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GROUNDBREAKING CELEBRATION HELD FOR FUTURE 'SANTA ANGELINA' AFFORDABLE SENIOR LIVING COMMUNITY

PLACENTIA, CA – In partnership with the National Community Renaissance of California (CORE) and the Hope through Housing Foundation, the City of Placentia celebrated the groundbreaking of a 65-unit affordable senior living apartment community called "Santa Angelina," located on property owned and operated by the Church of the Blessed Sacrament located at 1314 N. Angelina Avenue in Placentia.

"I'm so proud to bring affordable senior housing options to Placentia, and I think this development is a great use of this once underutilized land. This groundbreaking highlights the City's commitment to creating affordable, quality housing options and services for all our residents," said Placentia Mayor Rhonda Shader. "Santa Angelina will provide 65 much-needed homes and services to help ensure the security and well-being of our senior population, and I look forward to welcoming new residents to Placentia."

In partnership with the Church, National CORE, who will develop and operate the senior housing development, is spearheading the transformation of the existing church campus with two, two-story residential buildings that will provide age-restricted rental housing for individuals 62 years of age or older who earn less than 60% of the area median income. Twenty-one apartment homes will be reserved as permanent supportive housing for unhoused seniors or at risk of becoming unhoused.

Residents of Santa Angelina will belong to an engaged, service-enriched village linked to the adjacent church and surrounding community through a network of paseos, plazas, and courtyards. In addition, a 1,500-square-foot community center will serve as a hub for events, supportive services, and programs. Other onsite amenities include laundry facilities and outdoor recreation space.

"Today's groundbreaking is another significant milestone for the City of Placentia. We are proud to be working with National CORE, Blessed Sacrament, and Hope through Housing Foundation on this project to bring more affordable housing options to Placentia for our senior population," said Placentia City Administrator Damien R. Arrula. "Affordable housing options such as Santa Angelina show the City's commitment to investing in housing while also acknowledging the challenges many seniors face."

"This new community will change the lives of seniors who greatly need safe, stable housing and services that support them as they age," said National CORE Senior Vice President of Social Impact and Hope through Housing President Greg Bradbard. "We are truly thankful to all of the partners and stakeholders who have come together on this transformative development, and we are excited to soon welcome Santa Angelina residents to their homes."

Santa Angelina is one of the first communities in the State to receive California Housing Accelerator Funding. Launched in 2021 by the California Department of Housing and Community Development, the California Housing Accelerator is meant to fast-track affordable housing developments that have been stalled by the cap on state tax credits and bonds.

For more information on this development, please contact the City of Placentia's Planning Division at (714) 993-8124.

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