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Art Collection at Walnut Village Retirement Community Recognized by Anaheim Arts Council

*Front Porch's Award-Winning Continuing Care Retirement
Community Features Over 500 Original Works from Local Artists*

Burbank, Calif. November 10, 2010 – From the photographs and paintings lining the lobby, restaurant and walkways, to the mobile sculpture hanging above the salt-water Masters pool in the Wellbeing Fitness & Aquatics Center, the plethora and quality of original artwork displayed at [Walnut Village](#), a full-service retirement community in the heart of Anaheim, Calif., is hard to miss.

In all, the community features over 500 pieces of original art – many of which were crafted by local artisans – ranging in display from paintings and photos to sculptures, ceramics, mosaics and hand-hewn surfboards. The Walnut Village design team commissioned the artists to create works that brought in color and illustrated the area's eclectic beauty. It gives depth, dimension and meaning and reflects the community's sense of place within the heart of Southern California. Walnut Village was recently recognized by the Art in Public Places Committee of the Anaheim Arts Council for its commitment and dedication to providing art for the public to enjoy.

“Our art collection has firmly connected Walnut Village to the larger Anaheim community by supporting local area artists, while simultaneously enhancing the community for the residents to enjoy,” said Joseph Peduzzi, Walnut Village's executive director. “Embracing art, community and wellbeing are just some of the ways Walnut Village is setting the trend in retirement living.”

Walnut Village's artwork is an integral element of the community's award-winning design. 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.

Featured at Walnut Village are original works by top local artists such as wood craftsman Matt Adelsolm, photographer John Bare, fine artist Maurice Carmeli and sculptor Carl Royce. Art is just one example of how the community is designed to support residents. It can inspire and engage, or soothe and calm. The effects of art are vast and unique to each resident, but significant to all.

“Art was important to the interior design vision for Walnut Village,” said Mark Seres of Castlerock Design in Newport Beach, Calif., the community's interior design group. “The idea of featuring art that reflects

Walnut Village’s history and location began when we chose colorful citrus and nut crate art for the Mosaics Bistro restaurant – the concept expanded from there.”

Walnut Village, which recently celebrated its one-year anniversary, 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, wellbeing and lifelong learning, all with the assurance of continuing care on site if it’s ever needed.

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.

The walkable, 12-acre community is a Continuing Care Retirement Community (CCRC) that offers access to care and service for life. Residents enjoy all the benefits of supportive services and access to care while living in well-appointed homes and cottages within the village. If needed, 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 care specialists to offer assistive care and individualized programming for those with varying degrees of memory loss.

Private homes at Walnut Village are available in a variety of [floor plans](#) and include one and two-bedroom residences and three-bedroom cottages. Each home 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

Walnut Village is a Front Porch community. Front Porch is the largest not-for-profit provider of retirement living communities in Southern California. Front Porch active adult and full service retirement communities offer a full range of options from independent living to continuing care, along with specialized programs like memory support. With innovative communities and programs that meet the changing needs of people as they age, 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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