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## **Anaheim Retirement Community Residents Look Back on First Year in New Home**

*Walnut Village, Front Porch's Award-Winning Continuing Care  
Retirement Community, Celebrates First Year with Residents*

**Burbank, Calif. October 25, 2010** – [Walnut Village](#), a full-service retirement community in the heart of Anaheim, Calif., celebrated its one-year anniversary. The community opened in October of 2009 and represents a new concept in retirement living, where residents are surrounded by neighbors, first-rate amenities and innovative technological solutions for older adults that foster social engagement and wellbeing and lifelong learning, all with the assurance of continuing care if it's ever needed.

The community's award-winning design is centered around a shop-lined village square with iconic bell tower. It was recently named Best CCRC 2010 by 50+ Builder magazine and recently won a Citation of Merit Award from Environments for Aging and a 2009 Gold Award from the National Association of Home Builders' 50+ Housing Council in the "Best Small Continuing Care Retirement Community On the Boards" category. Walnut Village is owned and operated by [Front Porch](#), Southern California's largest not-for-profit provider of senior living communities.

Walnut Village understands the concerns of today's older adults and provides a new approach to retirement living based on choices and opportunities, community involvement and social and Internet connectivity. This explains why Walnut Village attracts younger than the national average residents – it was built with the boomer generation in mind.

Today's seniors are ageless and want to continue doing what they love while discovering new opportunities and passions through lifelong learning, spiritual discovery, creative pursuits and whole person wellbeing. Walnut Village's three unique Centers are designed to support residents in these endeavors. They include:

- **Wellbeing Fitness & Aquatics Center** offers yoga, a fitness center with specially designed equipment for older adults, seminars on health-related topics, spa services, specialized and alternative therapies, a salt-water Masters pool and a 12-person hot tub.
- **Lifelong Learning Center** features a wide range of college-level classes in history, writing and computer training, as well as seminars such as wine tasting, film and gardening. It also includes the **Center for Aging and Spirituality**, which offers lectures and workshops on topics related to

understanding the spiritual journey of aging and the importance of the mind, body and spirit connection.

- **Performing Arts Center** is where talented residents and known artists perform. Drama, music and singing classes are also offered.

Also, at Walnut Village residents can take a stroll through the park, read in The Book Nook, putt on the putting green, work on projects in Clay's Art Studio, get a manicure or Botox treatment at the Strand salon, relax in the serenity gardens, enjoy fine dining in The Grove or grab a quick bite at Mosaics Bistro, or join in at the piano bar in the Red Chair Lounge.

"It has been really exciting to see how positively the residents have responded to our community," said Joseph Peduzzi, Walnut Village's executive director. "The residents have especially taken to the community's design, with its central village square, restaurant-style dining, pub with piano bar and the Performing Arts Center, which all foster engaging social activities."

For many older adults, moving to a retirement community is a symbol of greater independence. That's proved true for residents of Walnut Village who, looking back, are thrilled with their decision.

"For the first time in my life it feels like I'm really home," said resident Etola Blucker. Added resident Diana Nelson, "Walnut Village represents freedom. Freedom to pursue the things I really enjoy in life."

For others, it's about the features and activities offered.

"I'm embarrassed to tell my friends how spoiled I am here," said resident Irene Patrick. "There's plenty to do. It's up to me." Jim Kennedy, Anaheim's former police chief, added, "The restaurant compares to any of the finest in Anaheim."

The walkable, 12-acre community is a Continuing Care Retirement Community (CCRC) that ensures residents receive care for life. It allows residents to age in place – an integral Front Porch concept embedded within all its communities designed to enhance the aging experience – while living in well-appointed homes and cottages. As required, assisted living services are brought directly to residents' homes. A fully licensed, skilled nursing center and rehabilitation center, one of the largest in Orange County, is located on site. A Memory Support Neighborhood called Summer House features a staff of memory specialists to offer cognitive care and individualized programming for those with varying degrees of memory loss.

"The staff is amazing," continued Kennedy. "We like the plan for assisted living and that that they come to you instead of you going to them. We feel safe here."

Private homes at Walnut Village are available in a variety of [floor plans](#) and include one and two-bedroom residences and three-bedroom cottages. The private homes feature ageless, universal design elements, designer kitchens, washer/dryer, a private balcony or patio, free high-speed Internet, cable TV and individually controlled heating and AC, among other features. All units are adaptable for independent living with assistive devices such as wheelchairs. The community is gated and includes on-site security.

A variety of financial options as well as a variety of living accommodations are offered. The sales center is located at 891 S. Walnut St. in Anaheim and sales representatives can be reached at 866-983-6763.

**About Front Porch**

Front Porch, the largest not-for-profit provider of retirement living communities in Southern California, owns and manages award-winning retirement living communities for today's active older adults. With a full range of options from independent living to continuing care, along with specialized programs like memory support, Front Porch communities represent a leading-edge approach to wellness in aging.

Front Porch is comprised of 11 full-service retirement communities in California and two adult living communities: one in Louisiana and another in Florida. Of these, eight are Continuing Care Retirement Communities (CCRC).

In addition to Walnut Village, Front Porch opened Luma, the first active adult community in Nuevo Vallarta, Mexico. Visit <http://www.lumaliving.com/> for more information.

Front Porch, based in Burbank, Calif. and founded in 1999, is a not-for-profit organization that gives back to its residents and the communities it serves.

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