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Mather LifeWays Announces New Details for Planned Retirement Community

The Mather Will Add Aesthetic Appeal to Evanston Community

Evanston, Ill. (February 13, 2007) – Today, Mather LifeWays, a not-for-profit organization dedicated to creating ways to age well, announced new details about The Mather, its Evanston-based retirement community set to open in 2009 near the shores of Lake Michigan. Offering 240 apartment homes and more than 30 different floor plans, The Mather will break ground later this year, much to the anticipation of residents, potential residents and neighbors alike.

Designed by architecture firm Solomon Cordwell Buenz, The Mather's design is inspired by the Beaux Arts, a neo-classical architecture style based on traditions taught at the École des Beaux-Arts in Paris. Emphasizing a combination of Greek and Roman architectural traditions, Beaux Arts also incorporates modern design principles and gained popularity in the United States during the early 20th century; the New York Public Library, New York's Grand Central Station and Chicago's Union Station are just a few examples.

"The meticulous planning that has gone into creating The Mather's look is evident in its attention to detail and nod to both modern and classic stylizing," said Mary Leary, president and CEO of Mather LifeWays. "We are very excited to partner with Solomon Cordwell Buenz to build a residence that will be worthy of its beautiful surroundings."

The Mather will boast a mansard roof, casement windows, pre-cast concrete balustrades, iron railings, and glass and metal canopies at the entrances. In addition, the building will feature a decorative element called quoining, a technique that incorporates a stone forming in the external wall corners. Juliet balconies and coach lights illuminating the grounds will add a romantic touch, while a rooftop terrace will offer sweeping views of the Chicago skyline and shores of Lake Michigan.

The Mather also will feature nearly two acres dedicated to green space. Flowering trees, a large community lawn, formal planting beds and a rose garden are just a few of the elements that will beautify the building's exterior. Small seating alcoves and meandering paths will invite residents to enjoy the outdoors.

As a Continuing Care Retirement Community, The Mather will offer onsite health care, the 10,000-square-foot Cotton SpaSM & Fitness Center, 24-hour concierge service, wine cellar, seven restaurants, and more.

The Mather Information and Design Centre is located at 1622 Orrington Avenue and is open Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and Sunday, 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.

To learn more about The Mather, visit www.matherlifeways.com/sr_themather.asp, call (847) 492-7400, or e-mail themather@matherlifeways.com.

About Mather LifeWays

Based in Evanston, Illinois, Mather LifeWays enhances the lives of older adults by creating Ways to Age Well.SM Founded in 1941 by entrepreneur and humanitarian Alonzo Mather, Mather LifeWays is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to providing a continuum of living and care; making neighborhoods better places for older adults to live, work, learn, contribute, and play; and identifying, implementing, and sharing best practices for wellness, workforce issues, memory care support, and empowering caregivers. To learn more about our senior residences, community initiatives and Institute on Aging, please call (847) 492-7500 or find your Way to www.matherlifeways.com.

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