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NEWS RELEASE:

Volunteers Give Life to the Aging

(Cleveland, OH) Staff and residents of St. Augustine Health Campus honored 127 volunteers at a special dinner held at St. Augustine Manor Thursday, May 29, 2008. These volunteers along with approximately sixty others not in attendance, have contributed more than 18,000 volunteer hours to benefit residents over the past year.

Jerry Gaul visits the ill at St. Augustine Manor on a regular basis, He reads to the blind and brightens spirits! According to Jerry who just underwent cataract surgery, "Now I'll be able to read to them again".

Volunteer of the Year was awarded to Bob Clark (Cleveland). Bob has dedicated 15 year as a volunteer and friend for the residents of the Manor. His trademarks are his positive attitude, big smile and colorful suspenders.

The Lifetime Achievement Award was presented to the Coterie of St. Augustine Manor (the Women's Auxiliary). Since 1971 this group has given their time, talent and treasure to directly benefit the residents of St. Augustine. In addition to running the gift shop, they assist the Recreation Dept. and make crafts which are donated back to the gift shop in support of Resident Activities.

President / CEO Patrick Gareau, commended the honorees for their combined 520 years of service and invaluable contributions to the lives of the sick and the elderly.

Board of Directors Chair, Carmen Naso, commended the staff on behalf of the entire Board for their commitment to caring for those in need. "There is nothing I do with my time that is more worthwhile then volunteering at St. Augustine", said Board of Directors Chair, Carmen Naso. "I am really proud to be on the Board of Directors because it is so well respected---you in this room are the ones who make it all happen."

"Our Ministry cannot function and deliver exceptional care and services to those in need unless all of you are making the contributions you make every single day," said Patrick Gareau, President & CEO. "It's that kind of commitment and dedication that is not just about getting the job done. It's about truly making a difference in the heart and lives of others – by your compassion, dedication, excellence and caring."

Additionally, St. Augustine Health Campus and Holy Family Home recently received perfect annual inspections by the Ohio Department of Health, thanks to a highly competent and compassionate staff.

St. Augustine Health Campus and Holy Family Home are a part of the St. Augustine Health Ministries, a non-profit provider of in-patient and out-patient rehabilitation, short – and long-term care, skilled nursing, assisted living and end of life care. To learn more about St. Augustine Health Campus or Holy Family Home, please visit our website at www.staugustinemanor.org or contact Dana Carns, Director of Marketing & Development at (216) 939-7602.

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