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Lakeside Senior Apartments Grand Opening Celebration Tuesday, July 21, 2015 10:00am to Noon Program at 10:30am Interviews and tours available 2nd Avenue and 15th Street, Oakland Media Contact: Susan Friedland

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## With Housing Choices

*Lakeside Senior Apartments provides a quality, affordable alternative for low-income and formerly homeless seniors in Oakland.*

July 10, 2015 ? Oakland, CA. On Tuesday, July 21, Satellite Affordable Housing Associates (SAHA), along with Oakland Housing Initiatives, Inc., will celebrate the grand opening of Lakeside Senior Apartments, 92 affordable homes for low-income and formerly homeless seniors in the Eastlake District of Oakland. The new community will provide affordable homes and comprehensive support services for people ages 55 and older with low incomes, with 32 of those homes set aside for seniors with special needs.

?The need for quality, affordable housing for seniors has never been greater. In two weeks, we received more than 2,400 applications for Lakeside. As our population ages, we are seeing our parents and grandparents being priced out of the communities they've dedicated their lives to. SAHA is proud to be able to offer affordable and supportive housing options to seniors in Oakland. Lakeside will allow residents to age in place close to family, friends and their community organizations?, says Susan Friedland, SAHA Executive Director.

Within walking distance of Lucky Supermarket and Pharmacy, parks and recreational opportunities around Lake Merritt, public transit and more, Lakeside will provide seniors with the amenities they need to live as independently as possible, and age in place with the dignity they deserve. Two community spaces, including a roof deck, garden and club house offer a wide range of programs to promote active living. "It is only through partnerships, including support and flexibility from HUD, that we are able to bring affordable housing into this thriving neighborhood, and we grateful for the opportunity this will provide generations of seniors in Oakland,?" stated Eric Johnson, Oakland Housing Authority Executive Director. In addition to managing the building, SAHA, in partnership with the St. Mary's Center, provides one-on-one case management and referral services for local and community based resources; and SAHA's Resident Services Program prevents or delays the institutionalization of elderly and disabled residents by providing linkages to non-clinical, in-home supportive services. Along with design features specifically tailored to accessibility for older adults, Lakeside is a Platinum LEED for Homes building, featuring solar water heating, Energy Star appliances, a rooftop community garden, and low VOC building methods that improve indoor air quality.

Funding comes from the Oakland Housing Authority, Bay Area LISC, Wells Fargo Bank, California Community Reinvestment Corporation, California Department of Housing and Community Development , and the Federal Home Loan Bank of San Francisco.

Lakeside was designed by David Baker Architects and built by James E. Roberts-Obayashi, Inc., general contractor.

**About Satellite Affordable Housing Associates** At Satellite Affordable Housing Associates we believe everyone deserves a home. Everyday we work to provide high-quality affordable homes and support services that empower people and strengthen communities. SAHA's 60 innovative properties provide more than 3,000 homes to low-income seniors, families, and people with special needs. Please visit [sahahomes.org](http://sahahomes.org) for more information.

**About Oakland Housing Initiatives** Oakland Housing Initiatives (OHI) is an independent, non-profit affiliate created by the Oakland Housing Authority to assist in the creation and preservation of affordable housing in Oakland. OHI, in partnership with Christian Church

Homes, most recently completed Harrison Street Senior in 2012, a 72-unit newly constructed affordable development for seniors in the heart of Downtown Oakland.

**About Oakland Housing Authority** Oakland Housing Authority is the largest provider of affordable housing in the City of Oakland and proudly delivers diverse housing choices to over 16,400 households in a service-oriented environment, while improving and expanding the housing options for future generations. For more information about the Oakland Housing Authority, please contact us at [info@oakha.org](mailto:info@oakha.org) [3], visit our website at [www.oakha.org](http://www.oakha.org) [4], or call 510-874-1653. Media Contact: Susan Friedland, Executive Director

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