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MEDIA ALERT

The Arc Jacksonville officially opens The Arc Jacksonville Village, welcomes VIPs and residents

-- Nation's first independent living community for adults with disabilities comes to life --

WHAT/WHO:

The Arc Jacksonville, a community leader in serving adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities, is officially opening The Arc Jacksonville Village, the nation's first independent living community for the people that it serves. The \$22.2million project provides housing in a neighborhood setting with minimal support services for 126 residents, along with a community center and recreational facilities.

The celebration will feature:

- VIPs, including Blake Bortles of the Jacksonville Jaguars, development partners, government officials and high-profile community philanthropists
- Current and future residents, and their families
- Ribbon-cutting
- Tour of new community center, model homes
- Unveiling of the community center's name in honor and memory of one of Jacksonville's leading philanthropists

Blake Bortles, future residents, and Arc officials will discuss what The Arc Jacksonville Village will bring to residents, the city of Jacksonville, and the nation as a whole, as The Village is the first model for this type of community in the country.

WHEN/WHERE:

The Arc Jacksonville Village

3675 Kirbo Way (entrance adjacent to 3631 Hodges Blvd.)

Wed., May 18, 2016

10 a.m.

The Arc Jacksonville's mission is to serve people with intellectual and developmental disabilities to achieve their full potential and to participate in community life.

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