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Eliza Jennings & Renaissance Employees Recognized as AOPHA Stars *Program Recognizes Excellent Care, Exemplary Service*

CLEVELAND – July 22, 2009 – Employees of Eliza Jennings Senior Care Network were honored for outstanding employment service during the annual Association of Ohio Philanthropic Homes, Housing and Services for the Aging (AOPHA) STARS luncheon in Columbus, Ohio.

The STARS program recognizes non-supervisory employees of not-for-profit providers of services for older Ohioans who have been nominated for exemplary service by their co-workers and peers or residents. Award recipients are those who exhibit an excellent work ethic, and a commitment to serving our residents with a caring spirit, compassion, and dignity.

“The not-for-profit difference starts with our employees, especially those providing direct care and services to residents on a day-to-day basis,” said Director of Human Resources Kara Serger. “The AOPHA Stars program is one way to recognize the most outstanding of these dedicated employees.”

Recipients of the award from Eliza Jennings Home in Cleveland were Gloria Dopieralski, LPN; Nicola Shaw, State Tested Nursing Asst. (STNA); and Barbara Geisman, Activity Assistant.

Honorees from The Renaissance in Olmsted Township were LPNs Betty Zadravec and Renee Ferguson; Frank George, STNA; Bryce Stephenson, Activity Aide and Assisted Living Caregiver; Bob Vickerts, Security Walk-About; and Clayton Kobie, Porter.

AOPHA is a state-wide association of approximately 300 not-for-profit homes, health related facilities and community services for the aging. The organization is Ohio's resource for advocacy, education and promotion of public awareness on behalf of not-for-profit providers pursuing excellence in serving older adults.

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About Eliza Jennings Senior Care Network

Eliza Jennings Senior Care Network, a not-for-profit organization with more than 120 years of providing excellent care and services to older adults on Cleveland's Westside, manages Eliza Jennings, the organization's flagship community in Cleveland; The Renaissance, a premier senior campus in Olmsted Township; and Devon Oaks, an assisted living community in Westlake. The Network also offers community-based services through Signalsm, a geriatric assessment program, Acacia Place, an adult day center, and Eliza Jennings at Homesm, a home health service. For more information about Eliza Jennings Senior Care Network or any of its programs and services, visit www.elizajennings.org or call (216) 226-5000.

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