



Senior Housing Properties Trust Announces Proposed Public Offering of 4,500,000 Common Shares

NEWTON, Mass., Sep 09, 2009 (BUSINESS WIRE) -- Senior Housing Properties Trust (NYSE: SNH) today announced that it commenced a public offering of 4,500,000 common shares. SNH expects to use the proceeds of this offering for general business purposes, including funding in part pending acquisitions or possible future acquisitions of properties. It is contemplated that the underwriters will also be granted a 30-day option to purchase up to an additional 675,000 common shares to cover overallotments, if any.

BofA Merrill Lynch, UBS Investment Bank and Wells Fargo Securities are the joint book-running managers for this offering.

This press release is not an offer to sell nor a solicitation of an offer to buy shares, nor shall there be any sale of these securities in any state or jurisdiction in which the offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful prior to registration or qualification under the securities laws of such state or jurisdiction. The preliminary prospectus supplement relating to this offering and related prospectus are expected to be filed with the SEC and copies can be obtained by contacting the offices of BofA Merrill Lynch, Attn: Prospectus Department, 4 World Financial Center, New York, NY 10080; UBS Investment Bank, Attn: Prospectus Department, 299 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10171 (telephone: 888-827-7275); and Wells Fargo Securities, LLC, Attn: Equity Syndicate Department, 375 Park Avenue, New York, N.Y., 10152 (e-mail: equity.syndicate@wachovia.com or telephone: 800-326-5897).

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A Maryland Real Estate Investment Trust with transferable shares of beneficial interest listed on the New York Stock Exchange.

No shareholder, Trustee or officer is personally liable for any act or obligation of the Trust.

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