

JEWISH SENIOR SERVICES® BEGINS CONSTRUCTION OF NEW CAMPUS, ANNOUNCES AGREEMENT TO SELL CURRENT PROPERTY TO SACRED HEART UNIVERSITY

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Fairfield, CT – Jewish Senior Services®, also known as The Jewish Home, has started construction on a new intergenerational campus on Park Avenue that will allow for the creation of the first “household” model nursing home in the State of Connecticut. Today, the primary financing through the issuance of tax-exempt bonds by the City of Bridgeport was completed in partnership with People’s United Bank. Furthermore, the organization also announced that Sacred Heart University has agreed to purchase Jewish Senior Services’ current property on Jefferson Street in Fairfield for \$16.5 million after the relocation is completed in 2016. The purchase will add 15.6 acres of adjacent land to Sacred Heart’s main campus.

Sacred Heart University and neighboring Jewish Senior Services have worked collaboratively for over 40 years to educate health care professionals. That partnership will continue after the move.

Jewish Senior Services will not only build a new nursing home, but also develop an innovative and exciting new intergenerational community. The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Campus at Park Avenue will be named in appreciation of their lead gift. Construction on the new site is expected to take two years and be completed by spring 2016.

“Jewish Senior Services is thrilled to lead the way in bringing the household model of nursing home care to Connecticut. We believe this model will improve the quality of life not only for our residents, but for their families as well,” said Andrew H. Banoff, president & CEO of Jewish Senior Services.

“The household model of nursing home care has a residential design and supports the philosophy of person-centered care. Each household will include 14 private bedrooms and bathrooms for residents with a shared kitchen, dining and living room area, thereby improving the overall quality of life provided,” added Banoff.

The full range of Jewish Senior Services’ programs will continue to be offered on the new campus, including long-term care, short-term rehabilitation (Goldstein Rehabilitation Center), outpatient therapy, geriatric assessment and an adult day program. The new campus will also house offices for Jewish Senior Services’ programs offered throughout Fairfield and New Haven Counties, such as home care (Friedman Home Care Agency), hospice (Chaifetz Family Hospice), Institute on Aging, Center for Elder Abuse Prevention and Senior Choice at Home®. Jewish Senior Services plans to add Assisted Living at its new location.

“While we are a long way from taking ownership of the property, we are excited about beginning long-term planning for this land,” said SHU President John J. Petillo. “This property is surrounded on all three sides by Sacred Heart’s main campus and it will, in time, add immeasurably to the facilities we will be able to offer future students. Among other possibilities, I hope that it will provide a solution to our current shortage of on-campus housing for our students, which has been a topic of much discussion with our neighbors over the past few years.”

Sacred Heart University’s main campus has been adjacent to what is currently Jewish Senior Services since 1963. During our 50th anniversary year, it seems appropriate to announce what would be the University’s single largest addition to its main campus in its history, Petillo noted. When complete, the purchase of 15.6 acres from Jewish Senior Services will increase Sacred Heart’s current footprint of 77 acres by 20 percent.

The University is currently constructing a new academic building on the corner of Jefferson Street and Park Avenue, scheduled to open in 2015, that will house the John F. Welch College of Business and Department of Communication & Media Studies. Plans are also under way to build a Student Success Center across the street on Park Avenue.

About Jewish Senior Services

Jewish Senior Services is one of the premier providers of senior care in Connecticut serving clients at its two Fairfield locations and in clients’ homes throughout Fairfield and New Haven Counties. Their 5-star skilled nursing and short-term rehabilitation facility has been serving the community for over 40 years with an unparalleled level of quality and personalized care. Other services provided include home care, hospice, day services, advocacy and education, and long term care protection. Please call 203-365-6400 or visit www.jseniors.org for more information.

About Sacred Heart University

Sacred Heart University, the second-largest independent Catholic university in New England, offers more than 50 undergraduate, graduate and doctoral programs on its main campus in Fairfield, Connecticut, and satellites in Connecticut, Luxembourg and Ireland. More than 6,400 students attend the University’s five colleges: Arts & Sciences; Health Professions; University College; the AACSB-accredited John F. (Jack) Welch College of Business; and the NCATE-accredited Isabelle Farrington College of Education. *The Princeton Review* includes SHU in its guides “Best 378 Colleges – 2014 Edition,” “Best in the Northeast” and “Best 295 Business Schools – 2014 Edition.” *U.S. News & World Report* ranks SHU among the best master’s universities in the North in its annual “America’s Best Colleges” publication. Sacred Heart was also mentioned in *Money* magazine’s ranking of Fairfield as the 64th best town to live. As one of just 23 institutions nationally, SHU is a member of the Association of American Colleges & Universities’ (AAC&U) Core Commitments Leadership Consortium, in recognition of its core, “The Human Journey.” SHU fields 31 division I athletic teams, and has an award-winning program of community service.

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