## Avamere Family of Companies is set to Break Ground on New Salem Area Transitional Care Facility New Care Facility Will Offer Transitional Nursing and Rehabilitation Services to the Salem Region

June 26, 2013 – Salem, Oregon – The Avamere Family of Companies is set to build a \$13M transitional care facility on five acres of land near the Kubler and I-5 interchange in south Salem, with the ground breaking ceremony to be held in September 2013. The State of Oregon has approved the relocation of care beds from the senior living and care company's current skilled nursing home, Avamere South Salem Rehab and Specialty Care, to the as-yet-to-be built transitional care facility.

"We are excited to team up with healthcare professionals in the Salem area in order to enhance patient outcomes, and to also create an environment that meets the needs of our community," says Avamere South Salem Rehab and Specialty Care Administrator, Jay Ponciano.

Clinicians and leaders from Avamere Family of Companies will meet with local health care professionals to gain feedback and insight into the types of post-acute care services that are needed to best service Salem residents. Most post-acute care options in the Salem area are over 30 years old. The new building will bring modern transitional care options to Salem and surrounding communities.

The property was parceled from the Bonaventure Group, LLC, who operates an assisted living and memory care facility adjacent to where the new building will be built. The proximity of the two care facilities will offer residents of the assisted living unit the convenience of receiving post-acute care after illness or injury without having to travel across town after a hospital stay. The relationship between the two care facilities will also permit greater communication between healthcare professionals allowing for easier transitions from one care setting to the other.

The new transitional care facility will offer a range of services from skilled nursing to physical therapy to help patients recoup after a hospital stay. Designed by local Salem firm CB|Two Architects, the 53,000 square foot building will add 30 jobs to the Salem market when it is completed in August of 2014.

## **About Avamere Family of Companies**

Founded in 1995 and based in Wilsonville, Ore., the Avamere Family of Companies began as a single nursing facility in Hillsboro, Oregon. Today, the Avamere Family is comprised of 41 Independent Living, Assisted Living, and Skilled Nursing facilities and five ancillary healthcare companies that provide an array of services including inpatient and outpatient rehabilitation, home care, home health, and hospice.

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