

## Senior Living Communities closes on property in Viera

VIERA — Senior Living Communities, an owner and operator of premier retirement communities in the Southeast, recently closed on the 48-acre property for its new retirement community, Watersong.

The property, purchased for \$5.2 million, is located off Wickham Road. Watersong, an \$87 million, full-service retirement community, is in the heart of Viera and is surrounded by The Avenue Viera, Space Coast Stadium, Brevard Zoo, as well as the new Viera Healthpark.

To commemorate the start of construction, the Watersong community held a groundbreaking ceremony on Nov. 29. It was attended by some 100 guests, including local industry professionals, community leaders and interested prospects. Supporting the ceremony as keynote speakers were Rep. Thad Altman and Brevard County Commissioner Mary Bolin. Guests also listened to speeches by Shelly Lockhart, executive director of Watersong, and Donald Thompson, president and CEO of Senior Living Communities.

“When I first learned of Watersong, I read about the amenities and philosophy of the community, and I understood the mission of helping our seniors live longer, happier and healthier lives,” said Lockhart. “I knew instantly that my 12 years in various areas of senior care were all leading me here. I’m very excited to celebrate this milestone.”

In the next few months, the Watersong property will begin initial site work including grading, digging ponds and laying out roads. The site work will prepare for heavier construction to begin in mid-January, with the start-up of the Watersong clubhouse and apartments. Health Care Reit Inc. (NYSE: HCN), Watersong’s financial partner, is providing the construction and permanent financing support for the retirement community. The grand opening of the first phase of the community is scheduled for April 2009.

Senior Living Communities owns and operates premier retirement communities in South Carolina, North Carolina and Florida. For more information on Watersong, visit [www.Water-Song.com](http://www.Water-Song.com) or [www.Senior-Living-Communities.com](http://www.Senior-Living-Communities.com).