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## **PCHA Celebrates opening of Palm Lake Village Community Center**

**PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA** - The Palm Lake Village Housing Corporation and the Pinellas County Housing Authority (PCHA) celebrated the grand opening of the Palm Lake Village Community Center with a ribbon cutting ceremony today. The ceremony welcomed close to 150 residents, local community leaders, officials and staff in their support of the beautiful new center for Palm Lake Village.

Vice Chair of the Pinellas County Housing Authority Joseph Triolo welcomed guests and residents. Shirley Miaoulis, on behalf of Congressman Bill Young, presented a certificate of dedication and an American flag flown over the capitol in honor of the celebration.

Representative Tom Anderson, U.S. House of Representatives, complimented the county and the Housing Authority on the beautiful facility. Dave Eggers, Mayor of Dunedin, spoke to the residents, "Thank goodness it's here at last! We are so excited for you."

Among the distinguished guests were City of Dunedin Vice Mayor Julie Scales; City of Dunedin Commissioner Dave Carson; Pinellas County Housing Authority Commissioners Angela Rouson and Cynthia Wilson; and, Dunedin Housing Authority Chair Dave Kelly.

The 4,500 square foot complex, designed by Robert Reid Wedding Architects and geared toward seniors, includes a new clubhouse, pool and gardens. The clubhouse has a main hall, game room with library, full kitchen, laundry facilities, and small office where residents will be able to access the internet.

A gazebo and veterans memorial is the highlight of the park-like gardens that surround the complex. A pool, which was requested by Palm Lake Village residents completes the new facility. The new community center is officially open to residents today.

Vice Chair Triolo said, "I am proud to be associated with such a stellar Housing Authority in a project that benefits the residents of Palm Lake Village.

Palm Lake Village is an affordable housing community for residents 55 and older, located at 1515 County Road One in Dunedin. The property is owned and operated by the Palm Lake Village Housing Corporation, a Florida corporation, and managed by the PCHA. PCHA's affordable housing programs offers less than market rate affordable units to income eligible families at below market rents.

Serving residents who earn zero to 150 percent of the Area Median Income (AMI), Palm Lake Village features 475 one and two bedroom garden-style apartments. Rents are \$435.00 for a one bedroom apartment and \$500.00 for two bedrooms units. Housing Choice Vouchers (Section 8) are accepted. The waiting list currently is open for one and two bedroom apartments.

Resident and Vice President of the Housing Association of Palm Lake Village Ginnie Campbell said "It's going to be wonderful. Absolutely wonderful."

For more information about the Palm Lake Village Community Center, please visit our Web site at [www.pin-cha.org](http://www.pin-cha.org) or call 727-443-7684.

**About Pinellas County Housing Authority (PCHA):**

Formed in 1965 and governed by a five member Board of Commissioners appointed by the Governor of the State of Florida, the Pinellas County Housing Authority (PCHA) provides housing and rental assistance to a total of more than 4,200 families in Pinellas County. The authority is proud to be rated by HUD as a "High Performing" agency. More information about the authority's programs and services can be found at [www.pin-cha.org](http://www.pin-cha.org).

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