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PRESS RELEASE: St. Cabrini Nursing Home Receives a \$20,000 Grant from the Field Hall Foundation to Enhance its Wandering Garden

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(Dobbs Ferry, NY, July 23, 2019): DOBBS FERRY, NY – St. Cabrini Nursing Home, a member of Cabrini of Westchester, is proud to announce that it is the recipient of a \$20,000 grant from the Field Hall Foundation. The grant is in support of the enhancement of the home’s therapeutic dementia garden aimed at improving the quality of life for residents with Alzheimer’s/dementia who live at the nursing home or who utilize the dementia unit for respite.

Studies have shown that gardens designed for residents with dementia are an inexpensive, effective, non-pharmalogical intervention that reduces dementia symptoms, improves quality of life, enhances family interactions with loved ones and increases family and staff satisfaction.

Speaking of the grant, Cabrini of Westchester’s President and CEO, Patricia Krasnausky stated: “Thanks to the support from the Field Hall Foundation, residents with Alzheimer’s and dementia as well as their family members will be able to enjoy a beautiful enclosed outdoor destination and breathe the fresh air, feel the sunlight, see the flowers, listen to the birds and wander freely. We are truly grateful to the Field Hall Foundation for enabling us to make this vision a reality.”

The Field Hall Foundation was incorporated in 1986 to assist Field Home – Holy Comforter, a not-for-profit nursing home, and Catherine Field Home, a home for older women, in providing high-quality caring services to its residents and patients. In 2018, Field Home was sold to a for-profit organization, with the assets from the sale invested in the Foundation. The Foundation's aim is to provide grants that will improve the lives of older adults and their caregivers in Westchester, Putnam, and Dutchess Counties, NY.

"Field Home's transition from a healthcare provider to a grant giving foundation allows us to honor our 140-year-old mission by supporting and advancing programs that directly impact our seniors on a daily basis," states the Foundation's CEO, John R. Ahearn. "As one of the few private funders of elder services, the Foundation's Board recognizes the unique role it has and is excited to work in partnership with the community to improve lives."

About Cabrini of Westchester:

Cabrini of Westchester is rated a five star nursing home by the New York State Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. Cabrini of Westchester is a not-for-profit Catholic ministry sponsored by the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and is dedicated to caring for people of all faiths through programs and services which promote independence, dignity, and well-being. Cabrini of Westchester offers short-term rehabilitation, sub-acute care, respite care, skilled nursing care, palliative care, Alzheimer's and dementia care, pastoral care and home care throughout Westchester County, Manhattan and the Bronx. For more information about Cabrini of Westchester or to support its mission, please call (914) 693-6800 x 502 or visit www.cabrini-eldercare.org.

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