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### ***Chase Memorial Nursing Home Announces Partnership Start with Good Shepherd Communities***

(New Berlin, NY) Chase Memorial Nursing Home, in New Berlin has begun its new partnership with Good Shepherd Communities, in Binghamton, NY.

The new partnership has already brought positive changes to the residents who call Chase home. The Physical, Occupational and Speech Therapy programs are operating under the same guidelines that have made Good Shepherd the region's leading provider of short term inpatient rehabilitation. A partnership with LOURDES Hospital in Binghamton has brought a Board Certified Gerontologist to the facility as well as a Nurse Practitioner who specializes in wound care. Additional opportunities in employee education are taking place each week to ensure staff has the latest information and skills available. Chase is also able to take advantage of the existing supply contracts of Good Shepherd resulting in reduced expenses.

"We are currently experiencing an unprecedented amount of change as New York State seeks to reconfigure its health care delivery system," said James W. Clyne, Jr., President/CEO of LeadingAge New York, an association representing over 400 not-for-profit and public long-term care providers throughout the State. "Rural providers of long-term care services, which are often small and geographically isolated, are vitally important to their communities but face formidable challenges in this environment. We commend Good Shepherd Communities and Chase Memorial Nursing Home for coming together to combine their services and resources to ensure that the residents of New Berlin and surrounding areas have access to high quality services well into the future."

"Chase has long been an innovator in the field of senior health care, as we have been on the campuses of Good Shepherd Communities," said Michael Keenan, President/CEO of Good Shepherd Communities. "We know how vital an organization like Chase is to the residents, their families and the staff. We want to do whatever we can to keep that vitality strong as we begin this journey together."

The two not-for-profit organizations are both governed by a volunteer Board of Directors with community members from Chenango, Otsego and Broome counties.

Chase Memorial Nursing Home operates an 80-bed skilled nursing facility in New Berlin, NY. Chase also partners with Chenango Housing Improvement Program (CHIP) to provide low-income senior housing apartments. Chase also provides classroom space for the local Head Start program, as well as a day treatment program operated by the Broome County Office of Developmental Disabilities.

Good Shepherd Communities includes Good Shepherd Village at Endwell, Good Shepherd Fairview Home in Binghamton, the Good Shepherd Rehab & Wellness Center and Good Shepherd Physical Therapy. The organization has been providing senior care for over 140 years.