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Kahl Home to Build New 135-Bed Skilled Nursing Home

Davenport, IA – A ground-blessing ceremony will be held this week to commemorate the early stages of construction on the new Kahl Home senior living facility, located at 6701 Jersey Ridge Road, Davenport, IA on Thursday, May 12 at 1:00 p.m. Participating in the ceremony will be Bishop Martin Amos, Bishop of the Davenport Diocese and Mother M. Mark Louis Anne Randall, O.Carm., Superior General of the Carmelite Sisters for the Aged and Infirm, Germantown, NY, that sponsors the Kahl Home for the Aged and Infirm. Press is invited to attend.

The Kahl Home will be a new 138,000 square foot multi-story nursing facility located on a 40 acre site. The building will contain a total of 135 licensed nursing home beds in six nursing units of 22-23 beds each. Each nursing unit will have its own dining area and home-like resident common space. The building will contain a spacious atrium area with a café, pub, and gift shop, in addition to administrative areas, kitchen, physical plant, support services, chapel and a convent. Construction of the new \$28,000,000 facility started in October 2010 and is scheduled to be completed by May 2012.

This is Phase One of a long range planned continuing care retirement campus. The current project is the skilled nursing facility, including a dedicated Medicare wing for short term rehabilitation, chapel and convent. Placed throughout the project will be several formal open spaces, such as gardens, plazas, and courtyards. Informal open spaces will occur throughout this site in addition to walking trails, lawns and water features.

Established in 1955, the original Kahl Home housed 21 female residents. As a waiting list for the facility grew, it was immediately apparent that additional space was needed to accommodate those seeking admittance. Additions to the Kahl Home were constructed in 1963 and again in 1987 bringing the total licensed bed capacity to 135 residents. The entire existing facility will be replaced by the new project with the planned disposition of the existing facility.

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The Kahl Home's motto, "The Difference is Love" is strongly rooted in their mission, vision and values for the organization. The Carmelite Sisters and the staff of the Kahl Home are committed to providing services that meet all of the physical, spiritual, recreational, and psychosocial needs of the individual residents. The Kahl Home provides widespread services to its residents including 24-hour nursing care, long-term and short-term rehabilitation care, Alzheimer and Dementia care, hospice care, speech therapies, psychosocial counseling, adaptive computer labs, and daily Mass. Each team member works together with residents and their families to identify and meet each person's individual needs, and do so by upholding the resident's dignity and encouraging their independence. For more information on the Kahl Home, please visit their website at www.kahlhomedav.com.

This ground blessing also marks the beginning of a \$5 million area-wide capital campaign. Some early commitments have been secured, including an anonymous gift of \$1 million. Rosalie Thomas, Administrator of Kahl Home states "We are deeply grateful for the \$1 million lead gift and for the gifts of those other early donors that have stepped forward. We believe others will respond generously in recognition of the commitment of the Carmelite Sisters and the high quality of care provided by the Kahl Home over the past 55 years. We are completing the enlistment of our campaign leaders and will announce the team in the very near future."

Russell Construction, located in Davenport, IA, is serving as the Construction Manager on this project. THW Design, located in Atlanta, GA is serving as the Architect. For more information on Russell Construction, please visit their website at www.russellco.com.

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