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OLATHE COUPLE TAKES 40 YEARS BETWEEN MOVES

Davises Among First Residents at Santa Marta

Olathe, Kan. – As construction crews put the finishing touches on their apartment home at Santa Marta, Helen and Murray Davis wait with eager anticipation to settle in and begin the next chapter in their lives. Four decades after moving to their last new home, the Davises will move into Santa Marta as it opens its doors to its first residents.

“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.”

It took a lot of thought and research to prompt the Davises to move out of their lifelong home. But after learning about Santa Marta and visiting the Information Center, the Davises knew they couldn’t pass up the opportunity to make this vibrant senior living community their home. Santa Marta provides residents like Helen and Murray Davis with a unique lifestyle experience. They 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, aquatic center and more.

“It was a big decision to move out of our home to an apartment at Santa Marta, but with all the advantages and amenities at the community, we couldn’t pass it up,” said Murray. “How many people can say they have a swimming pool, fitness center and professional chef right outside their door?”

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Several months ago they began preparing for their long-awaited move. Room-by-room, the Davises began sorting through more than four decades worth of accumulated belongings, carefully packing what they wanted to take with them. 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 Davises 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.

“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 our needs and then some. It’s comforting to know that we are prepared for whatever the future may hold.”

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

“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 Thomas 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.”

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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