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**Karen Turnquist Joins Element Care as Center Manager
for its PACE Center Serving Methuen**

Methuen, Mass. – February 06, 2017 – Element Care, a non-profit, health care organization, announced that Karen Turnquist, OT/L & MA, has been named Center Manager of its Program of All-inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) in Methuen, Massachusetts. In her role as Center Manager, Ms. Turnquist will be responsible for overseeing the day to day operations as well as providing leadership for the interdisciplinary team of PACE at Element Care at 12 Ingalls Court in Methuen.

“The most impressive part of joining PACE at Element Care is the unwavering commitment of the interdisciplinary team members to meet every day to manage the participants’ physical, social, and emotional needs,” said Turnquist. “I look forward to being a part of this important process to assist older adults in staying in their homes and communities for as long as possible”

Ms. Turnquist has worked with older populations for the past 25 years as both a clinician and an administrator in a variety of care settings. Prior to joining Element Care, she worked as the director of homecare services at Action, Inc., the manager of the division of gerontology at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, and as the director of customer relationship management/patient advocacy at Lahey Clinic Medical Center. Karen has completed a Bachelors in Occupational Therapy from the University of New Hampshire and a Masters in Health Care Administration from Framingham State College. She currently resides in Wakefield, MA.

“Karen brings a wide array of skills and experiences at leading institutions and facilities to our program.” said Liz Agnes, Director of Center Operations at Element Care. “With her passion for caring for the elderly and direct experience in homecare and skilled nursing facilities, she will be an invaluable asset to our team and our participants.”

For more information about Element Care, please call 877-803-5564 or visit www.elementcare.org.

About Element Care

Element Care, founded in 1995, is a non-profit, healthcare organization with a simple mission: to help people live safely and comfortably in their homes and their communities for as long as they can, keeping their stays in hospitals and nursing facilities as minimal as possible. Element Care provides complete health care to eligible people through PACE (Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly) throughout the Massachusetts North Shore, the Merrimack Valley and the northeast region of Middlesex County. For more information, visit www.elementcare.org.

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Karen Turnquist, Center Manager at Element Care's Methuen PACE