



Help for Green House

- Watt Foundation offers 2nd \$400,000 in matching funds

From staff reports

The Joe and Arlene Watt Foundation has agreed to match donations dollar for dollar up to an additional \$400,000 for Green

House Living for Sheridan.

The foundation also committed \$400,000 in December in addition to an initial \$100,000 in 2008.

"All of the Green House

Board are ecstatic over this latest donation," said Barbara Walter, co-chairman of the fundraising committee. "It's the impetus we needed to get the community totally behind this project."

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Barbara Walter

Co-Chairman Green House Fundraising Committee

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Green House cottages elder care alternative is based on a concept developed by Harvard graduate and gerontologist Dr. Bill Thomas.

In the cottages, 12 elders live in a home with a hearth and open kitchen, and a small, self-managed staff provides personal care and meals. Family, friends, pets and plants are a part of daily living.

Green House has been approved for a site about one mile west of Sheridan Memorial Hospital.

Walter said that in the past week, more than \$10,000 has been contributed through checks and pledges, and the project now has less than \$800,000 to raise.

"The \$1,000 pledge is very popular, and we have a lot of people supporting the concept," she added.

The "concept" Walter mentioned was suggested by Kay Wallick in a Jan. 30 Center Stage article in The Sheridan Press.

Green House Q and A Session Wednesday

Green House will have a question-and-answer seminar in the Inner Circle at Sheridan Fulmer Library 10-11 a.m. Wednesday.

There will be a short video and discussion with pledge cards available. Donations will also be accepted at the meeting.

"If 800 citizens would pledge \$1,000 over a three-year period, we would meet our goal and groundbreaking would commence," Wallick wrote.

Pledge cards are available online at sheridangreenhouse.org or at the Sheridan Senior Center front desk.