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### **Saint Elizabeth Home Receives RIDH Approval to Build “Green Houses” in RI**

**East Greenwich**> The Rhode Island Department of Health has approved Saint Elizabeth Home’s application to build four small resident directed homes, in East Greenwich on its current campus, bringing a new model of delivering long term care to the State of Rhode Island. “It is an exceptionally exciting time for seniors in the state of Rhode Island,” says Steven J. Horowitz, President and CEO of Saint Elizabeth Community, “and a historic day for Saint Elizabeth Community!” We are working with the Green House® Project, [www.thegreenhouseproject.org](http://www.thegreenhouseproject.org) to build this unique model of care, a concept that has been very successful in other states.

A moratorium on building or adding new nursing home beds in RI has been in place for years. As nursing homes went out of business the beds were put into a “pool” for future use. In May the RI Department of Health issued an invitation to all RI skilled nursing facilities to submit applications for those beds, employing a creative, new model of delivering care. Saint Elizabeth Home was one of 3 applications that were submitted. Matt Trimble, Administrator of Saint Elizabeth Home says, “We are thrilled with this approval and look forward to expanding our ability to care for RI seniors in a new and creative way on our Saint Elizabeth Home campus.”

Saint Elizabeth Home’s application incorporates building four small homes for 12 seniors in need of long term care, for a total of 48 beds. Each building will have 12 private bedrooms with private bathrooms, private showers, and shared living space centered around a “hearth.” A dining table for twelve will be in the kitchen and the four homes will share a central courtyard.

“Saint Elizabeth Community’s leadership and trustees have researched and visited Green Houses® in other parts of the US and met with the Green House® Project organization numerous times,” says Horowitz. “We have been very invested as an organization in bringing this new model of care to Rhode Island, and know that it will change the way long term care is delivered,” he concludes. The next step will be to apply for a certificate of need and Saint Elizabeth Home has been approved for an expeditious review.

Saint Elizabeth Home is a member of Saint Elizabeth Community, a not for profit, charitable organization that provides a full spectrum of care and services to seniors. Founded in Providence in 1882, the community now has ten RI locations including affordable apartments for independent seniors, adult day centers, affordable assisted living and skilled nursing and rehab centers. For more information go to [www.stelizabethcommunity.org](http://www.stelizabethcommunity.org).

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