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Continuing Care Retirement Communities

*Oakwood Lutheran Homes Association, Inc.
Oakwood Village Apartments, Inc.
Oakwood Village East Lutheran Homes, Inc.
Oakwood Village East Apartment Homes, Inc.
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Oakwood Lutheran Homes Association to Install New Chief Executive Officer

MADISON, Wisconsin (December 22, 2009) – On Sunday, January 10, 2010, Oakwood Lutheran Homes Association, Inc., will hold two installation services, formally introducing Joe Xanthopoulos as its new Chief Executive Officer. An installation service led by Evangelic Lutheran Church of America (ELCA) South-Central Synod of Wisconsin Bishop Bruce Burnside will be held at 1:30 pm on January 10th in the Tree of Life Chapel at Oakwood Village East (5565 Tancho Drive). An installation service led by Rev. Sara Yotter, ELCA South-Central Synod of Wisconsin Assistant to the Bishop, will be held at 3:30pm in the Oakwood Village West Auditorium (6209 Mineral Point Road) that same day.

This installation service is an important event for Oakwood, a church-sponsored social ministry organization. The installation service gives Oakwood an opportunity to affirm and celebrate its mission, to clearly identify Mr. Xanthopoulos as the individual selected by the board of directors to lead Oakwood in the fulfillment of its mission and ministry. The service serves as an opportunity for all parties associated with Oakwood to commit to each other and the goals of the organization.

Mr. Xanthopoulos most recently served as a consultant for Elmhurst Memorial Healthcare in Elmhurst, Illinois, and as an executive with Friendship Senior Options, a not-for-profit retirement services provider in Illinois. Xanthopoulos was selected by an Oakwood Search Committee consisting of board members and Oakwood residents, following a nation-wide search. His dedication to Oakwood's faith-based mission, ability to relate to residents and strong financial background were key factors in the decision.

Xanthopoulos began serving at on November 16, 2009. As Oakwood's Chief Executive Officer he will oversee approximately 675 employees and guide an organization which provides care to approximately 1,000 older adults. Xanthopoulos will report directly to the Oakwood Lutheran Homes Association, Inc. Board of Directors.

Oakwood Village is a not-for-profit, benevolent organization serving the health and wellness needs of seniors in Madison for over 60 years. Supported by 37 Lutheran congregations, Oakwood Village East and Oakwood Village West offer a full continuum of care including independent living, assisted living, memory care, and rehabilitation facilities.

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Oakwood is a Lutheran church-sponsored organization whose mission is to serve older persons through loving, caring Christian communities, responding to their physical, social, emotional, intellectual, and spiritual needs, and to encourage a sense of independence, individuality, dignity, and worth throughout life.

Oakwood Village is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities—Continuing Care Accreditation Commission.