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KenCrest Hosts First Anniversary Open House in Upper Pottsgrove, PA

Blue Bell, PA - May 15, 2018 - KenCrest's (kencrest.org) team announces a celebratory open house commemorating the one year anniversary of the opening of two new Community Medical Homes in Upper Pottsgrove, PA, on Wednesday, May 23, 2018, between 1:00 and 3:00 p.m.

In 2017 KenCrest opened two medical homes specifically for individuals with intellectual or developmental disability with a high level of medical need, in Upper Pottsgrove. Both homes represent the first time Kencrest has built new homes from the ground up, utilizing a unique funding combination that made the construction of the Pottsgrove locations possible. Funders included: FHL Bank Pittsburgh Affordable Housing Program grant; PHARE (PA Housing Affordability and Rehabilitation Enhancement fund); Montgomery County HOME program grant; Citizens Bank loan, Residual & Private Trust contributions; and the Connelly Foundation. The Pennsylvania Office of Developmental Programs provides funding for services at the Community Medical Homes.

The inspiration for the medically intensive homes is credited to the requirement for people who have intellectual or developmental disability, coupled with a high level of medical need, to be provided services in community settings. Historically, individuals have received care in nursing homes or institutional care facilities, which overall, do not provide the type of care best suited to their specialized needs.

The model of care provided by KenCrest provides residents with safe, fully American with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant homes with complete access to community resources. The homes are staffed around the clock with the registered nursing personnel needed to support the complex medical needs without interfering with full community participation. Outcomes, both medically and developmentally, are greatly improved and delivered at less cost than are supplied by traditional state institutional supports.

Dr. F., brother of M. shares, "the new homes are so well laid out and M. is so well taken care of by the qualified and knowledgeable support staff."

"The residents have a reduced capability to verbalize their needs and wants, including their pain level. It is our job to be their voices. Since the transfer of these individuals to the new homes, they are livelier and healthier, and interact more with staff and peers," states P., an R.N. at one of the homes.

KenCrest's Mission supports community development by exploring possibilities, mobilizing resources, and empowering dreams through a variety of services in PA, CT, and DE.

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