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PENROSE-ST. FRANCIS HEALTH FOUNDATION BREAKS GROUND ON JOHN ZAY GUEST HOUSE EXPANSION

- Project funded entirely by philanthropic donations -

June 24, 2016 - Colorado Springs, Colo. – The Penrose-St. Francis Health Foundation and Penrose-St. Francis Health Services broke ground yesterday on the much-anticipated expansion to the John Zay Guest House. The Foundation recently announced the completion of the fundraising campaign for the project, which was funded entirely by philanthropic donations made by individual donors and local-area foundations.

The local Housing & Building Association, through their philanthropic arm “HBA Cares”, coordinated and secured \$500,000 of donated services and materials.

Nearly 60 guests were on-hand for the blessing of the ground by the Most Reverent Bishop Michael J. Sheridan and treated to a musical interlude by Penrose-St. Francis associate Daniel Cisneros, who played a guitar which belonged to John Zay. Cisneros was accompanied with vocals provided by John Zay Guest House volunteer Annalisa Young.

“The John Zay Guest House is such a vital and important asset to our community,” said Margaret Sabin, President & CEO of Penrose-St. Francis Health Services. “By doubling the nights of accommodation available, we will ensure that guests may experience a warm and safe environment as they seek treatment or support family members in treatment at Penrose Hospital.

Construction of the expansion is anticipated to take approximately 15 months, with the opening of the new space currently scheduled for mid-October, 2017.

“HBA Cares and the HBA of Colorado Springs are honored to be part of the John Zay Guest House expansion project,” said Mike DeGrant, HBA Cares President. “We appreciate the support from the many donors and contributors who have come together to make this much-needed project a reality, including KGA Studios, JR Engineering, N.E.S. Inc., Classic Homes, and Vantage Homes.”

DeGrant gave special recognition to George Hess of Vantage Homes, the Builder Captain on the project. “George has been the driving force behind this project, and we truly value his leadership,” commented DeGrant.

In the eight years since opening, the John Zay Guest House has almost always been full, with a consistent waiting list of 7 to 10 parties. There have been as many as 20 groups waiting for a room--enough to more than fill an entire second house. As Penrose-St. Francis’ reputation as a regional center of excellence for oncology and cardiovascular services grows, we anticipate this need will only increase, with more patients and families from outside Colorado Springs needing accommodation. This expansion will provide between 3,600 and 4,000 additional nights of lodging per year for patients and their families.

Located across the street from Penrose Hospital, this home-away-from-home provides respite for patients and their families living more than 30 miles outside of Colorado Springs. The 12,000 square foot John Zay Guest House was built

for Penrose-St. Francis in 2008 by HBA Cares and Vantage Homes Corporation in partnership with Penrose-St. Francis Health Foundation. Dedication of the house took place on Oct. 30, 2008, with its first guests checking in on Nov. 3.

The guest house was named in honor of John Zay, a cancer floor chaplain at Penrose Hospital for more than 14 years. John was a cancer survivor of 20 years and heard his call to minister to cancer patients during that experience. John died in 2004, but the ministry he loved is gratefully continued in this wonderful home.

With 11 mini-suites planned in the expansion, the John Zay Guest House will keep fulfilling its mission of giving patients and their families a healing and welcoming place to stay during treatment. Healing the whole person in body, mind and spirit, is truly emphasized at the John Zay Guest House. The house is managed by Sister Lou Krippel and Mickey Zay, John Zay's widow, and dedicated volunteers who console, pray, celebrate and grieve with house guests.

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About Penrose-St. Francis Health Services

Penrose-St. Francis Health Services is a full-service, 522-bed acute care facility offering a full complement of emergency, medical and surgical services. Penrose-St. Francis was named one of "America's 50 Best Hospitals" nine years in a row, 2008-2016, by Healthgrades, the only recipient in Colorado. Penrose-St. Francis is part of Centura Health. Centura Health connects individuals, families and neighborhoods across Colorado and western Kansas with more than 6,000 physicians and 16,200 of the best hearts and minds in health care. Through our 15 hospitals, seven senior living communities, 17 health neighborhoods, home care and hospice services, we are making the region's best health care accessible and affordable in every community we serve. We believe you can inspire the people you care about to live healthier lives by encouraging them to do the little things that can make a big difference. For more information about Penrose-St. Francis Health Services, visit www.penrocestfrancis.org.

About Centura Health

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About HBA Cares

HBA Cares, Inc. is a non-profit organization that connects needs within the community to the skills and abilities of the local housing and building industry. Through projects such as the John Zay Guest House, Mountain Shadows Park & Pavilion, and the Griffith Center for Children, the organization provides support to individuals and families in the Pikes Peak Region. Learn more at www.hbacares.org.