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**COLLAGE Welcomes its Newest Member,
Carroll Lutheran Village, Westminster, Maryland**

Carroll Lutheran Village (clvillage.org) located in Westminster, Maryland has joined COLLAGE, The Art and Science of Healthy Aging® a national consortium of aging services organizations. The consortium includes over 90 communities in 15 states and is led by Kendal Outreach, LLC (kendaloutreach.org), an affiliate of The Kendal Corporation based in Kennett Square, Pennsylvania and the Institute for Aging Research at Hebrew SeniorLife (hebrewseniorlife.org) in Boston, both not-for-profit organizations.

COLLAGE provides its members with integrated health and wellness assessment information tools to advance healthy aging and improve outcomes. Carroll Lutheran Village President & CEO Geary Milliken has said of this relationship with COLLAGE, "The Kendal Corporation is well-respected in the continuing care industry for its outreach programs in the field of aging. As a nationally accredited CCRC, Carroll Lutheran Village is always looking for initiatives that can enhance and improve programming for the health and wellness of our residents, and COLLAGE is proving to be a worthwhile resource."

"We are thrilled that Carroll Lutheran Village has joined the COLLAGE family of organizations committed to using evidence-based assessment tools to advance healthy aging, commented John Diffey, Kendal's CEO and President. "They really understand the value and power of good information to drive quality improvement, benchmarking and good decision making. We know and have great respect for Carroll Lutheran Village and its CEO Gary Milliken, and are pleased to have this opportunity to work together. In just the first month of launching COLLAGE, we've witnessed a thorough engagement in deploying the COLLAGE program with staff and residents -- a tribute to their commitment to the program.

We very much look forward to working collaboratively with them in the months and years ahead."

Through the COLLAGE program, residents will meet voluntarily in a one-to-one conversation with Carroll Lutheran Village staff at least once a year. Questions about the resident's interests, needs, experiences, preferences and challenges are addressed. The COLLAGE conversation includes areas such as nutrition, exercise, spirituality, preventive health, social relationships and recreation. With a deeper understanding of clients' needs and interests in the aggregate, communities are better positioned to develop targeted programs and services for stronger system-wide interventions and outcomes improving quality of life and healthier aging on a larger scale.

COLLAGE assessment instruments were developed by interRAI (interrai.org), a network of researchers, policymakers and clinicians in over 30 countries committed to improving health care for older adults. InterRAI promotes evidence-based practice and informed program development through the collection and interpretation of high quality data from scientifically-derived, computerized assessment systems.



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