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## **Benchmark Senior Living breaks ground on \$30 million community**

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Benchmark Senior Living broke ground on its 52nd community on July 29. Benchmark, based in Wellesley, Mass., develops, owns and manages senior living communities in all six New England states. Upon completion, Benchmark Senior Living at Woburn will have 87 apartments - 67 traditional assisted living and 20 for those needing memory care in a secured neighborhood. This \$30 million development project will bring many construction jobs to the area and when completed will employ 70 people. The project is also estimated to provide \$150,000 in annual city tax revenue, and \$140,000 in one-time building fees. Benchmark at Woburn will have 87 apartments - 67 traditional assisted living and 20 for those needing memory care in a secured neighborhood.

To celebrate the groundbreaking of this senior living community, members of the community joined mayor Scott Galvin, Tom Grape, founder and CEO of Benchmark and Stephanie Handelson, president and COO of Benchmark.

John and Rita DiClemente, residents of Benchmark, also spoke to the benefits of living in a Benchmark Community.

"Our 52nd community is a great accomplishment for our team as we continue to maintain our steadfast mission, and we are excited to have the ability to serve the Woburn community," said Grape. "Each of our communities tailors its activities and amenities around the demands of its residents. We strive to create the ideal living experience for our residents, delivered by a passionate and committed staff."

"We are pleased to welcome Benchmark Senior Living to Woburn," said Woburn mayor Scott Galvin. "Benchmark operates a great business, and one that provides valuable residential options to the aging sector of our community."

Among many of the Benchmark initiatives, Benchmark communities are known for providing innovative experiences to senior living with their 'Live Now. Live Engaged' program. The Benchmark way supports memory care residents through six dimensions to encourage interaction using different ways of processing information—intellectual, physical, emotional, spiritual, social and community purposeful. By creating new experiences for residents, Benchmark Senior Living is creating a stronger community.

Benchmark Senior Living, based in Wellesley, Mass., is committed to setting the standard of excellence in senior housing. Benchmark develops, owns and manages senior living communities in the New England, including independent living, assisted living, memory care, and continuing care retirement communities. Together with their compassionate associates, they strive to provide individualized, quality options for seniors.