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NEWS RELEASE

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Tower Park Groundbreaking Ceremony
Tuesday, March 31, 2015 10:30am to Noon
Program at 11:00am
Interviews available

701 17th St, Modesto, CA 95354

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Satellite Affordable Housing Associates (SAHA) and Beacon Communities break ground on 50 high quality, green apartments for low-income seniors in Modesto.

March 23, 2015 ? Modesto, CA. On Tuesday, March 31, Satellite Affordable Housing Associates (SAHA) and Beacon Communities celebrate the groundbreaking of Tower Park Apartments, a green, sustainably built community for 50 low-income seniors in the town of Modesto. Scheduled speakers at the ceremony include the City Mayor, funders, and housing advocates, as well as a ceremonial groundbreaking, refreshments and special guests.

The community is invited to attend.

The City of Modesto chose SAHA and Beacon Communities because of their combined experience building and managing affordable housing for seniors. According to Modesto Mayor, Garrad Marsh, "Both SAHA and Beacon Communities bring more than 40 years of expert management and resident supportive services to this project. Tower Park Apartments will be a great resource for Modesto seniors for decades to come."

Part of what makes Tower Park Apartments such an asset to the Modesto community is its green building features. The installation of solar thermal hot water will offset a substantial portion of the building's project domestic hot water heating loads and will help keep operating costs and rents low. The project will also be GreenPoint Rated (with a minimum projected score of 125 points). Interior finishes will be environmentally sensitive including low-VOC paints, green label carpet, low-flow faucets and showerheads, and energy star rated appliances. In addition, wayfinding clues will be incorporated into the design of common area finishes to assist aging seniors that may experience memory loss or need additional visual clues to find their way.

According to SAHA Executive Director Susan Friedland, "As the population of California ages, we've seen a growing need for senior housing across the state. Modesto is no exception. Projects like Tower Park Apartments strengthen neighborhoods by providing the aging members of our communities with quality affordable homes and services that empower them, and help the age with dignity."

Once complete, the apartments will be operated by Beacon Communities, who have a long history of providing housing and services tailored to the specific needs of seniors.

"Our communities are a reflection of our residents. We look forward to working with Modesto seniors to shape life at Tower Park Apartments through civic and social programs and other lifestyle-enhancing activities," says Ancel Romero, President, Beacon Communities.

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About Satellite Affordable Housing Associates

At Satellite Affordable Housing Associates we believe everyone deserves a home. Everyday we work to provide high-quality affordable homes and support services that empower people and strengthen communities. SAHA's 60 innovative properties provide almost 4,000 low-

income seniors, families, and people with special needs the homes, community and connection they deserve. Please visit sahahomes.org for more information.

About Beacon Communities

At Beacon Communities, we believe that a rich, fulfilling life is the right of every senior. Our communities are colorful, vibrant places that grow and change along with the needs and interests of our residents. With more than 33 communities in multiple states, we enhance the independence, well-being and security of more than 2,500 seniors each year through the provision of housing and supportive services. Please visit www.beaconcommunities.org ^[3] for more information.

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