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McGregor Becomes Third *i*Partner -- Assumes Local PACE Program

Columbus, Ohio - After signing on as an *i*Partner with Senior Independence in August, The McGregor Group, partnering with Senior Independence and University Hospitals, was chosen to manage the local PACE (Program for the All Inclusive Care for the Elderly) in Cleveland, Ohio.

The *i*Partner program is a national effort by Senior Independence to serve more people in more ways, establishing partnerships with other not-for-profit organizations that have demonstrated strong operations, quality and community relations.

Each *i*Partner will continue to own and operate its home and community based services, with Senior Independence providing ongoing clinical, financial, information systems, marketing and operations management support, education, best practices and clinical expertise.

McGregor is the third *i*Partner for Senior Independence, joining Kendal Northern Ohio and Westminster Canterbury of Lynchburg, Virginia.

The *i*Partner affiliate program continues to expand into new areas of service, including PACE.

“We are thrilled to include McGregor PACE in the line of Senior Independence services,” said Nancy Koury King, President, Senior Independence. “By working with high quality senior living partners like McGregor PACE, we will extend much needed home and community based care to seniors throughout northeast Ohio.”

PACE is a special program that enables low-income seniors to age at home rather than in costlier residential care facilities. To qualify for PACE, participants must be eligible for nursing facility admission, yet capable of remaining in their homes with proper care. PACE commits to provide comprehensive care for life as long as the participant agrees to receive required care solely through PACE.

Only seven percent of PACE participants nationally reside in nursing homes because of the individual attention provided by the program’s caregivers, a large taxpayer cost savings.

“Home and community based services are critical to the growing number of frail and impoverished seniors in Greater Cleveland whom we serve as our highest priority,” says Rob Hilton, President and Chief Executive Officer of McGregor. “PACE is extraordinarily important because it offers high-quality care while making the most efficient use of scarce government funding.”

According to Hilton, PACE has 200 participants in Cuyahoga County, about half of the number who qualify. “We hope to double that in the next five years,” he added.

Senior Independence is a pioneer in providing home and community based services sustaining a 30-year history of growth in serving older adults. In 2010, Senior Independence became a wholly owned subsidiary of Ohio Presbyterian Retirement Services (OPRS), the largest and most experienced not-for-profit provider of continuing care retirement communities and services in Ohio.

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