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**ST. FRANCIS ASSISTED LIVING COMMUNITY ANNOUNCES DODY ROBERTS AS NEW DIRECTOR.**

Forrest City, Arkansas – The St. Francis Community Development Corporation Board of Directors and Mr. Andre’ Stephens, Executive Director, are pleased to announce that Dody Roberts has been selected as the new Director of St. Francis Assisted Living Community in Forrest City.

As the Director, Dody Roberts will lead start-up and ongoing management activities for Forrest City’s first assisted living residence. This will initially include community outreach and new employee recruitment and training to ensure the staff at St. Francis delivers outstanding programs and services. For the past 10 years, Ms. Roberts has served older adults, both as a case manager and as a key contributor in developing and implementing services to meet the needs of the older adult population within various counties across Arkansas. She also has experience working in the Arkansas Ombudsman office, helping to protect long-term care residents’ rights. “I am looking forward to joining the community and working with all the people associated with the St. Francis Assisted Living Community,” stated Roberts. “I am

excited to use my experience working with older and disabled adults to help bring this new supportive and affordable housing option to Forrest City that will enhance their quality of life.”

Comprised of 40 private studio and one bedroom apartments, as well a variety of spacious social and activity areas, St. Francis Assisted Living Community will provide 24 hour licensed assisted living services for its residents. Typical services include meals, socialization programs, individualized help with personal care and chronic care management. The community will accept private and public payment options, such as Medicaid, long term care insurance and Veteran’s benefits.

Scheduled to open in April 2012, St. Francis Assisted Living Community is located at 1800 Stephens Drive (off Holiday Drive) near the Baptist Memorial Hospital and Forrest City Medical Center. The community will be professionally managed by Concepts in Community Living, Inc., an Oregon based company specializing in affordable senior housing since 1983 ([www.ccliving.com](http://www.ccliving.com)). For more information, please send an email to [droberts@stfrancisal.org](mailto:droberts@stfrancisal.org) or call 870-633-6390.

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