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GROUNDBREAKING FOR NEW ANNA HOUSE SKILLED NURSING FACILITY COMMEMORATES FOUNDER'S DAY

Nearly 200 gather at The Sarah Community's in Bridgeton at Jan. 15 groundbreaking ceremony

BRIDGETON, MO (January 15, 2012) – The Sarah Community, a service provider of long term care and retirement options for older adults, celebrated its Founder's Day by breaking ground on its new Anna House skilled nursing facility in Bridgeton.

Representatives from the Daughters of Charity, Franciscan Sisters of Mary, Religious of the Sacred Heart, Sisters of Loretto, and School Sisters of Notre Dame grabbed shovels and hard hats to complete the groundbreaking ceremony. The \$17 million construction project being handled by BSI Constructors, Hercules Construction, The Lawrence Group and St. Andrew's Management Services, is expected to be completed by winter.

In January 1996, the sisters' dream was to create a quality continuum of care, including retirement living, assisted living and skilled nursing care in one location, where both religious sisters and the lay people might continue to grow together emotionally and spiritually. This dream continues through the construction of the new Anna House and Chapel. Under one roof, they will truly be one community.

The new Anna House will feature neighborhoods with home-like appeal, including more privacy, larger rooms, kitchens on every floor, and more closeness to continue The Sarah Community's person-centered care.

"As we celebrate the founding of The Sarah Community, we can also look forward to future enhancements. The new Anna House being built on this lot means that all three facilities of The Sarah Community will not be connected in one location. We believe that this will strengthen the community spirit of caring that exists today," said Susan Scholl, FSM, Board President of The Sarah Community Board of Directors. Updates on the new Anna House construction can be seen at <http://TheSarahCommunity.org/Anna-House-Updates>.

The Sarah Community also celebrated its Mission Alive Person of the Year for 2011, giving the award to Linda Beard of Overland, an employee who has worked at Anna House for nearly a decade, showing love and compassion to residents while sharing joy and happiness.

"I love taking care of the residents. They're always saying thank you and praying for you," said Beard. "I love the faith-based aspect of working at The Sarah Community. I have enjoyed every minute of working here and taking care of the sisters."

ABOUT THE SARAH COMMUNITY

[The Sarah Community](#), founded in 1997 through the collaboration of five Catholic religious congregations – the [Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul](#), [Franciscan Sisters of Mary](#), [Religious of the Sacred Heart](#), [School Sisters of Notre Dame](#) and the [Sisters of Loretto](#) – provides quality service for the long term care and retirement needs of their members and the general public with respect, compassion and a spirit of welcoming hospitality. The non-profit organization was developed and managed by St. Andrew's Management Services.

ABOUT ST. ANDREW'S MANAGEMENT SERVICES

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