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## **Assisted Living Community Fosters Kittens for Great Plains SPCA**

### **Residents at The Piper are Proud New Foster Parents!**

Kansas City, Kan. (June 15, 2017) — Great Plains SPCA is thrilled to share that the residents of The Piper Assisted Living and Memory Care are the proud new foster parents of two young kittens.

The kittens will be cared for by residents living at The Piper and on-site staff until they are old enough to be available for adoption. The animals are being housed in a community space for all to enjoy as part of Great Plains SPCA's newly launched Senior Foster Friends Program.

Studies suggest animal companionship can reduce a multitude of ailments in seniors; helping to lower blood pressure and cholesterol, reigniting memories and providing unmatched emotional support. Residents at The Piper will name the two kittens in the coming days.

"We are honored to have been selected by the Great Plains SPCA as the first location for the Senior Foster Friends Program," said Michelle Nichols, community leader for The Piper. "Innovative programming, like Senior Foster Friends, aligns perfectly with our commitment to offering a unique senior living model that changes the perception of how senior living should be."

Great Plains SPCA invites local assisted living facilities to be a part of its Senior Foster Friends Program. If interested, please contact our Foster Care Director Kriste Everett at [keverett@greatplainsspca.org](mailto:keverett@greatplainsspca.org)

**Interviews and Video:** Members of the media interested in interviewing staff members, residents or securing b-roll of the foster kittens can contact Martha Cook via phone at 214-378-7970, ext. 240 or email [mcook@thepointgroup.com](mailto:mcook@thepointgroup.com).

### **About Great Plains SPCA:**

Great Plains SPCA is the Kansas City Metro's most comprehensive resource for pets and their human companions, serving more than 35,000 pets annually – more than any other animal welfare agency in the area. Great Plains SPCA, a No Kill shelter, works to save, protect and improve the lives of animals, while strengthening the relationship between pets and their human companions by providing humane sheltering, adoptions, and affordable spay/neuter and veterinary wellness services. Great Plains SPCA is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and not the ASPCA but a local organization focused on being a society for the prevention of cruelty of animals. For more information, please visit [www.GreatPlainsSPCA.org](http://www.GreatPlainsSPCA.org)

### **About The Piper:**

The Piper is an assisted living and memory care community located just west of the Legends Outlets in Wyandotte County offering an innovative living concept. The Piper features six independent households of 20 apartments each – four assisted living households and two memory care households. Each apartment has its own kitchen, living room and bedroom, and an open kitchen, formal dining room, parlor, den and sun porch are shared with the neighbors who live within the same household. Each household has its own unique theme and style, and is filled with the works of local artists.

The Piper was designed, developed and built by Assisted Living Associates, a partnership between PAR Development, Clarkson Construction Company and Action Pact, a Manhattan, KS based company specializing in senior living. Action Pact pioneered the Household Model, an innovative philosophy that embodies resident-directed life.

For more information about The Piper, visit [www.thepiperlife.com](http://www.thepiperlife.com) or call 913-400-7006.

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