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## **St. Paul's PACE Opens New Care Program in El Cajon**

*\*\*Elected officials and the East County community celebrate the grand opening of a new care center in El Cajon; grand opening celebration, Friday, Feb. 23\*\**

*SAN DIEGO, CALIF. (Jan. 30, 2018)* – St. Paul’s Program of All-inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) opens its new El Cajon Center, early March, following a grand opening celebration on Friday, Feb. 23 from noon to 2:00 p.m.

The new St. Paul’s PACE East Center is located at 1306 Broadway in El Cajon (92021). The project broke ground in September with contractor Nielsen Construction California.

This is the third St. Paul’s PACE program location (others are downtown on Elm Street and in Chula Vista). St. Paul’s Senior Services is San Diego’s leader in senior care since 1960, offering nine different programs, services, and communities designed to meet the needs of San Diego seniors.

St. Paul’s Senior Services opened the first St. Paul’s PACE program in San Diego in 2008. As a managed care health plan exclusively for seniors, St. Paul’s PACE is ideal for seniors with chronic medical conditions who find it challenging to live at home independently.

“St. Paul’s PACE has cared for more than one thousand low-income and frail seniors, keeping them in their homes and out of skilled nursing,” said Kim Stratman, Center Director. “The East County of San Diego has wanted St. Paul’s to open a day center here for some time because there is such a need. Research shows there are many low-income and frail seniors who will benefit from our program in this area. We are proud to finally be here.”

St. Paul’s is conducting a capital campaign to underwrite expenses associated with the start-up of the new PACE Center.

“It takes several millions of dollars for the start-up of a new PACE facility. St. Paul’s is indebted to generous supporters like Frances White and the Herbert and Judy Paige Foundation for their generous gifts,” said Todd Kaprielian, Executive Director of St. Paul’s Senior Services Foundation. “It’s inspiring to see individuals and granting foundations prioritize the needs of seniors in our community. Their generosity today ensures low-income, frail seniors will receive healthcare services for years to come.”

St. Paul’s PACE provides frail seniors with a community of healthcare professionals under one roof. It is a place where seniors will receive the healthcare and social services they need to stay

independent, healthy, and living at home with dignity and choice. If seniors have Medi-Cal with no share of cost, they will pay nothing for these services.

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 55 years of age and older who have chronic medical conditions that make it difficult to live at home qualify.

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**BACKGROUND ON ST. PAUL'S SENIOR SERVICES**

*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). Since opening its doors in 1960, St. Paul's remains an innovator in the San Diego community with a reputation for exceptional care. St. Paul's now employs 550 San Diegans. For more information on St. Paul's Senior Services, please visit [www.StPaulseniors.org](http://www.StPaulseniors.org) or [www.StPaulsPACE.org](http://www.StPaulsPACE.org).*