

Dedication Day for the Assisted Living & Wellness Centers

Saint Simeon's Episcopal Home opened the doors to its new Assisted Living and Wellness Centers with a Dedication and Ribbon Cutting on Sunday, August 9th. The event celebrated the completion of *Our Next Chapter: Building with Love!* capital expansion project which replaces the original Assisted Living apartments opened in 1960, expands the number of Assisted Living apartments to 60, adds a Wellness Center with a warm water activity pool, includes wonderful new activity areas and features incredible panoramic views of Tulsa from the top of Saint Simeon's hill.

Lindsay Hurley Fick, Saint Simeon's President/CEO, welcomed the 400 or more guests, which included Residents, family members, Trustees, Staff, Volunteers, Donors and friends of the Home, and expressed thanks to those whose efforts made the project possible. She introduced Dr. Mary Nole, who serves as the Wellness Coordinator for the new Bishop Moody Wellness Center, and Karen Blankenship, RN, who has been named Nurse Manager for the new Assisted Living Center.

Will Farior, Saint Simeon's Board of Trustees Chairman, noted that the founder of the Home, The Rev. Dr. E.H. Eckel, had a dream of a home that would offer compassionate care for those in the eventide of life. Since 1960 Saint Simeon's mission has been to make this vision a reality. *Our Next Chapter: Building with Love!* is the latest chapter in the Home's rich history of expanding to meet the diverse needs and desires of the growing population of elders in our community. Farior recognized and commended George and Phyllis Dotson, who served as Capital Campaign Co-Chairs, for their leadership in successfully raising the funds needed for the \$23.3 MM project.

Phyllis Dotson first recognized the Residents whose comfort and care were at the heart of the expansion project. She thanked the Staff and Auxiliary for all their efforts during the three year project. She offered special thanks to Stephen Mason, Saint Simeon's Foundation Executive Director, and his staff Brenda Read and Karen Garren for their dedication and assistance.

George Dotson thanked the Campaign Cabinet, the Trustees, family members, funding foundations, generous individuals, private companies, and staff members whose generous support made this expansion project possible. He noted that the success of this project was the result of this combined effort and the dedication of the Capital Campaign Cabinet.

George Dotson, who also served as the Home's Construction Representative, thanked the construction manager, Flintco, Inc. and MATRIX Architects, Engineers, Planners, Inc., who served as the project design team. He expressed appreciation to the subcontractors, the entire Saint Simeon's staff, highlighting Lindsay Hurley Fick and Arn McJilton, the Home's Director of Facilities Management for their efforts. He also expressed appreciation for the many volunteers who worked to accomplish this chapter in the Home's legacy including Mary Lou Havener, owner of MB Gardens for her landscape services. He stated, "Our wish is that the new Assisted Living and Wellness Centers will

provide years of comfort and happiness to all who use and reside in ‘our home built on love.’”

The Rt. Rev. Dr. Edward J. Konieczny, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Oklahoma and Honorary Chairman of Saint Simeon’s Board of Trustees, offered the Blessing for the new expansion. A number of Trustees, Residents and Donors officially cut the ribbon opening the new Home.

In a special Proclamation from Mayor Kathy Taylor, it was noted that since its founding in 1960, Saint Simeon’s Episcopal Home, a non-profit senior living community, has been recognized as a leader in providing quality service and loving care for seniors; that Saint Simeon’s has continually added innovative, state of the art program and facility improvements, and that Saint Simeon’s dedicated Capital Campaign Cabinet, Trustees, Staff, Volunteers and Donors have made this chapter of its rich history possible with the completion of *Our Next Chapter: Building with Love!* expansion project for the Assisted Living and Wellness Centers. The proclamation commended Saint Simeon’s for its years of outstanding service and Mayor Taylor proclaimed August 9th, 2009 as Saint Simeon’s Day in the City of Tulsa.

All attending enjoyed refreshments while touring the beautifully appointed apartments, spacious activity and dining areas, the Wellness Center and pool, and enjoying the panoramic views of Tulsa. Music was provided before and following the formal Dedication by Barthelmes Conservatory faculty.