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Spiritual Life Endowment Campaign Kicked Off at Dorothy Love

May 23, 2007 SIDNEY, OH – Dorothy Love Retirement Community kicked off a \$2 million Endowment Campaign for Spiritual Life, Executive Director Ann Roller announced. Donors, residents, family members, staff and local clergy gathered in the Oliver and Peg Amos Chapel for a special chapel service to kick off the campaign and celebrate 85 years of spirituality and caring at the retirement community. Dorothy Love, an ecumenical retirement community, is located at 3003 West Cisco Rd.

The Spiritual Life Endowment Campaign Goal is \$2 million. To date, \$602,000 has been raised in support of this effort.

“By fully endowing Spiritual Life, Dorothy Love will be able to provide for continuity of this important program, reflecting the prominence it deserves, and contributing to the overall quality of life for our family of residents,” Roller said.

Endowment gifts are invested in perpetuity --This provides important programs with continuing income lasting for the life of the organization. Dorothy Love can use the investment income it generates, but not the fund’s principal. Spiritual life programming at Dorothy Love includes a Chaplain (for residents, staff and families - counseling, crisis intervention); weekly devotions; weekly Catholic, Lutheran & Presbyterian hours; Sunday service with piano; Bible studies; Prayer circles for residents at life’s end; Stephen Ministry program; friendly visitor program; memorials and funeral services; weddings; hospital visitations; local pastor participation in campus services; choir; volunteer program and chaplain attendance at funerals in area churches and cemeteries.

Over the years, philanthropic efforts on behalf of Dorothy Love have enhanced services, expanded and improved facilities, developed new programs and funded Life Care. Life Care assists residents who have outlived their resources and are unable to pay for the cost of their housing or medical care, through no fault of their own.

“While Life Care is the heart of Dorothy Love, Spiritual Life is our soul,” Roller said. “Together, Life Care and Spiritual Life fully articulate the goal of our mission: to enhance the physical, mental and spiritual well-being of our residents.”

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Captain Arthur (Tom) Paine, staff chaplain for the 88th Medical Group, the National Air and Space Intelligence Center, and the pastor of the Liturgical Service at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, OH, delivered the Keynote Address for the special service.

Since 1922, OPRS' continuing care retirement communities and programs have defined the highest standards of quality of life for older adults. Each year, OPRS serves more than 4,500 residents in its 11 retirement communities and 49,000 people in 37 Ohio counties through Senior Independence, the home and community based services division of OPRS. The OPRS Foundation raises several million dollars annually to support charity care, special programs, capital expansion and endowment.

To make a gift to Dorothy Love, please call Dennis Ruble, gift planning director, OPRS Foundation, at (937) 497-5112.

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