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### **Champion Care Purchases St. Ann Rest Home**

*LTC Provider Committed to Continuing Dominican Sisters Tradition of Quality Care*

MILWAUKEE – Champion Care announced today that the long-term care provider company has purchased St. Ann Rest Home from the Dominican Sisters, renaming it The Bay at St. Ann Health and Rehabilitation Center and they plan to continue the community’s tradition of providing quality care to and welcoming older adults of all faiths.

“Champion Care is pleased to have the opportunity to purchase this exceptional facility from the Dominican Sisters,” said Mark Ruvel, CEO of Champion Care and Izzy Weinberg, COO of Champion Care. “We thank the Sisters for their exceptional commitment to providing quality care to frail older adults in the community and will continue the facility’s 75-year history of providing high quality care to residents in the Milwaukee area.”

The community of St. Ann was dedicated on February 11, 1945, in response to a growing need in the Milwaukee community for the care of older adults of Polish descent. The name of the nursing home, St. Ann Rest Home, was chosen because of Ann Augustowski’s wish, the facility’s main benefactor. The facility was expanded in 1960, and today is licensed for 50 nursing home beds.

“After 75 years of serving the community by providing our residents with high quality nursing care, the Dominican Sisters concluded that our mission at St Ann Rest Home has come to an end,” said Mother Natalie Pekala, O.P., Provincial Superior of the Dominican Sisters. “This decision was not an easy one and was made in the process of prayerful consideration and many consultations. The complicated regulatory and operational challenges of running a nursing home became the crucial factor. We are grateful that Champion Care, a larger, experienced and more resourceful sponsor, stepped forward to continue the tradition of providing quality care to St. Ann’s residents and employment opportunities to our local community.”

From the origin of the existence, St. Ann Rest Home had the desire to call this facility a “home” and to do as much as possible to create a home-like atmosphere. Champion Care will continue this history, and plan to offer religious services for residents in the facility. The facility has five-star ratings on nursing home compare in all categories including: overall, health inspection, staffing, and quality measures.

While the facility is currently certified for Medicaid only, Champion Care is pleased to announce that the company is in the process of applying for all the necessary credentials to provide clinical rehabilitative services for Medicare as well.

For more information on The Bay at St. Ann Health and Rehabilitation Center, here is our contact information:

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*About Champion Care: Founded in 2017, the Mission of Champion Care is to provide quality services to our residents and their families, by assisting and enabling every resident to attain his or her highest potential. As a community of health care providers, Champion believes and strongly encourages our staff to treat every resident with the utmost respect and dignity, as if they were their own parent. As part of this mission, Champion strives to be the best provider and employer in each of its communities.*

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