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New Life Care Services community in Washington garners LEED certification and celebrates grand opening

Des Moines (September 8, 2008) – Timber Ridge at Talus, the newest community to open in a nationwide portfolio of more than 80 communities either owned or managed by Life Care Services LLC (LCS), became the first continuing care retirement community (CCRC) in the nation to achieve LEED® Silver Certification for adhering to nationally-established green building standards.

To celebrate this certification, as well as the community's official grand opening, local dignitaries, current residents of Timber Ridge, and other invited guests gathered together on August 21, 2008, in Issaquah, Washington. Food, entertainment, a ribbon cutting ceremony, and tours highlighting special building features were all a part of the day's festivities to celebrate the opening of this new senior living community.

The LEED® (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Green Building Rating System is a voluntary, third-party rating system administered by the U.S. Green Building Council (www.usgbc.org), a non-profit organization of building industry professionals. Building projects can apply for certification and then earn credits for meeting green building criteria in five main categories: Sustainable Sites, Water Efficiency, Energy and Atmosphere, Materials and Resources, and Indoor Environmental Quality. Based on the total number of credits earned, one of four certification levels (Certified, Silver, Gold or Platinum) is then awarded. Timber Ridge garnered 35 points to earn LEED® Silver Certification status and was officially notified of their award on June 30, 2008.

“From the start, our goal at Timber Ridge was to develop a community unlike anything we’ve done before. To accomplish this, though, we knew we’d have to address a number of sustainability and green building issues through innovative design. So we’re very pleased we’ve been recognized for the work we’ve done at the community,” said Ed Kenny, president and CEO of LCS.

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Given the company’s commitment to reducing its carbon footprint on this project, LCS teamed-up with architectural firm Rice Fergus Miller of Bremerton, Washington, as well as a host of other firms and consultants, to design (and build) this new CCRC – one optimizing the use of sustainable materials and resources, all while decreasing the overall impact (present and future) on the surrounding environment.

“Timber Ridge boasts of a number of external and internal green features,” explained Kent Larson, senior vice president and director of development for LCS. “Everything from the use of storm water management, water efficient landscaping, and protecting open spaces to monitoring systems for thermal comfort, low-volume plumbing fixtures, and the use of natural light indoors were taken into consideration and incorporated into the overall design.”

About Timber Ridge

Timber Ridge at Talus is the latest senior living development project completed by LCS in conjunction with outside equity partners. Surrounded by evergreens and located on a scenic, nine-acre site at the foot of Cougar Mountain, Phase I of the community features 184 residences, 38 health center suites, below-grade parking for 224 cars, a fitness center, an art studio, a library, dining venues, and much more. For more information on Timber Ridge visit the community’s Web site at: www.TimberRidgeLCS.com.

About Life Care Services

Since 1971, Life Care Services (LCS) has been a recognized, national leader in the senior living marketplace. A fully-integrated manager, marketer and developer of senior living communities, LCS today serves more than 23,000 residents daily at 80-plus communities in 31 states. As the country’s 5th largest senior housing manager, the company operates five business lines focusing on operations management, development, home health care, community ownership, and ancillary services. A privately-held, employee-owned corporation, LCS is based in Des Moines, Iowa, and has regional office locations in California, Connecticut, Florida, Indiana, Missouri and North Carolina. For more information, visit www.LCSnet.com or call 515-875-4500.

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