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Woman's Board of Presbyterian Homes Hosts 38th Annual Festival of Roses

EVANSTON (September 21, 2011) The Woman's Board of Presbyterian Homes hosted its annual Festival of Roses for residents of Westminster Place, 3200 Grant Street in Evanston on Monday, September 19, 2011. The festivities began at 2:00 p.m. with a concert in the Elliott Chapel at Westminster Place.

This year's featured concert artists were organist John W. W. Sherer, organist and director of music at Chicago's Fourth Presbyterian Church, and Chicago violinist Ryan Loeckel. Mr. Sherer and Mr. Loeckel performed a varied program of secular music, including pieces by Handel and Gershwin, among others.

"This year we were so pleased to bring the phenomenal music of Fourth Presbyterian Church to the Westminster Place residents," said Ann Shannon, Woman's Board member and event co-chair. "And residents whose health prevented them from attending received vases of fresh roses and were able to view the performance through the campus television channel."

Hailed by critics as "a terrific musician," Dr. Sherer has served at Chicago's Fourth Presbyterian Church since 1996. *USA Today* recently named Fourth Presbyterian Church one of the top ten places in America to be "enthralled by heavenly music." Mr. Loeckel is an active violinist and vocalist throughout the Chicagoland area and beyond. He has sung as a professional cantor for the Roman Catholic Church, presented classical recitals across Europe and performed with popular national acts such as Barry Manilow and Josh Groban.



Festival of Roses Co-Chairs Ann Shannon and Eva Clauson with festival musical performers John W.W. Sherer, Fourth Presbyterian Church Organist and Director of Music (L) and violinist Ryan Loeckel (R).

Following the music program, the Woman's Board invited the approximately 150 residents in attendance to greet the musicians at a reception. Attendees were treated to strawberry shortcake and punch. Members of the Woman's Board presented each resident with a long-stemmed rose.



Woman's Board members Joann Griffith, Jody Miles, Hannah McInnis and event co-chair Eva Clauson gather roses and arrange bouquets for the 38th Annual Festival of Roses at Westminster Place.

About The Woman's Board of Presbyterian Homes

Founded in 1914, the Woman's Board of Presbyterian Homes is a service organization whose goal is to enhance the quality of life at Presbyterian Homes. Board member activities include resident visits, transportation assistance to activities and events, and the operation of numerous campus shops. Through shop sales and an annual appeal, board members raise money to support a wide range of projects, programs and needed equipment at the Evanston campus and beyond. The Woman's Board has donated more than \$2.5 million to Presbyterian Homes over the last 25 years.