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ArchCare Celebrates National PACE Month

Observance Highlights the Promise of PACE to Help Seniors Live Independently at Home

SEPT. 13, 2021 – New York, NY – September is National PACE Month, celebrating the Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE®). The innovative model of care allows seniors with long-term care needs to remain living in their community for as long as possible, as independently as possible. More than 95 percent of PACE participants live outside of a nursing home.

“At ArchCare, we see the significant benefits of the PACE model among our participants every day, and we celebrate National PACE Month as a time of recognition for the program on a national level,” said Scott La Rue, ArchCare’s President and Chief Executive Officer. “PACE is a true alternative for families looking to have it all and is the ultimate in patient-centered care, offering both independence and comprehensive care. I am more optimistic than ever that legislators across the country will move towards expanding access to this fulfilling lifestyle option so that we can serve even more families.”

Around the country, there are 140 PACE organizations in 30 states serving more than 55,000 enrollees. ArchCare’s division of PACE, called ArchCare Senior Life, provides specialty, individualized care of the highest quality to seniors across the New York City region, meeting their clinical and social needs.

ArchCare Senior Life is comprehensive physical, mental, social, and spiritual care that is customized to each participant’s needs and preferences by a dedicated care team of 11. Seniors are able to live comfortably and receive care at home, while also participating in daily socialization and activities at the PACE centers. There are currently four ArchCare Senior Life centers: ArchCare Senior Life at Cabrini of Westchester, ArchCare Senior Life at Carmel Richmond Healthcare and Rehabilitative Center, ArchCare Senior Life at San Vicente de Paúl, and ArchCare Senior Life Harlem PACE Center. ArchCare Senior Life is also tech-forward, consistently striving to incorporate the latest senior-friendly technology to enhance the program and the care delivered. With ArchCare Senior Life, seniors have the opportunity to thrive and enjoy some of their best years. We believe the program allows families to have it all.

Additionally, 2021 marks the 50th anniversary of On Lok, a nonprofit organization based in San Francisco that developed the PACE model of care. Federal legislation in 1997 made PACE a permanent part of the Medicare program and an option for state Medicaid programs. On Lok recently launched “50 Stories,” a social media campaign featuring a collection of stories that tell the history of On Lok and PACE.

The pandemic was disruptive and challenging for all Americans, but the PACE model of care demonstrated its value as a flexible system of care that can adapt to serve the needs of individual participants. As the country looks at long-term care in a new light and searches for nursing homes alternatives, PACE stands as a proven model that is more affordable, provides better care, and helps individuals achieve their highest quality of life.

“This year, we celebrate National PACE Month as we work to recover from the historic COVID-19 pandemic, which provides a unique perspective to celebrate the original development of the PACE model of care and envision a future where every American will have access to PACE,” said Shawn Bloom, president and CEO of the National PACE Association (NPA).

The eligibility criteria for PACE include being age 55 or over, qualifying for a nursing home level of care as defined by the state, living in a PACE service area, and being able to live safely in the community with the help of PACE services.

About ArchCare

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