



United Hebrew Geriatric Center Celebrates "Next Generation" Nursing Facility

UHGC also kicks-off Livable Community initiative

New Rochelle, NY - (September XX, 2006) - United Hebrew Geriatric Center (UHGC), a not-for-profit, non-sectarian, multi-service, 4.5-acre senior living campus in New Rochelle, recently held a groundbreaking ceremony for the Lucile and Joseph Skalet Pavilion, a state-of-the-art, 143,000-square-foot nursing facility. The \$52 million project, which also includes renovation of the Lola and Saul Kramer Pavilion, is scheduled for completion in late spring, 2008.

More than 200 people attended a September 15 groundbreaking ceremony. UHGC also announced its livable community initiative to establish itself as a senior-friendly model for purposeful and meaningful aging.

Janine Rose, Director of News 12, served as emcee for the event, and New Rochelle resident and two-time Tony award winner Frances Sternhagen served as honorary guest speaker. Sternhagen is known for her work on the hit television series, *Cheers*, as well as other screen and stage productions.

UHGC's eldest resident, Rose Cornacchio, 105; Mayor Bramson; members of the UHGC Board of Directors; and various donors broke ground with ceremonious first shovels, signaling the beginning of the project.

In her speech, UHGC CEO Rita Mabli addressed the benefits of building for every generation.

"We are planning a real home - not a strict medical model. It will be a person-centered environment with autonomy, choice and companionship. We will build a place where life continues and flourishes, with living rooms, dining rooms, family rooms and spas. Most of all, we have chosen to build neighborhoods for our residents to live in. Neighborhoods where there are bright solariums and terraces for children to play when they visit, fish to see, gardens to tend and private dining rooms where families have opportunities to meet and enjoy each other."

Mabli added that UHGC is embarking on a livable community campus project. "We hope to be a model for other facilities in preparing for the baby boom generation. We will assess the strengths of our residents, staff and stakeholders and establish

Photos from top to bottom:

Top photo, from left to right: Isaac Cohen, New City, UHGC COO; Malcolm Lazarus, Scarsdale, president, UHGC Board of Directors; Steven Skalet, Bethesda, Md., son of Lucile and Joseph Skalet; Rita Mabli, New Rochelle, UHGC CEO; Rose Cornacchio, UHGC's eldest resident; Michael Rozen, Scarsdale, president-elect, UHGC Board of Directors; Beverly Green, Rye, UHGC benefactor; Barbara Strutin, White Plains, daughter of Lucile and Joseph Skalet; and New Rochelle Mayor Noam Bramson

Second photo, from left to right: New Rochelle resident and renowned stage and screen actress Frances Sternhagen ; New Rochelle Mayor Noam Bramson; Janine Rose, Pelham, News Director, News 12; and Rita Mabli, New Rochelle, UHGC CEO

Third photo, from left to right: New Rochelle Mayor Noam Bramson;

new programs that will help people live independently and lead full, productive lives. We are beginning this new initiative with an Advisory Committee in which Mayor Bramson will participate.”

The facility will be designed to mimic individual neighborhoods and will create a sense of community. Amenities will include a 176-private bed addition with wireless internet access; the addition of a resident activity center, fully equipped with a library, arts & crafts room; a 2,300-square-foot multi-purpose room and a café; a new receiving area, landscaped courtyard and additional parking.

Each neighborhood will have its own 800-square-foot activity room with views of the Long Island Sound, fully furnished with an entertainment center. The fifth floor of the Pavilion will house a 44-bed short-term rehabilitation unit. Dining areas for each neighborhood will measure about 800-square-feet and will have views of the interior courtyard.

United Hebrew Geriatric Center is located at 391 Pelham Road, New Rochelle, New York 10801. For further information, please contact Linda Forman at 914.632.2804 x 224, e-mail lforman@uhgc.org, or visit www.uhgc.org

About United Hebrew Geriatric Center:

United Hebrew Geriatric Center (UHGC) is a vibrant not-for-profit, non-sectarian, multi-service senior living campus serving the Westchester metropolitan area since 1919. UHGC offers a rich array of skilled and community-based programs and services that encourages and supports a life of dignity and spirituality and promotes the highest possible quality of life. UHGC serves over 600 clients daily in its campus facilities -- Willow Towers, a 126-unit assisted living residence; a 270-bed Nursing Home; the 135-unit Low-Savin Apartments for seniors; a Long Term Home Health Care Program; and the Azor Home Health Agency. Its newest project, the renovation and expansion of its nursing home facility, combines world-class care with state-of-the-art features.

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Rita Mabli, New Rochelle, UHGC CEO; and Malcolm Lazarus, Scarsdale, president, UHGC Board of Directors

Bottom photo, from left to right: New Rochelle resident and renowned stage and screen actress Frances Sternhagen and UHGC resident council president Alan Boyarsky

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