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Leah Kelly Accepted Into Statewide Leadership Program

BARTLETT, IL – Clare Oaks, the premier retirement living community in northwest Chicago, is proud to announce that Leah Kelly, operations support manager, has been accepted into the LeadingAge Illinois Leadership Academy program. The mission of the program is to develop leaders who are passionate, empowered, visionary and committed to life-long learning so they are able to successfully advocate for older adults while evoking excellence within their organizations.

Kelly joined the Clare Oaks team as an intern in 2014, and began working at the community full-time in 2015. In her current position, she manages various projects across the Clare Oaks campus. She managed the community's Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF-CCAC) accreditation process, which saw Clare Oaks awarded a five-year term of Accreditation for the care provided across its entire campus. The accreditation puts Clare Oaks in the upper echelon of retirement communities nationwide. Fewer than 13 percent of all continuing care retirement communities across the United States achieve CARF-CCAC accreditation. In addition, Kelly manages the community's technology needs and supports various finance functions, including payroll and resource development.

"Leah is an ideal candidate for the Leadership Academy," said Beth McGowan Welch, CEO, Clare Oaks Retirement Community. "She has been an exceptional part of our team, and she clearly has the attributes to make a great leader in our industry and for the seniors we serve throughout the community."

A resident of West Chicago, Kelly is a graduate of Northern Illinois University, where she earned a Bachelor of Science in Public Health, with an emphasis on

Healthcare Administration. The Leadership Academy is sponsored by LeadingAge Illinois, one of the largest and most respected associations of providers serving Illinois older adults.

Located on a beautiful 41-acre campus set in Bartlett, Clare Oaks offers a selection of independent living apartments and cottage homes, assisted living apartments, and skilled nursing at the Assisi Health Care Center, which has received a Five-Star rating from Medicare. Residents at Clare Oaks enjoy compassionate care and fantastic amenities, including dining, recreation and educational activities and a variety of social, cultural and entertainment events, all surrounded by nature's lush, wooded beauty.

Opened in 2008, Clare Oaks provides a complete spectrum of care to seniors, with assured access to assisted living, memory care, skilled nursing and rehabilitative services. The outstanding and fulfilling lifestyle at Clare Oaks gives residents the opportunity to age in place in an environment of their choosing. Seniors select a residence for their current lifestyle, and gain the ability to change their level of care should the need arise.

Clare Oaks was founded by the Sisters of St. Joseph of the Third Order of St. Francis. For more information, visit www.clareoaks.com or call (630) 372-1946.