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## Touchstone Communities Acquires Five Skilled-Nursing Communities Across Texas

**[San Antonio, Texas]** – Touchstone Communities®, a growing provider of rehabilitation and skilled nursing care in Texas, is pleased to announce it has acquired five skilled nursing and rehabilitation communities. Touchstone now operates 27 communities in the state of Texas. Touchstone began operating the communities on April 1st. The communities are Bandera Nursing & Rehabilitation (Bandera), Coastal Palms Nursing & Rehabilitation (Portland), Heritage Nursing & Rehabilitation (formerly known as Paramount, San Antonio), River Ridge Nursing & Rehabilitation (Calallen), and West Oaks Nursing & Rehabilitation (Houston). Touchstone has partnered with Heritage Healthcare Company to operate the communities in San Antonio and Bandera.

Touchstone was founded in 1993 and has steadily grown over the past 25 years. Stan Studer, founder and chairman of Touchstone commented on this growth. “These five additions to the Touchstone family fit well within our current operating footprint in the state of Texas. We are excited to be serving the residents of these communities. Our goal is always to provide excellent care for people in Texas. We have the means to expand and help more people, which is a great feeling not only for us but for healthcare professionals who are seeking job opportunities.” Touchstone now employs approximately 1,400 team members in the San Antonio area and approximately 3,000 across Texas.

“These are exciting times for Touchstone,” commented Bryon Sehlke, President of Touchstone Communities. “We’ve grown steadily over the years, and while we weren’t looking to add five communities at the same time, we were presented with this opportunity and our organization has both the capacity and talent to make it happen. We will be investing significant capital into the communities over the next several months, remodeling the interior and creating a better living environment of our new residents. We’re also honored to partner with Heritage Healthcare Company to operate truly outstanding communities in Bandera and San Antonio.”

Touchstone Communities gives a continuum of advanced care and rehabilitation for residents. Touchstone Communities’ reputation for excellence and compassionate care has brought us to the forefront of our industry. We plan to intelligently grow our core services to meet the demand for advanced long-term care in skilled-nursing communities and veterans communities throughout the United States. We incorporate the latest and most innovative concepts in health care. Our communities meet federal and state requirements for assisted living or skilled nursing facility licensure and provide more home-like environments to benefit residents. Look for us to continue to lead the way in excellence and innovation in healthcare services as we are committed to enhancing the quality of life for others. For more information, call 210.828.5686 or visit [Touchstone-Communities.com](http://Touchstone-Communities.com)

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**ABOUT TOUCHSTONE COMMUNITIES**

Headquartered in San Antonio, Touchstone Communities® provides health care services including skilled nursing/short-term care, long-term care, rehabilitation, Alzheimer's care, and respite care. With approximately 3,000 team members, Touchstone Communities® operates 22 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 manages five long-term care communities for veterans on behalf of the state of Texas located in Amarillo, Big Spring, Floresville, McAllen, and Temple. Touchstone will also be managing a new veterans home in Houston which will open in mid-2019. For more information, visit [Touchstone-Communities.com](http://Touchstone-Communities.com).

**ABOUT HERITAGE HEALTHCARE COMPANY**

Heritage Healthcare Company was founded by Tim Crank in 2008. Heritage successfully opened and ran three facilities in San Antonio. Crank ultimately merged Heritage with his partners' management company to form Momentum Skilled Services to open two additional facilities in Houston, Texas. By combining high occupancy, high-skilled case mix, and low expenses, the Heritage / Momentum buildings were successfully sold in July 2015. In 2019, Touchstone and Heritage decided to jointly operate two communities—Bandera Nursing & Rehabilitation and Heritage Nursing & Rehabilitation, as an attempt to combine the respective strengths of both organizations. The commitment to glorify God remains a defining purpose of both organizations. The goal of the Heritage/Touchstone communities is to identify and grow into a highly successful, efficient group of communities; utilizing efficiency, innovation, and flexibility to identify new tools that can be shared with the rest of Touchstone Communities. The unique collaboration will be branded as a Touchstone – Heritage Healthcare Company Partnership.

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