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Walnut Village Opens Its Doors to Anaheim Community at Grand Opening Celebration

New Award-winning Continuing Care Retirement Community by Front Porch Welcomes First Residents This Month

Burbank, Calif. October 28, 2009 – [Walnut Village](#), a new, full-service retirement community in the heart of Anaheim, Calif., officially opened to its first residents this month.

A celebration held on Sunday, Oct. 25 marked the completion of the \$120 million project that offers 156 private residences and recently earned a Gold award from the National Association of Home Builders 50+ Housing Council. Walnut Village is owned and operated by Front Porch, Southern California's largest not-for-profit provider of senior living communities.

Attending Sunday's event was Joseph Peduzzi, Walnut Village's executive director; Roberta Jacobsen, president of Front Porch Communities and Services; and Gary Wheeler, CEO of Front Porch. The village's program directors and a number of artists, whose work is featured throughout the community, also attended and mingled with the residents and staff. Peduzzi offered welcoming remarks and attendees got a first look at Anaheim's newest retirement community.

"We are really proud of this community. Walnut Village represents a new concept in retirement living where residents are surrounded by neighbors and first-rate amenities," said Peduzzi. "What really sets it apart is the design, with its central village square, restaurant-style dining and piano bar, and Performing Arts Center which foster engaging social activities. It is exciting to watch the village come to life as people move in to their new homes."

The walkable, 12-acre community is a Continuing Care Retirement Community (CCRC) that insures residents receive care for life. It allows residents to age in place while living in well-appointed homes and cottages. As required, assisted living services are brought directly to residents' homes. A fully licensed, skilled nursing center, the largest in Orange County, is located onsite. A Memory Support Neighborhood called Summer House features a staff of memory specialists to offer cognitive care and individualized programming for those with varying degrees of memory loss.

Walnut Village offers several features designed to ensure an enhanced quality of life. They include:

- **Wellbeing Fitness & Aquatics Center** offers yoga, a fitness center with specially designed equipment for older adults, seminars on health-related topics, spa services, specialized and alternative therapies, a salt-water Masters pool and a 12-person hot tub.
- **Lifelong Learning Center** features a wide range of college-level classes in history, writing and computer training, as well as seminars such as wine tasting, film and gardening. It also includes the Center for Aging and Spirituality, which offers lectures and workshops on topics related to understanding the spiritual journey of aging and the importance of the mind, body and spirit connection.
- **Performing Arts Center** is where talented residents and known artists will perform. Drama, music and singing classes will be also offered.

In addition, Walnut Village provides specialized wellness initiatives such as Dakim Brain Fitness System, a cognitive exercise and preventative brain fitness program.

Private homes at Walnut Village are available in 42 different floor plans and include one and two-bedroom residences and three-bedroom cottages. The private homes feature ageless, universal design elements, choice of color palette and three designer kitchen models all with granite countertops, washer/dryer, private balcony or patio, large walk-in showers, high-speed Internet access, cable TV, individually controlled heating and AC, and a variety of flooring. All units are adaptable for independent living with assistive devices such as wheelchairs. The community is gated and includes on-site security.

A variety of financial options as well as a variety of living accommodations are offered. The sales center and model are open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, call a sales representative at 866-983-6763 or visit www.walnutvillage.org. The sales center is located at [891 S. Walnut St.](#) in Anaheim.

About Front Porch

Front Porch, the largest not-for-profit provider of senior living communities in Southern California, owns and manages award-winning retirement living communities for today's active older adults. With a full range of options from independent living to continuing care, along with specialized programs like memory support, Front Porch communities represent a leading-edge approach to wellness in aging.

Front Porch is comprised of 11 full-service retirement communities in California and two adult living communities: one in Louisiana and another in Florida. Of these, eight are Continuing Care Retirement Communities (CCRC).

Front Porch, based in Burbank, Calif. and founded in 1999, is a not-for-profit organization that gives back to its residents and the communities it serves.

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