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### **David Schell Named Distinguished Business Leader of the Year**

November 24, 2010, Willoughby, Ohio – The Willoughby Area Chamber of Commerce has announced that David Schell, the Executive Director of Breckenridge Village retirement community, has been selected as Distinguished Business Leader of the Year!

Each year, the Willoughby Area Chamber of Commerce gives two awards in the categories of Distinguished Business or Industry and Distinguished Business Leader. The Chamber looks for candidates who go above and beyond what is required in the areas of accomplishments and civic involvement. These candidates are those who have improved the quality of life in the community and/or for others. They are the “silent servers” who often forego personal recognition with the interest of making a commitment to their community and others.

David Schell has served Breckenridge Village and Ohio Presbyterian Retirement Services (OPRS) since 1987 when he was hired as the Executive Director of Breckenridge Village, and OPRS Regional Vice President of Retirement Community Operations. During Schell’s tenure, Breckenridge Village has experienced exponential growth with the renovation of the Breckenridge Village North apartments and the Mahan Cultural Arts Center, the addition of the new “Grace Woods” 28-acre satellite campus, and the new Veale Wellness and Aquatic

Center, which is scheduled to open in 2011.

Schell has an undergraduate degree in Health Services Management and completed his administrative residency at Reed City Hospital in Reed City, Michigan. Schell earned an MBA and is a licensed nursing home administrator. His experience includes many aspects of health care and long-term care services including: retirement communities, nursing care, out patient services and rehabilitation. He was worked in government settings, for-profit and non-profit health care, but unabashedly preferring to serve in a mission focused non-profit care setting.

Schell's commitment to the community doesn't end at Breckenridge Village – he has been active as a volunteer in many leadership and supportive roles. Through the years he has worked with his church, Rotary International, The Boy Scouts of America, The American Association of Homes and Services for the Aging, state trade associations in Ohio and Michigan, the Continuing Care Accreditation Commission and in numerous other volunteer roles.

Breckenridge Village retirement community is one of 11 retirement communities owned and operated by OPRS Communities, a wholly owned subsidiary of Ohio Presbyterian Retirement Services (OPRS), headquartered in Columbus, Ohio. Since 1922, OPRS has defined the highest standards of quality of life for older adults. Each year, OPRS proudly serves more than 80,000 people in 38 counties annually through its wholly owned subsidiaries OPRS Communities and Senior Independence.

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