of The Heights of Mt. View. We count it a great privilege to have this opportunity to expand and minister to more seniors furthering the vision our founder Dr. Pickford began 50 years ago,” said Charlie Nishi, Chair, Baptist Housing.

The essence of the design approach at The Heights at Mt. View is Resident-centered care. It is design that exceeds operational requirements and is inspired by the individuals who will call the residence home. Each floor is organized into a series of houses accommodating 20 Residents. Each house contains a central living area that serves as the heart of the house, and each Resident is provided a private room with a full ensuite bathroom. Residents will have their own private suite, including a washroom with a European style shower. Suites will be furnished but Residents will be encouraged to bring their own personal touches to make their suite feel like home.

Background:

The partnership on the \$60.5 million residence includes CRHD’s contribution of \$18.1 million for capital costs and retain public ownership of the land. The land is leased for a nominal fee to Baptist Housing for 25 years and Island Health is providing \$16 million annual operating funding to Baptist Housing to provide care and related services. Baptist Housing also made a contribution to the project through a \$1.0 million grant.

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