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John Schoedinger Named Outstanding Philanthropist

November 21, 2006 COLUMBUS, OH - John F. Schoedinger today received the Association of Fundraising Professionals highest honor by being named Outstanding Philanthropist during the group's annual celebration at the Renaissance Hotel in downtown Columbus. Mr. Schoedinger was nominated by the Ohio Presbyterian Retirement Services (OPRS) Foundation.

"This award is a wonderful opportunity to thank John for his lifetime of generosity, leadership and stewardship, recognize his commitment to people in need and salute his lifetime of unwavering support and guidance to our community," said Thomas G. Hofmann, President, OPRS Foundation. "The impact of John's philanthropy over the years is far too great to measure, but one thing is clear -- our community is a better place to live, thanks to John."

A 1935 graduate of Cornell University with a degree in mechanical engineering, Mr. Schoedinger went to work instead for the family business of Schoedinger Funeral Homes. In the 60 years until his retirement in 1995, he established a compassionate business and philanthropic reputation consistent with the company's 149-year history.

Over the years, Mr. Schoedinger dedicated a large part of his time to OPRS, accepting various board and committee posts for not only Westminster-Thurber, but also for OPRS and OPRS Foundation. He served as honorary co-chair of the Westminster-Thurber Capital Campaign of 1994, and most recently served as a committee member for both the Westminster-Thurber endowment campaign committee and its philanthropy committee. He is a member of the Trustees' Roundtable, recognizing his gifts to OPRS of over \$1 million to support the Life Care Commitment.

Over the years, the OPRS Foundation's philanthropic efforts have enhanced services, expanded and improved facilities, developed new programs and funded the Life Care Commitment. The Life Care Commitment means that no resident of Westminster-Thurber is ever asked to leave his or her home because their funds have become depleted through no fault of their own. Westminster-Thurber is one of 11 retirement communities

owned and operated by OPRS with headquarters in Columbus. Each year, OPRS serves more than 4,500 residents in its 11 retirement communities and more than 49,000 people in 36 Ohio counties through Senior Independence, its home- and community-based services division.

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