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Addus HealthCare Celebrates Opening of Evergreen Club Adult Day Center and Home Care Branch in Homewood

New facility answers the growing need for adult day services in the south suburbs

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Homewood, IL – Addus HealthCare, a leader in a broad range of home health services, today officially celebrates the relocation of their Evergreen Club Adult Day Center and Home Care branch. The center is a socially active and secure place where Addus employees provide a broad range of health and wellness services to adults in need of supervision, assistance and access to expert medical aid. The Home Care branch augments Addus' in-home services.

“Addus HealthCare is proud to open this new center which, in many ways, is a living, breathing illustration of our full commitment to delivering the best possible care to a vital, vibrant and valued population,” said Addus HealthCare president and CEO Mark Heaney. “We want individuals to remain healthy, active and independent, and throughout our organization, our employees deliver on that commitment every day.”

Addus Evergreen Club outgrew its older facility, also in Homewood, which had less than half the current facility's capacity and was not centrally located. The new center at 1818 Ridge Road is ideally located near parks, recreation facilities and downtown Homewood.

“When we set out to find our new home, we wanted a location that would provide our clients with programming that gives them real opportunities to socialize and to be stimulated while also receiving the care and security they need,” said Evergreen Club's program director, Melanie Whitfield.

The range of services provided by the center include nursing, physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, medication administration and supervision, personal care assistance, regular blood pressure and weight checks, a beauty shop, podiatry services, coordination of medical services, individual care planning, door-to-door transportation, meal service and therapeutic activity programming.

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Activities and programming at Evergreen Club include daily exercise programs, community outings, music therapy, games, computer activities, regular religious services and arts and crafts. Addus offers separate specialty programming for younger adults.

Adult day services have proven to be a crucial component in the rapidly growing elder care field. Studies have proven that seniors who receive stimulation and socialization on a regular basis are more likely to stay healthier longer and to live a longer, more rewarding life. Adult day care centers like Addus' Evergreen Clubs provide individuals with a place to go to socialize, remain active and to receive basic healthcare.

“We know that even a minimal amount of activity on a daily basis is enough to stave off illness. We strive to give our clients much more than that in a welcoming, comforting and upbeat atmosphere,” said Kerri Pendley, regional director for Addus HealthCare. “Helping our clients stay active, healthy and independent is our overarching goal.”

The Evergreen Club in Homewood currently serves 80 regular clients daily, but this new location offers the opportunity to service up to 166 clients daily. The Club's service area extends east to the Illinois/Indiana border, north to Calumet Park and as far south as Crete. Addus' fleet of seven vehicles provide daily transportation to the center Monday through Friday.

While the new center fills the demand for adult day services in the area, many believe the demand is outpacing supply, especially given that the aging population of baby boomers will soon need a broader range of health services, including home health care and adult day services.

Clients include individuals who have sought adult day services through a variety of State of Illinois programs that operate through the Illinois Department on Aging, the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Department of Rehabilitation Services. Clients also include individuals who pay for adult day services privately.

“Adult Day Care is an important service as the Illinois Department on Aging continues to provide services that will enable older persons to remain in their homes,” said Charles D. Johnson, Director of the Illinois Department on Aging. “This service is great for the client and the State of Illinois as we look at cost-effective ways to meet the needs of our clients and their caregivers.”

The center caters to individuals needing social stimulation in a group setting, people who experience dementia or have Alzheimer's Disease, people whose activities are limited due to disease, injury or the frailties of age, or anyone needing assistance with eating, bathing, or other routine, daily activities.

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In addition to three main activity areas where most clients gather to play games, socialize and interact, the new Evergreen Club in Homewood also features:

- A “quiet room” which provides a soothing atmosphere to clients who may occasionally want a comfortable place to rest, to receive basic healthcare services or to just be alone for a brief time. The room is equipped with a bed, a comfortable recliner and soft, warm lighting to help the client find a quite place to relax.
- A family room that provides a private place where a client can make a phone call or have a private conversation with family members or staff.
- A fireplace room for relaxation or recreation. The room has a fully operating fireplace, a pool table and a computer with Internet access.
- Theater room for clients to watch movies on the “big screen.”

Addus HealthCare also operates Evergreen Club Adult Day Centers in three Illinois communities: Springfield, Mt. Vernon and Marion.

About Addus HealthCare

Addus is a comprehensive provider of a broad range of social and medical services in the home. Addus’ services include personal care and assistance with activities of daily living, skilled nursing and rehabilitative therapies, and adult day care. Addus’ consumers are individuals with special needs who are at risk of hospitalization or institutionalization, such as the elderly, chronically ill and disabled. Addus’ payor clients include federal, state and local governmental agencies, the Veterans Health Administration, commercial insurers and private individuals. Addus has over 12,000 employees that provide services through more than 120 locations across 16 states to over 23,000 consumers.

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