

Grand opening is Wednesday for new affordable senior-living community in Kalamazoo

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Villages of Michigan will host a Ground Breaking Ceremony at the Village of Sage Grove on Thursday, May 27 at 10 a.m. on Sage Street south of Stonebrook Avenue in the City of Kalamazoo. The Village is PVM's 25th senior living community in the state of Michigan.

KALAMAZOO — A grand opening will be held Wednesday for a new affordable **senior-living community on Sage Street** in Kalamazoo.

The Village of Sage Grove, a \$3.65 million project of Southfield-based Presbyterian Villages of Michigan, will have 38 units and be located on Sage just south of Stone Brook Road. It will be PVM's 24th senior-living community in Michigan and its first in Kalamazoo.

"There is an overwhelming demand for affordable senior housing across the state of Michigan," said Peggy Sattler, chairwoman of the Village of Sage Grove board.

"We are happy to welcome area seniors to this beautiful natural setting, to a residence that promotes opportunities for staying social, active and interested."

Roger L. Myers, PVM's president and chief executive officer, said the development "reflects our mission of serving seniors of all faiths and creating new possibilities for quality living throughout Michigan."

The new senior-living community offers one-bedroom apartments of about 600 square feet, a community room, laundry facilities, lounge areas and library/Internet cafe.

Each apartment will have an emergency-call system and a fully equipped kitchen.

Some are designed for people with mobility impairments.

Funding for the project came from grants of \$3,475,000 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, \$140,000 from the city of Kalamazoo and \$35,000 from the Presbyterian Villages of Michigan Foundation.

Residents must be 62 or older, have a gross annual income of \$21,850 or less for one person and \$25,000 or less for a two-person household.

Rent is based on 30 percent of adjusted gross annual income, with the balance to be covered by HUD.

The grand opening is scheduled for 1-2:30 p.m. Wednesday.

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