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The Meadows makeover at MKV: Unveiled

Maple Knoll Village and Episcopal Retirement Services pump \$10M into The Meadows, fully renovating apartments and improving lifestyles at affordable living buildings for low-income seniors in Springdale

Grand Opening/Apartment Tours on Wednesday has All-Star list of elected officials, local leaders.

[CINCINNATI, Ohio ~ Sept. 12, 2018] Maple Knoll Village (MKV) and [Episcopal Retirement Services \(ERS\)](#) are holding a Grand Opening Open House today, Wednesday, September 12, featuring an exceptional lineup of elected officials and local leaders to celebrate a \$10 million makeover of The Meadows. The Meadows at Maple Knoll Village (www.mapleknoll.org) was recently renovated through a partnership with Episcopal Retirement Services (ERS).

The renovation was made possible by tax credits that were awarded by the Ohio Housing Finance Agency (OHFA) and financing provided by Ohio Capital Corporation for Housing and Lancaster Pollard. In addition, the project was awarded \$350,000 in Hamilton County HOME funds and a \$1.5 million OHFA equity bridge loan. The Meadows renovation:

- Upgraded two full buildings of apartments, totaling 149 senior apartments;
- Updated security and handicapped accessibility throughout the buildings, interior and exterior;
- Expanded bathrooms and kitchens to provide additional convenience for residents;
- Improved infrastructure with new elevator and mechanical equipment;
- Constructed a new fitness room, entertainment space and outdoor patio.

“Maple Knoll is proud to be able to partner with [Episcopal Retirement Services](#) for what was a necessary and needed improvement to the living accommodations that previously existed. These renovations will now allow the older adults we serve to safely age in their homes with updated security, handicap accessible accommodations, storage, functional common spaces and more. Without the leadership of [ERS](#), Maple Knoll would have not been able to provide this dynamic living environment for this fast-growing demographic,” said Megan Gresham-Ulrich, Vice President of Corporate Communications, Marketing and Development for Maple Knoll Village.

“I would like to state how proud we are of the Maple Knoll Village commitment to the elderly of the City of Springdale community, regardless of their financial capability,” said Springdale Mayor Doyle Webster. “This is what sets Maple Knoll Communities and [Episcopal Retirement Services](#) apart from other organizations. We are so proud to have them in Springdale, and you are a large part of what makes us a great community.”

The Model Group, an integrated property development, construction, and management company with a passion for revitalizing urban neighborhoods, was the construction partner. [ERS](#) and Model have partnered on more than a dozen high quality, affordable living projects for seniors. The hallmark of these developments are modern apartments with energy efficiency, well-designed units and market-style finishes using the 67 years of expertise that ERS has developed in serving older adults.

“[ERS](#) has been honored to be a development partner with Maple Knoll and The Model Group on this project. Our vision, mission and ministry are in close alignment. We were able to provide the development expertise and vital services including health and wellness support to provide safety and dignity for residents,” said Kathy Ison-Lind, Affordable Living by ERS VP Affordable Living and In-Home Services. “It’s one of the innovative differences that our organization is proud to offer.”

The Grand Opening has been scheduled for 2 p.m. at MKV, 11100 Springfield Pike. Expected to attend are:

- **Ohio State Rep. Jonathan Dever:** Rep. Dever is expected to bring an official Commendation;
- **Ohio State Sen. Lou Terhar;**
- **HUD Columbus Field Director Thomas H. Leach;**
- **Ohio Housing Finance Agency (OHFA) Executive Director Sean Thomas;**

- **U.S. Congressman Steve Chabot Deputy District Director Joseph Abner;**
- **Hamilton County Commissioner Denise Driehaus;**
- **City of Springdale Mayor Doyle Webster.**

Originally built on West Court Street in downtown Cincinnati, Maple Knoll Village is owned and operated by Maple Knoll Communities Inc., a non-profit continuum of services provider dedicated to helping older adults live happy, health and active lives.

Maple Knoll Village partnered on The Meadows with [ERS](#) because of their extensive knowledge of tax credits and unique financing arrangements for similar projects as well as their reputation as an operator of affordable housing for low income seniors that include many services including transportation, social service coordination and more. In addition to The Meadows, [ERS](#) is the owner and or operator of 27 affordable housing communities for seniors as well as community-based services for older adults and premier retirement communities such as Deupree House and Marjorie P. Lee in Hyde Park.

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