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## New Skilled Nursing and Transitional Care Community is Opening Early 2020 in Peñitas

**[Peñitas, Texas and San Antonio, Texas]** – Peñitas, Texas will be benefitting from a new skilled-nursing and long-term care community in early 2020. Touchstone Communities, Inc.®, a growing provider of rehabilitation and skilled-nursing care in Texas, will be opening the community in the 200-acre Mil Encinos Development.

“We are thrilled to be opening The Heights of Peñitas Nursing & Transitional Care in this special part of Texas, just minutes away from our sister communities Mid Valley Nursing and Rehabilitation and The Heights of Alamo”, says Stan Studer Jr., Chairman of Touchstone Communities headquartered in San Antonio. He continues, “Supporting the economic growth of Peñitas and the Rio Grande Valley by employing nearly 150 new jobs and using local vendors is something we’re very proud of.”

“This is going to be the only facility of its kind in the long stretch between Mission and Rio Grande City,” said John Womack, V.P. of Operations for Mil Encinos Development Ltd. He credited the commitment of the City of Peñitas, Hidalgo County, and AGUA SUD to providing the necessary infrastructure.

Hidalgo County Pct. 3 Commissioner Joe Flores commented, “I’m excited for our community to have access to this kind of care so close to home. I’m also glad to see new jobs come to the area.”

“We welcome Touchstone Communities to Peñitas, we thank them for choosing our community, and we congratulate all involved in this project,” commented Mayor Rigo Lopez.

Peñitas City Manager Omar Romero echoed Lopez’s sentiment, adding, “The City of Peñitas has dedicated resources and emphasis on increasing and expanding emergency services in our community. We are proud that we have developed the infrastructure and personnel that made Touchstone Communities confident in our ability to provide the resources needed to support their facility.”

The Heights of Peñitas Nursing & Transitional Care, constructed by Smithers Merchant Builders of San Antonio, will have 120-beds. Amenities include outdoor activity areas with gardens, mobility walking paths, private family areas, a beauty salon, Wi-Fi Internet throughout the community, and a modern therapy department with advanced technical gyms and equipment. The community is scheduled to open in early 2020. For more information, call 210-828-5686 or visit [Touchstone-Communities.com](http://Touchstone-Communities.com)

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**ABOUT TOUCHSTONE COMMUNITIES, INC.®**

Headquartered in San Antonio, Touchstone Communities, Inc.® provides healthcare services including skilled nursing/short-term care, long-term care, rehabilitation, Alzheimer's care, and respite care. With nearly 3,000 team members, Touchstone Communities® operates 26 communities in Alamo, Bandera, Bulverde, Corpus Christi, Cotulla, Del Rio, Gonzales, Houston, La Vernia, Laredo, Mercedes, Pleasanton, Porter, Portland, San Antonio, Tomball, and Tyler. Touchstone will also be opening a new veterans home, Richard A. Anderson Texas State Veterans Home, in Houston in mid 2019, and Las Alturas Nursing & Transitional Care will open in May 2019 in Laredo. Touchstone also manages long-term care communities for veterans on behalf of the Texas State Veterans Landboard with locations in Amarillo, Big Spring, Floresville, McAllen, and Temple. For more information, visit [Touchstone-Communities.com](http://Touchstone-Communities.com).

**About Mil Encinos Development Ltd.**

Mil Encinos Development is a 200-acre project started in 2005 by brothers Jerry and Duane Bell. Long-time farmers in Peñitas, the Bell family is responsible for developing over 750 residential lots and 75,000 square feet of commercial and retail space in Peñitas. The family has also worked alongside the City of Peñitas to bring in a 200-unit apartment complex and to bring western Hidalgo County its first Walmart. Including Mil Encinos, the Bell family is developing a 713 acre master planned community in the heart of the City of Peñitas.

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