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Volunteers Honored for Outstanding Service to the Aging

(Cleveland, OH) Staff and residents of St. Augustine Health Campus honored 127 volunteers at a special dinner held at St. Augustine Health Campus, Thursday, April 23, 2009. These volunteers along with approximately sixty others not in attendance have contributed more than 17,000 volunteer hours to benefit residents over the past year.

Eleanor Kmecik (Rocky River) received the *Lifetime Achievement Award* for contributing over 10,500 hours of service. Eleanor is a member of the Coterie of St. Augustine - the Women's Auxiliary- and has run the gift shop for the past 37 years.

Mary Gareau (Parma) and **Kenny Stratford** (Cleveland), were each presented with the *Campus Star Awards* for Outstanding Service.

The Golden Bingo Award was given to **Betty Ingram** (Cleveland), for her help each week in making sure that Resident Bingo on Tuesday nights goes off without a hitch.

Two *Volunteer of the Year Awards* were presented this year. **Mary Clark**, (Cleveland) a volunteer since 1997 assists in all aspects of the Campus, from helping residents to Mass on Sunday to the countless hours she spends on fundraising and marketing efforts. **Sr. Elizabeth Schurr**, (Cleveland) a volunteer since 1999, keeps the chapel at the Towers Assisted Living running smooth.

“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.”

In addition to receiving certificates of appreciation, volunteers were served by members of the staff representing all departments. “It was our way to say Thank You to them for all that they do for us AND for the Residents. They are an important part of our team”, said Colleen Wilson, Director of Nursing.

St. Augustine Health Campus is 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. St. Augustine is celebrating 40 years of service In the Community – For the Community. To learn more about St. Augustine Health Campus please visit our website at www.staugustinemanor.org or contact Dana Carns, Director of Marketing & Development at (216) 939-7602.