

## **Press Release**

# **Presbyterian Homes Woman's Board Hosts 37th Annual Festival of Roses**

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Evanston, IL – The Woman's Board of Presbyterian Homes held its 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Festival of Roses on Monday, Sept. 20, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. The event has a decor of fresh roses, a musical performance and a reception where traditional strawberry shortcake is served.

This year's entertainment was vocalist Ashlee Hardgrave and pianist James Morehead singing works of the great songwriters to include Cole Porter, Rodgers and Hart, Harold Arlen, Johnny Mercer and Irving Berlin. The Festival of Roses has historically been a way for the Woman's Board to bring entertainment and friendship to all the residents of Presbyterian Homes. Each attendee leaves with a long-stemmed rose. Bouquets are placed on each floor of the McGaw Care Center for the enjoyment of those who were unable to attend.

“The event is also designed to celebrate the change of seasons and the beautiful gardens at the Westminster Place campus,” said Ann Shannon, Woman's Board member and event co-chair. “The music of The Great American Songbook is so beloved, and the piano solos by James Morehead and vocals by Ashlee Hardgrave were thoroughly enjoyed by the residents.”

The Woman's Board originally began as the Board of Managers in 1914, administering the day-to-day activities of resident admissions, furnishings, food preparation, and social and spiritual activities planning. Today the Woman's Board raises funds and responds to the needs of Presbyterian Homes' communities. Members visit residents, organize events and operate six on-campus stores in Evanston. The stores feature collectibles and housewares, furniture, clothing, used books, and snacks and sundries. The Woman's board has more than 60 members.

### **ABOUT PRESBYTERIAN HOMES**

Founded in 1904, Presbyterian Homes is a not-for-profit, non-sectarian organization with a national reputation for creating extraordinary retirement communities. Presbyterian Homes serves more than 1700 older adults through its residential and healthcare programs on campuses in Evanston, Lake Forest and Arlington Heights. The organization is accredited by the CARF/CCAC, the nation's only accrediting body for retirement communities.

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