

PHILADELPHIA, PA, September 19, 2013 **/24-7PressRelease/** -- Paul's Run, a Continuous Care Retirement Community in Northeast Philadelphia and service of Liberty Lutheran, unveiled major renovations to its Halle Health Center at a VIP Open House on Wednesday, April 24th. Doctors, social workers, hospital discharge planners and representatives from neighboring retirement communities enjoyed breakfast and tours of the newly renovated community. Organizations represented at the event included the Greater Northeast Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce, Nazareth Hospital, Holy Redeemer Hospital, Philadelphia Protestant Home, Deer Meadows Retirement Community, Wesley Enhanced Living and Oakwood Residence.

"These renovations are truly making a vital difference in the lives of residents," said Katrina Wise, Vice President and Executive Director, Paul's Run. "We wanted our friends, neighbors and colleagues to see firsthand what this means for long-term care."

Halle Health Center, which accommodates 120 residents at Paul's Run, is focused on Skilled Nursing care. Its renovations are part of a three-year transformation across the organization to create a new culture in our retirement communities. Construction crews worked through the winter months to install new wallpaper, carpet, ceilings and a country kitchen. Meals are now prepared to order based on the residents' personal preferences, providing a greater variety of choices and extended meal times. Nurses stations were removed to open up the lobby and created a comfortable lounge for residents and their guests. Team rooms have been created for staff. Research demonstrates that residents living in this home environment will see improved appetites, increase activity levels and more effective pain relief. Organizations also experience increased employee job satisfaction, reduced employee turnover and increased staff retention. Mary Beth Linde, Director of Health Services at Paul's Run said residents and staff are responding positively to the new changes.

"The new environment has normalized the residents' lives," remarked Linde. "The residents truly seem happier and it is allowing them to form richer relationships with the team members."

### About Liberty Lutheran

Incorporated in 2001 and headquartered in Ambler, Pa., Liberty Lutheran, with its more than 25 locations and combined service history of 300 years, faithfully provides vital resources to individuals and families facing life-changing situations. These individualized services include independent and assisted living, skilled nursing, rehabilitation, hospice care, in-home supports, wellness services, children and family services, integration services for immigrants and political refugees, and disaster response. Liberty Lutheran's team of dedicated employees serves individuals and families through their family of services in Eastern Pennsylvania, including

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