

Media Alert
Osceola County & Catholic Charities of Central Florida
Break Ground on St. Anthony Garden Courts Low-Income Senior Complex

OSCEOLA COUNTY, FL – Osceola County and Catholic Charities of Central Florida, Inc. have collaborated to create St. Anthony Garden Courts, a low income senior housing project to be located on the site of the former Hamilton Park, North of 5th Street and West of Brown Chapel Road.

Awarded an Osceola County \$7 Million Neighborhood Stabilization Program grant to develop and manage a low-income senior housing project in the city of St. Cloud, Catholic Charities was able to move forward with a 51-unit development for low-income seniors age 55+. The complex called, St. Anthony Garden Courts, will feature one and two bedroom rental units and will have a community center for recreational activities. Support services will be available on an as-needed basis, including limited healthcare, a 24-hour nurse call system, food and benefits assistance.

The groundbreaking will take place, February 15, 2011 at 11:00 AM. Bishop John Noonan will ask the Lord's blessing upon the project and Arne Nelson, President and CEO for Catholic Charities of Central Florida, and dignitaries from the City and County, will be present as well.

Catholic Charities is partnering with JPH & Associates, Fugleberg Koch, Walker & Company, and SPM. St. Anthony Garden Courts will be located close to St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church and St. Thomas Aquinas Medical Clinic, another of Catholic Charities of Central Florida's programs.

Catholic Charities of Central Florida developed and operates a similar facility, *St. Joseph Garden Courts*, in East Orlando for low-income seniors. "There is great need for developments of this kind. It is imperative that we reach out to our senior population. It is our moral obligation," remarked Nelson. "We are grateful to Osceola County and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for choosing Catholic Charities of Central Florida to develop and operate this critical project."

Catholic Charities of Central Florida, Inc. is one of the foremost providers of social services in the state of Florida, having served more than 130,000 men, women and children in this past year. Catholic Charities of Central Florida's mission is to provide vital social services to people in need, regardless of their religious, social or economic background, to improve lives of individuals, families and the community.

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