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Governor Ruth Ann Minner Announces Plans for Delaware's First 'Affordable' Assisted-Living Site

Governor Ruth Ann Minner today announced the Council On Housing's approval of a pre-development loan for Delaware's first assisted-living site targeted for very low- income seniors. The new facility would provide 42 new assisted units and 29 new living-wage jobs in the community.

The \$50,000 pre-development loan was granted to Ingleside Homes, Inc. to help secure a site at 1605 N. Broom Street, in Wilmington, while a comprehensive financing package is being completed. The facility would relieve some of the immediate demand in Delaware for affordable housing for seniors not currently getting the help they need with daily healthcare activities. Additionally, it would provide a home for elderly persons currently residing in nursing homes, but not yet requiring a high level of specialized care. For very low-income seniors living independently and needing limited care, the assisted-living site would delay placement in a skilled nursing home, thus freeing up additional space for those requiring further support.

Governor Minner commented, "Delaware's first *affordable* assisted-living facility will be a prayer answered for seniors who cannot afford home health care and for families with limited

resources to assist their loved ones. Ingleside Homes, Inc. deserves the full support of Delaware's housing and financial sectors on this important initiative.”

Delaware State Housing Authority Director Sandy Johnson commented, “This is certainly a great opportunity for Delaware's seniors. The most recent Statewide Housing Needs Assessment clearly shows that this kind of assisted living facility is in increasing demand. This is an exciting next step for Ingleside and a natural progression in its already impressive work in affordable housing for seniors.”

Ingleside Homes Director, Larry Cessna noted, “We are gratified and impressed by the cooperation that exists in Delaware among all levels of government, including city, county, state and federal offices. There are six models of this type of assisted housing nationally. None of them have experienced this level of intergovernmental cooperation.”

Ingleside Homes is a nonprofit health and social service agency that provides affordable housing to seniors in Delaware. Since 1971, the organization has assisted more than 40,000 seniors, providing a range of services, including: assisted living, independent living, supportive services, community outreach, arts, education and - until recently - skilled nursing care.

For more information about the services provided by Ingleside Homes, Inc. please contact Cathy Cessna at (302) 575-0250.

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