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Thome PACE (Program of All-inclusive Care for the Elderly) Announces Expanded Clinic Space at its Jackson Day Center; Welcomes New Medical Director

Jackson, MI, Apr. 27, 2022 – Thome PACE by Brio Living Services, formerly United Methodist Retirement Communities (UMRC) & Porter Hills, is pleased to announce the opening of its expanded clinic space at its Day Center in Jackson, Michigan, as well as its new Medical Director, Michael A. Foust, M.D.

A partnership between Brio Living Services and the Region 2 Area Agency on Aging, Thome PACE, or Program of All-inclusive Care for the Elderly, serves the psycho-social, medical, and supportive needs of low-income, nursing home-eligible adults, aged 55 and up. Its service area extends throughout Jackson, Hillsdale, and Lenawee counties, with a capacity of 250 total PACE participants.

The expansion to the Thome PACE Day center clinic was made possible, in part, thanks to grants received from the Edward N. and Della L. Thome Memorial Foundation and The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation, Inc. The renovated clinic includes an additional examination room, a medication room, work space for primary care providers, and a small office to allow for confidential conversations. It was approved by the State of Michigan for use on April 4, 2022.

“Having a renovated clinic allows us to see more PACE participants throughout the day,” said Thome PACE Executive Director, Susan Decker. “The new work area is designed to enhance efficiency for our clinical team members, while providing a comfortable clinical experience with the best possible care and privacy for our participants.”

In addition, Thome PACE welcomed its new Medical Director, Michael A. Foust, M.D. A native of Jackson and graduate of the University of Michigan, Dr. Foust is a specialist in family medicine with more than 25 years as a member of the medical team at Henry Ford Allegiance Family Medicine – Townsend. He also serves as the alternate medical director for Southern Care Hospice and medical director for the Jackson Health Network.

“I am excited to join the Thome PACE clinical team because I have worked with geriatric patients for many years in primary care,” said Dr. Foust. “In addition, my experiences with

hospice care, Priority Health insurance, and active work with the Jackson Health Network gives me background in utilization, insurance authorizations, and value-based medicine. I see all my experiences being useful in working for Thome PACE.”

Said Decker, “Adding Dr. Foust to our clinical team is a huge benefit for Thome PACE and enhances our ability to provide for and manage the complex clinical needs of our participants. Dr. Foust’s vast experience and his connection with the Henry Ford Health System also helps to build upon those relationships.”

Brio Living Services is one of Michigan’s leading providers of PACE services with five sites statewide, serving approximately 1,100 older adults annually across 15 Michigan counties.

PACE’s interdisciplinary team of professionals provides participants with a “one-stop” shop model for all their healthcare needs, including comprehensive medical, occupational and physical therapy, pharmacy needs, nutrition and meals, health education, social and recreational activities, and door-to-door transportation. Most participants are dually eligible for Medicare and Medicaid and pay no additional fees for PACE services.

To learn more about Thome PACE, visit www.thomepace.org or call 517.768.9791.

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