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Devon Oaks
An Assisted Living Community

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Devon Oaks Assisted Living Community Receives Statewide Award For Assisted Living Excellence in Resident-Driven Programming

(Columbus, Ohio) – Devon Oaks Assisted Living Community, Westlake, received the *Excellence in Service (Best Practice) for Assisted Living* Award from AOPHA, the advocate of not-for-profit services for older Ohioans, for implementing a completely resident-driven activity program. The award recognizes an AOPHA member displaying outstanding initiative, motivation and leadership in assisted living services. It was presented at the Awards Celebration during the recent AOPHA 2010 Annual Conference and Trade Show.

Devon Oaks residents submit activity requests and then meet and plan events around the submissions, resulting in an entirely resident-driven program that enhances satisfaction while improving residents' independence and quality of life. From these efforts, residents have formed groups, sharing talents and passions with one another. Activities also benefit those outside the campus, such as the Nifty Needles group, which crochets and knits baby items for local shelters.

"Responding to the needs and desires of residents and their families is the goal of all senior service providers," said AOPHA Professional Recognition Committee Chair Karma Winburn Rule. "Devon Oaks ensures that their residents exercise their independence through purposeful activity programming, benefitting themselves, their families and the community-at-large."

Devon Oaks is a member of Eliza Jennings Senior Care Network, a not-for-profit organization celebrating more than 120 years of exceptional service and care for older adults. The Network also manages Eliza Jennings, the organization's flagship community in Cleveland and The Renaissance, a premier senior campus in Olmsted Township. The organization offers community-based services through SignalSM, a geriatric assessment program, Acacia Place, an adult day program, 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.

Founded in 1937, AOPHA is a nonprofit organization that represents approximately 400 nonprofit long-term care facilities located in more than 150 Ohio towns and cities, as well as those providing ancillary health care and housing services. AOPHA-member facilities serve more than 50,000 elderly Ohioans daily and employ more than 20,000

persons statewide. Members are sponsored by religious, fraternal, labor, private and government organizations committed to providing quality services for their residents and for older persons in the community at large.

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