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**Benchmark Assisted Living Acquires Five Alzheimer's Communities from Amicus Healthcare
*Company Continues Expansion in Massachusetts and Connecticut***

Wellesley Hills, Mass. – (November 7, 2005) – Benchmark Assisted Living announced today that it has acquired a five-property portfolio of freestanding Alzheimer's communities from Amicus Healthcare. With the acquisition of these Massachusetts and Connecticut communities –named the Atrium properties –Benchmark continues its growth throughout New England and further expands its services in Alzheimer's assisted living.

This is the third major purchase for Benchmark in the past 12 months. In September 2004, the company acquired nine Village Retirement communities throughout Southern New England in one of the largest transactions in the assisted living industry in five years. In March 2005, Benchmark acquired five New England assisted living properties from Athena Health Care Systems.

"We are pleased that we can now offer more New England residents and their families a quality choice for Alzheimer's and memory-impaired care," said Benchmark founder, CEO and president, Thomas H. Grape. "The Amicus communities have been serving Alzheimer's residents for many years and we look forward to having these communities as part of the Benchmark brand."

Benchmark is already the largest senior housing provider in New England and one of the largest and most well-respected private senior living companies in the nation. This purchase adds four more communities in Massachusetts and one in Connecticut, increasing the number of Benchmark Alzheimer's residents by 37 percent, from 791 to more than 1,000 residents. The Atrium communities are relied upon by 294 residents for their daily living and housing needs.

Benchmark is known locally and nationally for its commitment to quality and for the satisfaction of its residents and employees. With this purchase, Benchmark's total number of communities increases to 43 properties.

"Benchmark prides itself on offering personalized, custom care to all our residents," Grape said. "Our exceptional associates are highly involved with our residents, helping them to feel good about themselves, happy in their lives. We strive to maximize Alzheimer's residents' functional abilities and promote their independence."

Sovereign Bank provided the financing for the purchase of the Amicus communities. Greenfield Partners, LLC, formed a joint venture with Benchmark to provide the equity for the purchase of the communities.

About Benchmark Assisted Living

Benchmark Assisted Living is the leading provider of senior living services in the Northeast and one of the top 10 in the nation. Services offered by Benchmark include independent living, assisted living and Alzheimer's assisted living. The Company is strategically focused on providing excellence in results through personalized service and a superior culture. Founded in 1997, Benchmark has consistently delivered excellent investment returns to its institutional partners and currently owns and operates 43 senior living communities with a combined asset value of \$650 million. Annual revenues are approximately \$200 million. For information, visit www.benchmarkquality.com.

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