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Plaza Companies Enhances Presence in Tucson Marketplace With Addition of Seasoned Portfolio Manager

Howard Schwiebert Will Lead Leasing Efforts For Plaza's Tucson Portfolio

TUCSON, Arizona (May 19, 2011) — Plaza Companies, a leader in the senior living and medical office marketplace in Arizona, is enhancing its presence in the Tucson area by hiring a seasoned real estate professional to head up the office and oversee property management and leasing services in the marketplace.

Howard Schwiebert joins Plaza as Senior Portfolio Manager and Leasing Specialist. Schwiebert will be handling all new leasing and property management activities for the properties Plaza oversees in the Tucson marketplace. Schwiebert had previously worked with Tucson Realty and Trust Company, and has more than 22 years of experience in the field.

Plaza has already made a significant impact in the senior living market in the area with its award-winning Splendido at Rancho Vistoso, now open for five years, and is working to expand its ongoing presence in medical office.

Plaza Companies provides property management and leasing services to four significant medical office properties in the Tucson area. The properties, owned by Healthcare Trust of America, Inc. are:

- Academy Medical, located at 310 North Wilmot
- Desert Medical Center, located at 2001 West Orange Grove Road
- LaCholla Medical Center, located at 6261 North LaCholla
- Gateway Medical Plaza, located at 6320 North La Cholla

Plaza's office in Tucson is located at LaCholla Medical Center, Suite 111.

Sharon Harper, President & CEO of Plaza Companies, said that Schwiebert's experience will help Plaza and HTA's goal of increasing their presence in the Tucson marketplace and positioning for future growth.

"Howard brings a tremendous background in real estate to our team, and we are fortunate to have him leading our efforts in Tucson," she said. "This is a tremendous opportunity for us to further increase our occupancy rates in the Tucson marketplace and enhance the service we're providing to our tenants and property owners."

Schwiebert said that the reputation of Plaza Companies and the quality of the properties in its leasing and management portfolios were key factors in his decision to join the Plaza team.

“This is a great opportunity for me professionally to work with a great organization that has some of the most important medical office properties in the area in their portfolio,” he said. “I am thrilled to be joining the Plaza Companies and am looking forward to helping them strengthen their presence in the Tucson area.”

Plaza Companies, based in Peoria, Arizona, is an award-winning leader in the development and management of medical office properties, technology and bioscience facilities, and senior housing communities. In the Tucson area, it manages the four HTA medical office properties as well as partnering with Mather LifeWays on the Splendido at Rancho Vistoso project.

Founded in 1982, Plaza Companies is a full-service firm with a portfolio of more than 5 million square feet valued at more than \$1 billion. For more information about Plaza Companies, visit www.theplazaco.com.