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BRIDGE MEADOWS ANNOUNCES GROUND BREAKING OF NE PORTLAND NEIGHBORHOOD

PORTLAND, OR (June 22, 2010)—Bridge Meadows announced today the ground breaking of their new intergenerational neighborhood in the Portsmouth neighborhood of North Portland.

When finished, the new neighborhood will serve the mission of Bridge Meadows of offering families and children an alternative to the traditional foster care approach. Completion of the new Neighborhood is scheduled for 2011.

Bridge Meadows offers a unique intergenerational approach to foster care. The program offers seniors housing as well as the opportunity to become mentors to youth in foster care and is modeled after a highly successful program in Chicago, Illinois that has seen a 90% adoption rate for children within the program.

The neighborhood will consist of family homes, elder living units, a community center, and gardens. Many programs will be offered at the new facility including after-school programs, summer recreation options as well as community gatherings to celebrate holidays, birthdays, and special events.

“We are thrilled to break ground on the new facility. This project has been a dream and today it became a step closer to becoming reality,” said Rhonda Meadows, founder of Bridge Meadows.

Bridge Meadows was founded in 2004 by Rhonda Meadows with the mission of finding safe and adoptive family situations for foster children and at the same time, offering safety and meaningful purpose to the lives of older adults.

The project began with the hope of stopping the revolving door of the foster care system. Bridge Meadows’ program aims to address adoption options for youth to prevent them from “aging out” of the foster care system. Those youth who age out of the foster care system are at risk for homelessness, poverty, lack of academic opportunities and mental health problems. Bridge Meadows will provide at risk children with not only loving, adoptive homes, but also surrogate grandparents, mentors and playmates. The children and adoptive families will be surrounded by a caring community. The program allows children of all ages and ethnic backgrounds that are separated from their biological parents



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the chance at stability, constancy and permanence with older adults serving as volunteers and living within the community can learn how their presence in the children’s lives can make an impact.

Major Corporate Donations Made by Local Lumber Company

Parr Lumber, a 79 year old Portland based lumber company, has been a long-time financial supporter of Bridge Meadows. The company has supported the non profit in fund raising efforts, most now Parr has stepped up to donate the lumber as well as time and volunteers to organize the construction of the new facility.

“We are delighted to be in a position to help the Bridge Meadows Project. It is a wonderful idea and we are confident that the new facility will help many within our community,” said David Hamill, Chief Executive Officer of Parr Lumber.

Many Others Step Up to Help

The community is being built with the support of many caring citizens and the following sponsors: Windermere Foundation, Mr. Homer Williams of Williams & Dame, Legend Homes, Columbia Distributing, Mt. Hood Solutions, The Collins Foundation, Meyer Memorial Trust, Ann & Bill Swindell’s Charitable Trust, Juan Young Trust, Rose E. Tucker Trust, Juliet Ashby Hillman Foundation, Ray Hickey Foundation and Hedinger Foundation. Many caring citizens of the community have supported the development of Bridge Meadows. The partners for the project include Guardian Management, Carleton Hart Architecture, and Walsh Construction.

About Bridge Meadows: Inspired by Generations of Hope/Hope Meadows in rural Illinois, Bridge Meadows offers a viable adoption option for children in the foster care system. Modeled after an exemplary program in a thriving, interactive neighborhood, Generations Hope/ Hope Meadows in rural Chicago, Illinois is highly successful and respected, boasting an impressive 90% adoption rate over 14 years. At Bridge Meadows, children find not just loving adoptive homes, but surrogate grandparents, mentors, playmates and an entire community poised to nurture and educate them, fostering something they thought abandoned them a long time ago: a sense of hope. For more information about Bridge Meadows visit: www.bridgemedows.org.



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