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Eliza Jennings Home Volunteer George Rhyne Honored as AOPHA Volunteer of Year

(Columbus, Ohio) – George Rhyne, a volunteer for the Eliza Jennings Home in Cleveland, was honored by AOPHA, the advocate of not-for-profit services for older Ohioans, with the *Volunteer Service - Individual Award*. The award was presented last week during the Awards Celebration held in conjunction with the AOPHA 2009 Annual Conference and Trade Show.

Presented to an AOPHA member volunteer for exemplary service, this award recognizes the commitment of the volunteer and the positive promotion of older Ohioans and those serving them.

George Rhyne was introduced to Eliza Jennings Home when his grandmother lived there and has been volunteering for over seven years. He often puts his cosmetology skills to work for the female residents, free of charge. As a community fundraiser, George sells resident-made Sweet Bread and Butter Pickles at his salon and when his customers offer a holiday cash bonus, he instead has them write a check to Eliza Jennings. A tireless recruiter of additional volunteers, George has hosted parties for residents and staff, donated supplies and equipment for a new kitchen, and often joins in on field trips to lend a needed hand.

"Our members are blessed with many volunteers who donate time, money and effort on behalf of care of older Ohioans and they truly are a treasured asset," said AOPHA Professional Recognition Committee Chair Phil Braisted. "The commitment of George Rhyne to the Eliza Jennings Home and their residents and staff absolutely jumps out at you with the time and energy he devotes. It is truly an honor to recognize such a special individual for his dedicated volunteer service."

Eliza Jennings Senior Care Network, a not-for-profit organization celebrating 120 years of exceptional service and care for older adults, 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.

Founded in 1937, AOPHA is a statewide association representing approximately 280 not-for-profit homes, health-related facilities and community services for the aging. 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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