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Tom Rios Named Executive Director at Splendido

Tucson Retirement Community's Former Director of Accounting Takes on Executive Position

TUCSON, Ariz. (March 1, 2010) – Tom Rios has been promoted to Executive Director of Splendido, the upscale continuing care retirement community in Tucson. Most recently, he had been Splendido's director of accounting.

Rios will work with managers and staff to further define Splendido's mission and strategic goals and to oversee all operations. He has been with Splendido since 2006 and was one of the lead executives who helped open the community to the public that year.

"We look forward to Tom serving as Splendido's Executive Director," said David Kane, Vice President of Senior Living at Mather LifeWays, one of Splendido's two operating partners. "Not only does Tom know the community well, but he is also an inspirational leader who understands and embraces our core philosophy of creating ways for older adults to age well."

Rios brings more than 15 years of financial and management expertise to his new role at Splendido. As a controller at Tucson Newspapers, he was responsible for preparing and analyzing financial reports and statements for the newspaper publisher. He has also held senior accounting positions at maintenance services organization Fluor Corporation.

Rios received his bachelor's degree in accounting from the University of Arizona. He is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the Arizona Society of Certified Public Accountants.

About Splendido

Splendido is a joint venture of Mather LifeWays, a not-for-profit organization headquartered in Evanston, Ill., that creates Ways to Age WellSM for older adults; and The Plaza Companies, a developer headquartered in Peoria, Ariz., that specializes in retirement community development. Opened in 2006, Splendido offers upscale resort-style living for adults 55 years and older through the 10,000-square-foot Salut  Spa & Fitness Center, indoor and outdoor swimming pools, 24-hour concierge service, four dining venues, an 18-hole putting course, and cinema. In 2008, Splendido opened the Sonora health center, which is open to the public-at-large. To learn more about Splendido, call (520) 878-2612 or visit www.splendidotucson.com.

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