

Bringing a Vision to Life: Summit by Morrison Celebrates Opening
Ribbon Cutting Marks Opening of White Mountains' Innovative Senior Living Community



WHITEFIELD, N.H. – The support for Summit by Morrison’s vision to provide seniors with a full continuum of care and boost the North Country’s economy was clear during its ribbon cutting ceremony on June 22.

Board members, community partners, stakeholders and supporters turned out, many getting their initial look at this first of its kind community in the White Mountains offering independent, assisted and memory care living options. Among the speakers were representatives from the offices of U.S. Senators Jeanne Shaheen and Maggie Hassan, Congresswoman Ann McLane Kuster and Governor Chris Sununu.

“Congratulations again to all the project supporters who have helped create a better quality of life for seniors, families and working citizens in the North Country,” Sen. Shaheen wrote in a letter read by Chuck Henderson, Special Assistant for Policy and Projects for the senator.

“It is innovative projects like this one that help make our rural communities great places to live, work, raise families and, now, to retire,” said Anthony Linardos, State Director for USDA Rural Development, a key partner in the project. “Thank you to the team from (The) Morrison, who had the ambition and the innovative drive to create (this community).”

Summit by Morrison was developed by The Morrison Assisted Living and Skilled Nursing Care (The Morrison) to create the region’s only full continuum of care for seniors. Located less than a mile from The Morrison, a non-profit which has been providing healthcare to the North Country since 1903, Summit by Morrison offers the very best in senior living.

“Summit’s opening and its future successes are cornerstones of our plans to continue the important charitable missions of The Morrison,” said Brian Fogg, Chair of The Morrison’s Board of Trustees.

Joe Kenney, NH Executive Councilor, praised Summit by Morrison for giving seniors of the North Country a “place for them to go with dignity, with the appropriate care and the appropriate services.” He also commended the public-private partnership that was key to the project. “It really does take a village, a community to make a day like this possible,” he said.

The new community has had an immediate positive impact on the local economy, creating a need for 30 new jobs in a variety of positions, including many in the field of skilled nursing care.

“We are so fortunate to be located in an area where the local talent pool possesses both the skill sets and experience we were looking for. We have been able to hire almost exclusively from this region,” said Shannon Lynch, Executive Director of Summit by Morrison. “We are proud we are expanding the options for senior housing and employment in a region that has lacked both.”

Summit offers 14 Independent Living cottages, 33 Independent Living apartments, 24 Assisted Living apartments and 12 apartments for residents who require Memory Care.

The first residents, who so far have come from New Hampshire’s White Mountains, as well as Vermont, Connecticut and Georgia, began living at Summit by Morrison in May.

Set on a sloping hillside with sweeping views of Dalton Mountain, Summit by Morrison provides residents with healthcare professionals on-site 24 hours a day, restaurant-style dining, community activities and outings, housekeeping and laundry services.

An official Grand Opening for Summit by Morrison will be Saturday, Aug. 11. Tours of Summit by Morrison are ongoing and can be arranged by calling 603-837-3500.

About Summit by Morrison

Summit by Morrison is a senior living community located in Whitefield, N.H., in the heart of the White Mountains. Summit by Morrison was developed by The Morrison Assisted Living and Skilled Nursing Care in Whitefield to provide Independent Living Assisted Living and Memory Care living. For more information, go to www.summitbymorrison.org.

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