



Carroll Lutheran Village

## News Release

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### **APPROVAL GRANTED FOR MILLER'S GRANT**

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On Thursday, July 24, 2008, the Maryland Department of Aging granted Carroll Lutheran Village of Westminster, MD, approval to proceed with the development of The Lutheran Village at MILLER'S GRANT, a faith-based, non-profit Continuing Care Retirement Community in Ellicott City, MD. Geary K. Milliken, President and CEO of Carroll Lutheran Village, indicates that "this approval means that MILLER'S GRANT can now accept 10% deposits on homes and apartments to be built on the 50-acre site just off Frederick Road."

Initially there will be 250 apartments, ranging in size from 862 sq. ft. one-bedroom to 1,726 sq. ft. two-bedroom with den, and a mix of 13 single and duplex homes, ranging in size from 1,624 sq. ft. to 1,741 sq. ft. Also included in the initial phase will be a Community Center that houses two restaurants and many amenities, among them an indoor heated swimming pool and fitness center reflecting the health and wellness programming of the community.

The Maryland Department of Aging and financing institutions also stipulate that building cannot begin until 184 of the homes and apartments have been reserved with a fully refundable 10% deposit of the entrance fee. According to Steve Stewart, Director of Marketing, "Strong interest has already been generated by this project, making it likely that we can reach the magic number of 184 pre-sold units in 18 to 24 months and therefore be ready to open by 2012.

The land and seed money for this project were donated to Carroll Lutheran Village by the Grey Rock Community, Inc., Board in April 2005. Its principal, Paul Miller, was fulfilling the wishes of his father and mother, Charles E. and Grace Westphal Miller who set aside the land to benefit the Ellicott City community. Paul Miller indicates that with this Department of Aging decision he is “finally seeing the fulfillment of his family’s dream.”

Informal talks between Paul Miller and Geary Milliken had started in 2003, and with the establishment of The Lutheran Village at MILLER’S GRANT in September 2005 planning for the new community has been ongoing since then with feasibility studies, preliminary engineering and survey work, hiring of an architect and contractor, and work with regulatory agencies in the State and Howard County.

“With this latest approval by the Maryland Department of Aging,” Milliken indicates, “the extension of the mission of Carroll Lutheran Village can finally become a reality in The Lutheran Village at MILLER’S GRANT, where we can utilize our best practices for health and wellness in retirement living. The members of this local faith-based, non-profit Board of MILLER’S GRANT has been working toward making this goal a reality since 2005.”