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## **Alzheimer's Orange County Announces Gift of Irvine Cottages Residential Memory Care Business**

Irvine, Calif., March 23, 2020 - Alzheimer's Orange County ("AlzOC") today announced the donation of the Irvine Cottages residential memory care business by Founder Dr. Jacqueline DuPont, Gerontologist. AlzOC will take ownership of Irvine Cottages in May of 2020.

Irvine Cottages is the latest company to join AlzOC as part of a strategic plan for sustainability, providing additional sources of revenue to supplement donations that will fund the growth of free and low cost programs offered to Orange County residents.

"I have devoted much of my life to the well being of seniors who face the challenges that come with aging," said Dr. DuPont. "I am delighted to make this donation and am confident that the environment of serenity, compassion, and inspiration we have created for older adults at Irvine Cottages will continue to thrive."

Dr. DuPont founded the residential memory care business as part of DuPont Residential Care, Inc. in 1996. It has 12 neighborhood locations in Newport Beach, Irvine and Mission Viejo with 72 beds. Dr. DuPont has served on the AlzOC board for over 20 years and is dedicated to ensuring that the aging population is treated with dignity, respect and given the highest quality care.

Irvine Cottages serves older adults with the most dignified care by improving their quality of life through programming activities, compassionate care, and services for both residents and their families. The staff holds steadfast values of a dignified and ethical work environment that supports innovation, inspiration, and respect for all persons.

Dr. DuPont will stay on as Irvine Cottage's Clinical Coordinator for six months and AlzOC's CEO and President, Jim McAleer, will manage all staff and administration. No changes will be made to the name and operational structure of Irvine Cottages with all employees, programming, policies and procedures remaining in place.

"We thank Dr. DuPont for her generous gift of Irvine Cottages," said McAleer. "It's a perfect fit for us, aligning with our overall goal to serve those living with Alzheimer's and other dementias."

McAleer said the addition of Irvine Cottages to AlzOC enhances the AlzOC continuum of care for Orange County's aging population. Together, all stages of care will be available through AlzOC, from prevention, through the stages of Alzheimer's, and now, full-time residential care to those living with advanced stage Alzheimer's and other memory disorders.

Other service businesses under the AlzOC banner include Acacia Adult Day Services of Garden Grove and South County Adult Day Services in Laguna Woods.

Acacia provides community-based services that serve both the medical and social needs of individuals who are living at home, but need daytime assistance for their health needs. AlzOC merged with Acacia in 2017. South County is one of the few licensed adult day health care centers providing much needed services to those in South Orange County. In 2016, AlzOC took over operations of the program and moved it into a brand new, remodeled facility in Laguna Woods.

AlzOC began as an independent 501c3 nonprofit in 1982, became a chapter of a national association in 1984, and in December 2015, became an independent nonprofit again with all fundraising going toward care, support and research in Orange County.

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