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St. Paul's PACE Pilots Roving Clinic to Serve Local Seniors

SAN DIEGO, CALIF. (April 14, 2020) – St. Paul's Program of All-inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) has launched a "Roving Clinic" out of their Downtown San Diego location in the wake of COVID-19 pandemic and mandatory stay-at-home-order for seniors.

Seniors in California had been asked to shelter in place and not go out due to the risks of the pandemic. The roving clinic is a self-contained van and offers flexible and viable options for treating isolated and vulnerable seniors during this crucial time while minimizing risks. PACE participants have chronic medical conditions, which require regular follow-up and care.

"Regular medical intervention is required, and the "Roving Clinic" is just what our participants need," stated Dr. Victor Lee, Medical Director for St. Paul's Senior Services. "At the beginning of the pandemic, we restricted the clinic to those of high medical need, and when they stay at home directive happened, we decided, why not go to our seniors? So we took one of our transportation vehicles and outfitted it with everything we needed to continue to provide every medical service our seniors need. We've had a lot of fun driving around the city and serving our seniors; we feel like a team. "

Participants who are sensitive to infections are greeted on the curbside by St. Paul's PACE licensed physicians, nurse practitioners, and physician assistants. They provide exams, blood tests, wound care, basically any medical care we offer in our clinics can be provided by our "Roving Clinic."

"This is a new initiative for St. Paul's PACE and a way for our nursing team to serve our participants while minimizing risks during this challenging time," said Carol Hubbard, St. Paul's Chief Community Services Officer. "Our team continues to dedicate themselves to finding creative and innovative ways to provide continued care to San Diego's seniors."

For more information on St. Paul's PACE, visit www.StPaulsPACE.org.

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BACKGROUND ON ST. PAUL'S PACE

St. Paul's Senior Services is a mission-driven San Diego non-profit and full service retirement provider, offering Independent, Assisted Living, and Skilled Nursing communities, Child and Senior day care programs, and a Program of All-inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE). St. Paul's PACE supports seniors so they can continue to live independently at home by providing in-home care, transportation, and personalized medical services. Seniors who are over 55 years of age, with chronic medical conditions that make it difficult to live at home, may qualify for services. For more information on St. Paul's PACE, please visit www.StPaulsPACE.org or call 1(833) PACE NOW.

