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BARRY SWENSON BUILDER OPENS NEW SAN JOSE VETERANS HOME

San Jose, CA, July 15, 2013 – Northern California developer and contractor Barry Swenson Builder (BSB) announced today it opened the doors to the city of San Jose’s newest Veterans and Military Housing (VMH) property. Among several dignitaries, the July 11 ribbon cutting was attended by The Honorable San Jose Mayor Chuck Reed, The Honorable Santa Clara County Supervisor Dave Cortese and Director of the VA Palo Alto Health Care System, Elizabeth Joyce Freeman.

The new facility at 10 Kirk Avenue in San Jose’s east foothills supports 68 residents. The property, owned by BSB, consists of a 61-unit, 52,000-sf multi-family community on 4.3 acres. It is composed of multiple buildings and features a pool, gardens, kitchen and chapel, as well as rare acreage of continuous land. The site, originally Marguerite Terrace Retirement Community which housed retired women teachers, had been vacant for several years prior to being leased by the VMH earlier this year.

“Homelessness is increasing across the board but veteran homelessness is especially troubling,” says Supervisor Cortese. “No veteran in this community should ever have to wait for housing or government services given the tremendous sacrifices they have made on behalf of us all.” According to a 2011 Department of Veterans Affairs study, there are approximately one million veterans living in California, many of whom reside in the South Bay.

In order to best accommodate the housing and living needs of VMH, BSB completed an entire tenant improvement including roof replacement on buildings, added a new HVAC central unit, provided new landscape, made kitchen upgrades and new carpet and paint throughout the property.

The San Jose center will provide rooms for veterans as well as three meals a day. There is counseling for drug and alcohol addictions, treatment for Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder and other mental-health conditions as well as job training.

About BSB: For thirty-five years, Barry Swenson Builder has been a dynamic partner in building the Bay Area. Three generations of expertise, along with a proven Design-Develop-Build platform, deliver an unparalleled level of creative design, quality developments and efficient construction practices. Throughout Northern California, BSB’s wide range of construction and development services is backed by decades of resources, referrals and sound business practices that have made BSB a respected leader in the community.

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