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MIDDLESEX COUNTY'S NEWEST LONG-TERM CARE FACILITY OPENS ITS DOORS TO FIRST RESIDENTS

OLD BRIDGE - Roosevelt Care Center at Old Bridge welcomed its first residents this past week, married couple Robert and Hilda Poland.

After decades of wedded bliss, this Sayreville couple officially joined the Roosevelt family on Dec. 1.

Married for 63 years, the pair first locked eyes while attending mass at St. Mark's Roman Catholic Church in Rahway. Soon thereafter, Mrs. Poland began joining her husband-to-be on his local mail carrier routes and the rest was history.

"They're inseparable," said daughter-in-law Cynthia Poland. "One never did anything without the other."

After months of trying to balance her own schedule with the responsibilities of caring for her husband's parents, both in their mid-80s, Cynthia Poland said she was pleased to learn that all the services and comforts of home could be found at Middlesex County's newest, long-term care facility.

"They just cannot be on their own anymore," Cynthia Poland said. "By them coming here, it's a very big burden that's been lifted."

During daytime operations, Mr. and Mrs. Poland have more than a dozen employees at their disposal, as Roosevelt continues to gear up efforts for full-scale hiring.

"To me, it's beautiful here," Mr. Poland said staring out at the rustic, wooded landscape that surrounds his recently constructed, 105,000-square-foot home.

Also new to the campus is a dedicated team of clinical staff, which began to utilize the building's advanced technologies, to include handheld remote alert systems, digital dietary logs and electronic records.

The administration expects to have the facility fully operational, with approximately 200 employees and 180 residents, no later than 2013.

"We look forward to maintaining the highest clinical and operational standards, while continuing to uphold Roosevelt Care Center's stellar reputation" said Administrator John Sedor.

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