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**OLATHE COUPLE TO CALL SANTA MARTA
'HOME SWEET HOME'**

Faith-Based Senior Living Community to Open Its Doors in November

Olathe, Kan. – As construction crews put the finishing touches on their one-bedroom apartment home at Santa Marta, Helen and Murray Davis wait with eager anticipation to settle in and begin the next chapter in their lives. The new faith-based senior living community in Johnson County will open its doors to new “homeowners” in November.

“This will be our first new home in more than 40 years,” said Helen. “It’s so exciting to think that we will be the first ones to walk on the carpet and use the appliances. I can almost smell the fresh paint.”

Several months ago they began preparing for their long awaited move. Room by room the Davis’s began sorting through their belongings, carefully packing what they wanted to take with them to their new home. The rest they gave to their six children or donated to charity.

“We never realized we had so much stuff,” said Murray. “We knew we couldn’t fit everything into our apartment so we would ask ourselves ‘do we really need this and will it fit?’ If the answer was no we boxed it up and donated it.”

“I think we donated something every week,” said Helen. “It was a wonderful experience being able to simplify our lives and give back to the community at the same time.”

The Davis’s chose to continue their active and vibrant lifestyle at Santa Marta because it allowed them to plan for their future needs in the faith-based setting they were looking for.

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Sponsored by the Archdiocese of Kansas City, Santa Marta is the first senior living community to offer Life Care, which provides residents priority access to on-site assisted living apartments, skilled nursing suites and memory support suites, if ever needed.

“When we sat down and thought about what we needed now, and what we might need in the future, Santa Marta became the most logical option for us. It meets all of our needs and then some. It’s comforting to know that we are prepared for whatever the future may hold.”

“While this community is being sponsored by the Catholic Church, we hope that people of many faiths will enjoy the benefits of being part of it,” said Monsignor Tom Tank, vicar general of the archdiocese. “All will be welcome, and we trust they will find a loving, spirit-filled community that enables everyone to feel very much at home.”

Although their new apartment home is smaller in actual square feet than their old home, the Davis’s feel that they are actually gaining space instead of downsizing.

“With all of the great commons areas like the fitness center, dining room and swimming pool our place will be huge. We actually don’t plan on spending all that much time in our apartment. We will be too busy taking advantage of everything the community has to offer.”

Santa Marta provides residents like Helen and Murray Davis with a unique lifestyle experience. Residents will enjoy a full range of services and amenities, such as maintenance-free living, restaurant-style dining, heated underground parking, arts and crafts studio, fitness center and more.

More information is available by calling Santa Marta at (913) 906-0990 or by visiting the Information Center, located at 11960 Quivira Road, Suite 100, in Overland Park, Kan. Additional information about Santa Marta can be found at www.santamartaretirement.com.

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