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***Seniors on Broadway* troupe makes debut at Franke Tobey Jones**

They sing “They Can’t Take That Away from Me.” They act like teenagers and loan officers. Since early October, these intrepid seniors practice every Friday afternoon. Their first-ever showcase performance for family and friends is set for 4 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 11. In cooperation with the Broadway Center Conservatory, Senior University ~ Franke Tobey Jones sponsors this hands-on acting/singing/movement class. The performance will be in the MJ Wicks Family Wellness Center on the Franke Tobey Jones Retirement Estate campus.

Participant David Quiring of Tacoma said, “I wanted to try something completely new to stretch myself. And, man, has this been a fun stretch!”

The five performers come from both Franke Tobey Jones and the surrounding community.

Nyree Martinez, Broadway Center Conservatory education manager and theatrical muse for the group, said, “To say it has been a delight to work with this charming group of adults would be an understatement. They have brightened our lives on a weekly

basis with their wit, their willingness to try anything, their insight on life, and, of course, their talent.”

*Senior University* is a community service of Franke Tobey Jones offering classes for individuals 55 or better from the surrounding community as well as those who live on the FTJ campus. Most classes are free of charge.

The Wellness Center is located in the Lillian Pratt Building, Franke Tobey Jones Retirement Estates, 5340 N. Bristol St. (corner of North Park Way and North Vassault Street) in Tacoma near Point Defiance Park.

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Established in 1924, Franke Tobey Jones is a non-profit organization and public charity. Tudor-style residences are located on 20 acres of beautifully landscaped grounds adjacent to 700-acre Pt. Defiance Park in Tacoma’s historic North End. As a Continuing Care Retirement Community, Franke Tobey Jones offers multiple Independent residences for active retirees, with the peace of mind of lovely Assisted Living, 24-hour Health Care and Memory Care facilities steps away. The 6,000 sq. ft. Wellness Center, Bistro Café, Beauty Shops, engaging activity calendar, putting green and Senior University round out the picture of gracious and energetic retirement living.