

Dignitaries Attend Groundbreaking of New Assisted Living in Buhl

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On Thursday, July 18th the Northland Foundation hosted a groundbreaking ceremony for its second assisted living community, which will to be located in Buhl, Minnesota. Foundation staff members and board trustees welcomed dignitaries, community members, and project partners to the celebration.



From left: Buhl City Councilor Gene Matthew; Mayor Craig Pulford; State Senator David Tomassoni; Northland Foundation President Tom Renier; Northland Foundation Trustee Dave Clusiau; Buhl City Clerk Mike Buchanan; Northland Village Managing Director Jim Marchetti; Don Proulx of Pru Properties; and Peter Franzen of Legacy Homes.

Initial site prep and cement slabs for both 10-unit wings of *Northland Village – Buhl’s Assisted Living Community* is expected to be finished by early September, with the facility move-in ready by January. Each wing, essentially a complete residence building, will include 10 individual suites and comfortable common living and dining areas. The buildings are connected by a hallway that also contains resident activity rooms.

At the groundbreaking, Senator Tomassoni noted that not only is the development an asset to the area’s residents but it also will help to address the anticipated housing shortage on the Iron Range as new mining operations and associated businesses come to

fruition. As older residents move on to independent or assisted living such as Northland Village, their houses will provide new homes for young families in the region.

The Foundation opened its first assisted living facility in McGregor, Minnesota in April 2007 and considers the development of senior housing as a natural extension of its longstanding commitment to supporting the independence, well-being, and vitality of older adults living in northeastern Minnesota.

Jim Marchetti, Managing Director of Northland Village explained that ties in the community are important. “A strong relationship with the community and Cornerstone Villa will insure that we are successful in providing a service that will allow residents of Buhl to remain in the community, close to family and friends,” said Marchetti.

Dave Clusiau, a Northland Foundation Trustee and Iron Range resident and businessman, reminded the group that, as area communities plan for new jobs and new opportunities, it is important to care for the generations that made the region great.

Services at Northland Village will allow older adults to live life to the fullest, with the privacy of their own suite and the benefits of frequent companionship. They can continue to live with independence yet receive assistance with medications, meals, laundry and housekeeping, personal care, transportation, and more. Northland Village in Buhl will also serve people living with memory loss.

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