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## **United Group and LeChase Const. break ground on \$23 million project; Glenmont Abbey Village - community for adults 55 & up**

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Glenmont Abbey Village - a brand new apartment community for active, independent adults 55 and up - is now under construction. A project from Troy, NY-based The United Group of Companies, Inc., the community is expected to be complete in late 2015. A ceremonial groundbreaking ceremony was held for the on March 19 with local leaders and members of the United Group and LeChase Construction teams.

"The demographics are strong in this area and fit our model," said Sharon Kelley, VP of Senior Housing at United Group. "The fact that we've already leased units before the community has been built is a strong indicator of local interest as we get ready for a fall opening."

The \$23 million project will consist of two residential buildings, each 80,360 s/f (74 units each, 148 total), a 7,110 s/f community clubhouse, and seven garage bays (48 garages total) on 13 acres. Property will include community gardens in raised beds among other features as well.

Located off Glenmont Rd., Glenmont Abbey Village is just minutes from shopping, healthcare, drugstores, restaurants, golf, and all that the greater-Bethlehem area has to offer. Conveniently located to near major highways and roadways, it's just a short drive to entertainment of any kind.

With a variety of one and two-bedroom floor plans to choose from, active seniors will be able to find comfort and style plus a social, carefree, maintenance-free lifestyle.

Each apartment home will offer central air conditioning, a fully-applianced kitchen with maple cabinets and granite counters, crown molding in the living and dining room, a washer and dryer, large closets and storage areas, and a patio or balcony. Additionally, Glenmont Abbey Village is a pet-friendly community.

An amenity-rich clubhouse will include a community room with fireplace and kitchen, state-of-the-art fitness center, an indoor pool with locker rooms, media center, game room, hair salon, and outdoor patio. Community gardens and walking paths will also be featured.

In addition, Glenmont Abbey Village will offer its residents an array of services and a full calendar of events and social activities through its unique SUN (Senior Umbrella Network) Program. The SUN® Program is designed to foster and support independent living and to enhance the active-senior lifestyle.

The project team consists of General contractor: LeChase Construction, Rochester, NY; Architect: QPK Design, Syracuse, NY; Civil Engineers: Hershberg & Hershberg, Albany, NY; Structural Engineers: Stroud Pence - multiple offices, but includes Old Forge, NY and interior design by Kathy Andrews Interiors (KAI), Houston, TX.

Photo Caption: Shown (from left) are: Sharon Kelley, VP for Senior Housing, United Group; Jeff Arnold, COO, United Group; Joe Fleming, SVP and chief lending officer, Pioneer Bank; Theodore

DeConno, Jr., Berkshire Bank; Michael Uccellini, president & CEO, United Group; John Clarkson, Bethlehem NY Town supervisor; Steve Bills, LeChase Construction and Tim Haskins, project manager, United Group.

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