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Episcopal SeniorLife Communities Now Sponsoring Oasis Rochester

Rochester, N.Y. — September 8, 2026 — Episcopal SeniorLife Communities (ESLC) is pleased to announce that it is now the sponsoring organization of Oasis Rochester, the local chapter of The Oasis Institute. Oasis is a national nonprofit dedicated to enriching the lives of older adults through lifelong learning classes, health and wellness programs, technology education and volunteer opportunities.

For more than 40 years, Oasis programs have made a meaningful difference in the lives of older adults across the country — including in Rochester. Oasis Rochester offers a wide range of programs designed specifically for adults 50 and older, including classes in arts, humanities and culture; health and fitness activities; one-on-one technology assistance; and volunteer opportunities that allow older adults to give back to the Rochester community. All programs reflect the Oasis philosophy that older adults deserve enriching, meaningful experiences that support their independence and quality of life.

Under the sponsorship of Episcopal SeniorLife Communities, those programs will continue and expand, supported by ESLC's deep roots in the Rochester community and its longstanding commitment to older adult well-being.

"This is a natural and exciting partnership," said Lisa Marcello, President and CEO of Episcopal SeniorLife Communities. "Oasis Rochester has built something remarkable over the past four decades — a community where older adults come to grow, connect and thrive. We are honored to be a part of carrying that mission forward. Together we will expand the positive impact both organizations have had in our community."

Ann Cunningham, Executive Director of Oasis Rochester, welcomed the transition. "Joining Episcopal SeniorLife Communities gives Oasis Rochester a greater opportunity to serve even more older adults in our community. They share our belief that aging should be filled

with purpose, joy, connection and continued growth, and I couldn't be more excited about what we'll be able to accomplish together."

Paul Weiss, PhD, President of The Oasis Institute, expressed confidence in the new sponsorship arrangement. "Our Rochester location has been a shining example of what our programs can do for a community. Partnering with an organization of Episcopal SeniorLife Communities' caliber ensures that the spirit and mission of Oasis will not only continue in Rochester, but flourish for years to come."

Oasis Rochester will be relocating from 259 Monroe Avenue to 1530 East Avenue beginning in January, where updated fitness and educational spaces will serve as the new home for Oasis Rochester going forward. To view the programs and classes available through Oasis Rochester, visit rochester.oasis.org.

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**Episcopal SeniorLife Communities has been helping older adults
live life to the fullest since 1868.**

About Episcopal SeniorLife Communities:

Founded in 1868 through the generosity of the local Episcopal community, the original Episcopal Church Home has grown to provide a full range of highly regarded, not-for-profit, residential services and community programs for older adults known as Episcopal SeniorLife Communities.

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About Oasis

The Oasis Institute is a national nonprofit organization that promotes healthy aging through lifelong learning, wellness programs, and volunteer engagement. Founded in St. Louis, Missouri in 1982, Oasis has a national membership of 360,000 adults and serves 52,000 people annually through partnerships in 700 communities in 47 states. For more information, visit www.oasisnet.org or call 314-862-4859 x 24. For Oasis media quotes, logos, and photos, please visit stloasis.org/media.