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ZIEGLER CLOSES \$104,135,000 FINANCING FOR FRIENDSHIP VILLAGE OF TEMPE

CHICAGO, IL – OCTOBER 6, 2021 – Ziegler, a specialty investment bank, is pleased to announce the successful closing of Friendship Village of Tempe's \$104,135,000 Series 2021A, Series 2021B and 2021C Bonds issued through the Industrial Development Authority of the City of Tempe, Arizona (together the "Bonds"). The Bonds are exempt from federal and State of Arizona income tax and are not rated.

Friendship Village of Tempe (the "Village") has been a Ziegler client since inception of the community in 1980, and this transaction marks the sixth fixed rate bond financing together. The Village is located in Tempe, Arizona and consists of a 554-unit retirement center including garden homes and residential apartments, a 128-bed skilled nursing center, a 67-unit assisted living building, 24 memory care beds and a 14-bed hospice unit.

Proceeds of the Bonds will be used to (i) refinance the Series 2012 Bonds, (ii) fund Phase 2 of the campus master plan (the "Project"), (iii) fund debt service reserve funds on the Bonds, (iv) fund capitalized interest for approximately 23 months, and (v) fund costs of issuance. The Project includes a new five-story building with 64 entrance fee apartments and a new dining facility. The building will replace an existing 60-unit apartment building.

The Series 2021A and B Bonds are non-rated tax-exempt fixed rate serial and term bonds amortizing over 35 years, wrapping around the Series 2019 Bonds to create aggregate level annual debt service. The Series 2021C-1 and C-2 Bonds are non-rated, tax-exempt short-term TEMPS-85SM and TEMPS-60SM Bonds, expected to be redeemed with initial entrance fees of the Project at 85% and 60% occupancy, respectively.

Mary Muñoz, Senior Managing Director and relationship manager to Friendship Village, noted "Friendship Village has long served the senior market near Arizona State University with quality independent living and services. This master plan takes amenities and living accommodations to a whole new level, celebrating the Village's outstanding culinary program and culture. We are grateful for the long relationship and the opportunity to help the Village serve future seniors in a powerful way."

Cole Marvin, Executive Director, added: "We really enjoy and appreciate the incredible working relationship that we have had with Ziegler over the decades. They have been our long standing partner and a key to our ongoing success as a life plan community by helping us access the necessary capital to remain at the forefront of senior living locally and nationally. Friendship Village couldn't be any more excited for our future and for our residents who will be able to enjoy the very best that senior living has to offer."

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