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Attendees of the topping off, including future residents, sign the ceremonial beam.



The beam is secured into place by steel workers.

Erland Participates in ALS Walk, Celebrates Topping Off at Leonard Florence

Burlington, Massachusetts – On Sunday, April 23rd, over 1,200 people gathered on Admiral's Hill in Chelsea to participate in the first annual Walk to Defeat ALS. Erland Construction, the construction manager for the new Leonard Florence Center for Living, was a corporate sponsor and fielded a team of walkers for the event.

"I'm really proud to be working on this project. The fact that this building, when completed, will change people's lives, makes it really special. Up until now, people with neurological disorders like ASL and MS, who could no longer be cared for at home, had to go to facilities geared toward geriatric care. I'm happy to do whatever little I can to contribute to this worthy cause," said Erland President Steve McDonald after completing the 2-mile walk.

Days before, Erland and The Chelsea Jewish Nursing Foundation – an organization that has provided skilled nursing and residential care for complications of aging, rehabilitation, Alzheimer's, dementia, and end-of-life care since 1919 – celebrated the topping off of the new Leonard Florence Center for Living.

When it's completed in 2009, the 6-story skilled nursing facility will feature 10 houses, each with 10 bedrooms clustered around an open kitchen and living area. Modeled after the Green House style created by Dr. William Thomas, residents of each house will enjoy home-cooked meals prepared in their own kitchen and served at a common table near their rooms. Each house will have its own dedicated staff of caregivers responsible for preparing meals and assisting the residents. A separate clinical support team – including nurses, social workers, therapists, medical directors, nutritionists, and pharmacists – will visit the houses regularly to provide services as needed.

The Leonard Florence Center will complete the senior housing campus on Admiral's Hill in Chelsea, joining the 69 units of affordable assisted living at the Cohen Florence Levine Estates and the 36 studio apartments at the Florence and Chafetz Home for Specialized Care.

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