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Jefferson's Ferry Cuts the Ribbon on The Grove, a State-of-the-Art Memory Support Neighborhood

South Setauket, NY—June 2024—As the ribbon was cut on the “soft opening” of the new Memory Support Neighborhood and Assisted Living upgrades at Jefferson’s Ferry Life Plan Community last week, the packed house of spectators burst into spontaneous applause. Representative of the latest innovations in memory support living, “The Grove,” was welcomed by community residents, family members, supporters, and Jefferson’s Ferry board trustees.

“This is a very special day for us as we open the doors to this beautiful, welcoming, and secure space,” said Caulfield. “The Grove will help us accommodate the increased demand for memory support services within Jefferson’s Ferry and in the larger Long Island community in a state-of-the-art and homelike environment. The number of people experiencing memory loss has increased and is expected to continue to rise as more people live into their 90s and even 100s. Jefferson’s Ferry strives to provide a community where every resident is able to live their best life, no matter what challenges they may be facing.”

The Grove will be home to 20 residents inhabiting private studio apartments. A variety of community spaces include an activities room, den, dining room and outdoor porch and garden, creating an inviting living space where residents, family members, and friends can spend time together socializing and pursuing meaningful and purposeful activities. Its circular layout is specially designed to allow for residents to wander within the safety of their environment with more choice and control of their daily activities.

“There are abundant opportunities for socializing and activities for every resident to enjoy, ranging from soothing aromatherapy treatments to awe-inspiring virtual reality programming,” explains Dawn Flowers-Leib, director of admissions for The Grove. “Through virtual reality tools, our residents can travel to any place on Earth, from Paris to their old neighborhoods (using

Google Maps and Street View). They can also “meet” with family and friends to look at photos, play games, watch movies or simply enjoy each others’ company.”

Grove activities will be specifically tailored to the interests and abilities of the residents, including smaller, more intimate activities that encourage greater opportunities for meaningful and engaged participation. Pet therapy, music and art therapy and other programs will also be available to residents.

Bob Caulfield thanked the residents and staff for their enthusiasm and support throughout the entire multi-year Journey Toward Renewal initiative that includes the opening of The Grove and renovations to the dining options in Assisted Living. Journey Toward Renewal also added 60 new studio and one- and two-bedroom independent living apartments, some with a den, six distinct dining venues, expanded the Healthy Living Center, the Fitness Center, and its state-of-the-art Rehabilitation Therapy Center.

“Since Jefferson’s Ferry opened in 2001 as the first not for profit Life Plan community on Long Island, we have endeavored to set the standard for continuing care for older adults, providing a vibrant, caring, community and peace of mind to our residents,” concluded Caulfield. “Over our more than 20 years in operation, Jefferson’s Ferry has continued to evolve to meet the changing needs of the people who call Jefferson’s Ferry home. The opening of The Grove and our overall Journey Toward Renewal is evidence of this unswerving and ongoing commitment to excellence.”



Jefferson’s Ferry board members were among those who joined Jefferson’s Ferry President and CEO Bob Caulfield (center) to commemorate the opening of the Life Plan Community’s new Memory Support Neighborhood, The Grove. Pictured with Caulfield (center) are, from left to

right: James Danowski, board Vice Chair and Gloria Snyder, board Chair, Brookhaven Councilmember Jonathan Kornreich, Jefferson's Ferry resident June Lapp, Anthony Comerford, VP of Health Services, and board trustees Kenneth Roberts and Debra Englehardt.

About Jefferson's Ferry www.jeffersonsferry.org

Jefferson's Ferry is a not-for-profit Life Plan Community for active adults aged 62 and above, with Independent Living cottages and apartments, Assisted Living apartments, and a quality health care center all on one site. A multi-million-dollar expansion and renovation project, "The Journey Toward Renewal," was recently completed to provide a life-enriching environment for all new and current residents at every stage of their life. Journey Toward Renewal added 60 one- and two-bedroom independent living apartments, six distinct dining venues, expanded the Healthy Living Center and Fitness Center, and created a state-of-the-art Rehabilitation Therapy Center and renovated common areas in Assisted Living and the Health Care Center. The Grove, its Memory Support Neighborhood, provides a high quality of life and care for people diagnosed and living with Alzheimer's and other dementia-related diseases.

Jefferson's Ferry offers exceptional living and amenities, including indoor pool, computer center, library, recreational areas, gardens, and gazebos. A mix of cultural excursions, civic activities, and a community of residents who help shape Jefferson's Ferry's future ensure a spirited and engaged lifestyle.

The Vincent Bove Health Center at Jefferson's Ferry enjoys a 5-star rating from The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), and was named a "Best Of" nursing home by U.S. News & World Report. Jefferson's Ferry has repeatedly earned the industrywide Community Choice Award for resident satisfaction and engagement and has been recognized with the Pinnacle Quality Insight's Customer Experience Award for five years running. FitchRatings has assigned Jefferson's Ferry a BBB bond rating. Jefferson's Ferry has consistently been voted Best Retirement Community, Best Nursing Home and Best Assisted Living on Long Island by The Long Island Press and has been recognized for Excellence by the Hauppauge Industrial Association's Business Achievement Awards program.

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