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Forest Hills of DC & Luvozo Announce Partnership to Introduce First Robot into Nursing Home

Washington, DC, September 19, 2016 – Forest Hills of DC & Luvozo PBC have announced their partnership to bring the first resident-centric telepresence robot into a skilled nursing facility in this region. *SAM, The Robotic Concierge*, completed initial beta testing in 2016 at Forest Hills and is anticipated to arrive in an enhanced configuration early in 2017.

“It’s very exciting for our team to be working with Luvozo to introduce resident-centered cutting edge technology into our skilled nursing care environment” said Mary Savoy, Administrator of Forest Hills of DC and Forest Side Memory Care. “We are committed to providing high-quality, person-centered care to our residents and their families. We never stop looking for unique ways to enrich the lives of our residents.”

Introducing an interactive robot into a long term care environment has many potential benefits, including offering residents’ additional stimulation and entertainment, as well as potentially helping to reduce falls and improve safety. *SAM*, a *Semi-Autonomous Mobile* robot is designed to provide frequent check-ins and non-medical care for residents.

“Luvozo PBC is dedicated to developing and delivering solutions for senior living communities that improve resident satisfaction and overall care”, says David Pietrocola, Luvozo CEO & Co-Founder. “As a public benefit corporation, social benefit through advanced assistive technology is not only a part of our culture, but it is at the very heart of our company. We are thrilled to partner with an innovative and high-quality community in Forest Hills.”

[Click here](#) to meet SAM, the newest friendly “face” around Forest Hills.

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About Forest Hills of DC & Forest Side Memory Care

Forest Hills of DC and Forest Side Memory Care are a private, not-for-profit, full service, continuum of care retirement organization located in Northwest DC. This community’s comprehensive services include assisted living, memory care assisted living, sub-acute rehabilitation and long term nursing home care. Founded in 1889, the organization was formerly known as the Methodist Home but is no longer affiliated with the Methodist Church. For more information, please visit www.foresthillsgdc.org or www.forestsidedc.org.

About Luvozo

Luvozo PBC is a College Park, MD based technology company founded in 2013 to improve safety and satisfaction in the long-term care and senior living industry. The company uses robotics and its patent-pending computer vision technologies to improve resident safety by mitigating common fall risk factors through fall hazard identification and automated rounding. The company's flagship product, *SAM*, is an affordable and on-demand self-driving telepresence robot to supplement non-medical care coverage. With expertise in mobile robotics, computer vision, and software development, Luvozo’s experienced team has worked on cutting-edge technologies and projects at leading research universities, government labs and agencies. For more information, please visit www.luvozo.com

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