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Cary Senior Living Community Invites Public to Attend Dog Adoption Event with Hope Animal Rescue and Easter Egg Hunt

CARY, N.C., March 29, 2017 – For families with pets, their beloved dog or cat is just like a member of the family. Without them, much joy, activity and companionship is lost. Residents and staff at Waltonwood Cary Parkway recognize the importance of animals and are doing all they can to make sure that they get the chance to find their forever homes. **They are working with Durham-based Hope Animal Rescue (HAR) to host a dog adoption event for the volunteer-run, nonprofit organization on Saturday, April 8 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. immediately following their annual Easter Egg Hunt which begins at 10 a.m. outside the front entrance of the senior living community (750 SW Cary Parkway).** The public is invited to attend the egg hunt and adoption event to meet dogs of all ages and breeds, enter to win a gift basket from Waltonwood Cary Parkway and learn more about the work Hope Animal Rescue does in the Triangle area. In anticipation of the event, the community is also preparing by hand-making braided dog toys out of fabric strips and dog treats for the adoptable dogs to enjoy as they await their forever homes. **Members of the media are invited out to see the residents creating the dog toys at their weekly craft time, Wednesdays at 2 p.m.**

HAR currently has nearly 30 dogs available for adoption, and they are all fostered in the homes of volunteers. They are a volunteer-run organization, and they rely on the public to donate funds to cover expenses for the group. HAR also cares for many dogs who have medical issues such as heartworms, and fundraises to cover medical costs for these animals, with adoption fees going back into their accounts to help cover these expenses as well.

“When we visit local animal shelters or animal control to find dogs, we are certainly saving the lives of many we bring into our rescue,” **said Sarah Pai, fundraising coordinator for HAR.** “Sick, scared or injured dogs are some of the first to be euthanized – often due to space – and we favor those animals because we feel that once healed, they can bring so much hope and joy to their future family. Everyone at HAR is excited to partner with Waltonwood Cary Parkway for the second time, and we are grateful they are able to provide us a space to host this outreach event.”

HAR was established in 2013, and since its inception has saved over 1,000 dogs – about 300 a year on average. Visitors interested in adopting dogs will be asked to fill out an application and schedule a home visit. Adoption fees are \$250 for healthy dogs, and \$100 for senior dogs and dogs with medical needs. Dogs are current on vaccinations and are spayed or neutered as well as microchipped.

“Many of our residents grew up with animals and understand the bond they have with a family,” **said Christina Henderson, life enrichment director of Waltonwood Cary Parkway.** “The residents are so excited to see the animals even if they aren’t able to adopt, because they bring them so much joy. They have a heart for animals, so making the dog treats and toys helps provide fulfillment when they are able to comfort animals in need. We hope the public comes out to see if their forever friend happens to be there that day and enjoy the other festivities we have planned.”

If you are a member of the media interested in setting up an interview or attending the activity, please contact Susan Hoover via phone at 214-378-7970 ext. 304 or email at shoover@thepointgroup.com or Amy Jones via phone at 214-378-7970 ext. 302 or email at ajones@thepointgroup.com.

ABOUT WALTONWOOD CARY PARKWAY

Waltonwood Cary Parkway offers seniors a dignified, individualized community where residents can thrive. The community offers independent living cottages, and independent, assisted living and memory care apartments in studio, one- and two-bedroom floor plans, creating a continuum of care where residents can enjoy an active lifestyle and receive care if they need it. The community offers many engaging amenities, including a walking path, therapy pool, putting green and private courtyards throughout its acreage. Residents receive the most up-to-date advances in senior living, including the specially designed Forever Fit program and a Montessori-based dementia care program. The community is located close to US 1, with new retail shopping, dining and entertainment close by, and just minutes from Raleigh. Waltonwood Cary Parkway also has a sister-community currently under construction in the Lake Boone area of Raleigh, at 3550 Horton Street. If you are interested in learning more about Waltonwood Cary Parkway, please visit www.waltonwood.com or call 919-275-0983.

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Photo Courtesy of Waltonwood Cary Parkway:

Photo 1: Residents at Waltonwood Cary Parkway making dog toys to donate to Hope Animal Rescue when they host an adoption event on April 8 at 11 a.m.